

LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition
September 9, 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians of Middle and High School Students,

What a strange start to Week Two of the school year! Not only is it the first week to include Lynx Days (Mondays and Tuesday of Block Week) with block days (Wednesdays and Thursdays of Block Week), it is our NWEA assessment week coupled with some pretty bizarre weather for this time of year. Thank you for bearing with us as we continue to navigate new procedures with weather related events that are coming at us way earlier than normal!

In the future, we will be able to offer at-home/remote learning for our cancellations due to snow/ice. We were unable to offer those for this second week of school as we are still creating those processes. Having Canvas up and running at full capacity is a huge bonus for weather related events in the future.

Please note the announcements in this issue of Lynx regarding asynchronous Back-To-School Night on September 14th, Student Council applications, NWEA sessions, SAAC Volunteers and At-Home Learner Information. As always, if you have any unanswered questions, please reach out to me at jseymour@monumentacademy.net.

Warmest Regards,
Julie Seymour
Principal- Middle and High School

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

MA communicates with our learning community in multiple ways. Reading these digital communications will provide you with the most up-to-date information.

- Weekly Lynx News-emailed on Wednesdays to all parents using Infinite Campus
- School Website www.monumentacademy.net updated with weekly Lynx News, upcoming calendar events and breaking news
- Emails and text messaging sent through Blackboard with breaking news and timely communication updates needed prior to Lynx News weekly publication

Middle School/High School

- Canvas Home Page for each course: Weekly Snapshot that includes current units, upcoming projects/tests and announcements.
 - Ask your student to show you the home page from their device <or>
 - Obtain your student's Canvas login information from your student and access their student account from your personal computer at <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/login/saml> <or>
 - Access your own Canvas "observer" account at <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/login/canvas>. Set up your account following the instructions at <https://www.monumentacademy.net/technology/>
- Canvas Gradebooks in each course list current assignments and in-progress grades. See access options above.
- Infinite Campus Reports for printable end of quarter and semester Grade Cards. You may access the IC Parent Portal at <https://campus.lewispalmer.org/campus/portal/lewispalmer.jsp>.
- Email or call teachers at any time you have a question about what you see in Canvas or anything you are concerned about.

Back-To-School Night

Our Back-To-School Night is going to look different this year! You will still get all the same great information from your student's teachers, but it will be in the format of posted videos. Using the new vocabulary we've all become accustomed to, it will be an asynchronous Back-To-School Night!

The benefit of hosting the information in this format is that you can choose the timing that works for you. Video clips will be posted in one document on our website by the afternoon of Monday, September 14. Simply click into the video for each teacher on your student's schedule.

If you have questions that are specific to your student, please reach out to your student's teacher by phone or email.

First "Friday" Free Dress – a week delayed

Tomorrow - Thursday, September 10th will be Free Dress for secondary students.

At-Home Learners:

Every other Wednesday and Thursday is a block day, so that means you will be tuning into your classes according to a different schedule on these days. If you follow the at-home learners schedule, look for your teacher/course and see whether they offer the live Zoom on a Wednesday or Thursday. Today was EXTRA special because it was a delayed start Block Day! Kudos to you if you were able to navigate all three schedules without incident!

Let's add NWEA to that as well! We recognize that many of you had difficulty today with completing the NWEA assessments. We will be in communication soon to let you know how we will reschedule.

You may have noticed that you have some classes on your Block schedule that only happen on Block Days. These classes are called "Reading", "Peak", and "Success Time" or "Leadership."

Free Reading happens every Block Day Wednesday and Thursday after the first period (Wednesdays) and second period (Thursdays). We won't be zooming anything live during this time as it is truly a free reading time. Find a book and read it for at least 30 minutes on these Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Peak time is the new name for our House System. The name isn't the only thing that has changed, though! You will tune into your assigned Peak tomorrow from 11:25-12:40 for a lunch game (during 11:25-11:55) and then continue on for the first Peak meeting from 12:00-12:45 to find out more about the changes. Links will be posted in the Live Zoom links sheet. Please check your Infinite Campus before tomorrow to make sure you know which teacher's Zoom link you will be looking for, as there have been several changes today. **Plan to eat lunch at 11:25 tomorrow with your fellow students so you can play the lunch game. You will add to your Peak's total points based on the items you have in your lunch!**

The NWEA Success time will not start tomorrow, and I'll give you more info about that for next week. When your Peak Meeting ends tomorrow, you're done with Success Time!

Freshman, you have a unique class that only Freshman take on Thursdays after Peak Time. Look for that Zoom link tomorrow after your Peak Time. Mr. Herndon is our Freshman Leadership teacher and he's looking forward to meeting you!

MA Volunteer Opportunities ~ SAAC!

Are you interested in serving on Monument Academy's School Accountability Advisory Committee? The purpose of the MA SAAC is to represent the Monument Academy community, including parents, legal guardians, students, and faculty, regarding MA grade level academics, student achievement, budgetary and safety matters, and to make recommendations to the Principals regarding these topics. Meetings will be approximately once a month from 1:30-2:30. Please submit your interest to Sharla Davis at sdavis@monumentacademy.net for Elementary and Julie Ritschard at jritschard@monumentacademy.net for East Campus. If appointed, you will receive notification from the school.

Business Office

Thank you to the MA families who have submitted academic fees for the 2020-21 school year. These funds help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your student.

The annual required student fees: \$285 Grades 6-9 (includes iPad fee)

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Payments are usually posted within a week. However, during the month of August, it will likely take longer. Thank you for your patience as we are enrolling new families and delivering curriculum to classrooms.

**Payment options at Monument Academy:
For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:**

- Online Payments – <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments/>
- Checks – made payable to Monument Academy (drop box at front office)
- Credit card - contact jshook@monumentacademy.net to set up recurring payments

Monument Academy does not accept payments on the PaySchools Central app.

School Lunches:

Make checks made payable to LPHLP (Lewis Palmer Hot Lunch Program) – drop off at MA front desk or pay online at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

Financial Assistance: If you need assistance with fees and/or lunches please complete an application at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Contact Julie Shook,
Business Manager Monument Academy
jshook@monumentacademy.net

Attendance

If your student will be absent for any reason, please send an email to

attendance-EAST@monumentacademy.net.



Student Council

Student Council Applications are now available! Miss Floyd and Mrs. Sebastian are looking for all grade level students (6, 7, 8, 9) from each Mountain and Collegiate Peak to apply for Student Council. We have open positions for up to 24 people! Please fill out and turn in your application to your Peak Advisor by Wednesday, Sept 16.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12WxlI97knoOnFvtGOoQmiWJO1ETIjcTftcF5BNKiApg/edit?usp=sharing>

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Monument Academy Parents:

The purpose of this information is to highlight the health services provided to all families attending Monument Academy.

Illness/Exclusion Information:

MA is committed to keeping students healthy and safe. To meet this goal, MA follows guidance from local and state health departments. For illness information and exclusion criteria, we use evidence-based infectious disease guidelines from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Education. *Please note that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we DO and WILL anticipate excluding students for symptoms we can typically manage at school, including increased temperature without

other symptoms, sudden onset cough, sore throat, headache and diarrhea (among some others). Once we are at a different stage in the management of the pandemic, we will be happy to revert to the CDPHE Infectious Disease Guidelines without an extra consideration for COVID-19.

Medication and/or Nursing Procedures at School:

Some students may require medication (over-the-counter, prescription) or nursing procedures during the school day. If your student requires either medication or a nursing procedure, a current signed order by your student's health care provider is required. These forms and action plans can be found <https://www.monumentacademy.net/student-support/student-health/>

Specifics Related to Medications and Nursing Procedures at School:

Monument Academy follows Lewis Palmer D-38 Medication administration policy

<https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lewispalmer/Board.nsf/vpublic#>

*In order to give prescription medications at school, the school nurse will need written medication orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these medication orders with the provider.

*Medication should be in the original container with a pharmacy label that includes the student's name, prescribing provider's name, name of drug, dose, route, time and/or frequency. This label must match the order form.

*Medication will be administered by the school nurse or by delegated and trained school personnel. Albuterol & Epinephrine will be kept in the clinic unless written permission for a student to carry these medications is given by the parent/guardian, provider, and school nurse. This requires that the student demonstrate the necessary maturity to keep it on their person, and that it can be secured safely at all times. In order to give over the counter (OTC) medications at school....If the student needs OTC medications on a regular basis, the school nurse will need written medication orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these medication orders with the provider.

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Medication-Permission-Form1.pdf>

In addition, the OTC medication must be provided to the school in the original container with the manufacturer label. This is for emergent or occasional use. **This is a change from years past.**

In order to give homeopathic/supplement interventions at school, the school nurse will need written orders from the student's licensed health care provider with prescribing authority and the parent/guardian authorizes that the school nurse can confirm these orders with the provider.

Immunization Record: Colorado law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed childcare to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed (Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2). <https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Non-Medical-Exemption-English-2017-18.pdf>

To learn more about Colorado required vaccines, go to:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/school-immunizations>. Again, your school nurse is an excellent resource for questions related to immunizations.

Health Conditions: Many of our students have health conditions including asthma, allergies to foods or medications, diabetes, epilepsy/seizure disorders, or other chronic illnesses. When we know about these conditions, we can better help keep students safe and healthy while at school. If YOUR student has any health issues, it is very important to note them during online registration and alert your student's school nurse by email, phone or in-person.

Vision & Hearing Screenings: District 38 has a team to complete vision and hearing screenings annually. MA follows the Colorado Department of Education screening guidelines for grade level

specific screenings. *Please note: during the COVID-19 pandemic, vision and hearing screenings will vary to comply with safety and distancing. Contact your school nurse with any questions.

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ASSESSMENTS

Your 3rd – 9th grade students are completing NWEA assessments in the following subject areas:

Reading
Language Usage
Math
Science (5th – 9th)

NWEA is given at Monument Academy in the fall and spring to measure both student achievement and growth. NWEA is not a “high stakes” standardized assessment, it is a set of adaptive assessments delivered on computers/iPads, meaning the questions asked (and assessment results) are determined by the difficulty of the questions that the student CAN answer correctly. These assessments are very rigorous for any student that gives their best effort with most students correctly answering only about 50% of the questions they are asked.

So long as students give their best effort, assessment results will show what students know and what they are ready to learn regardless of their current grade level. Monument Academy receives results the next day and uses these results to help inform instruction. Students will see their raw scores immediately upon completion of the assessments, but a Student Progress Report will not be uploaded to IC for the parents to view until after the district assessment window closes, typically in late September or early October. Instructions for viewing NWEA results will be included in the Lynx News and sent via the school messenger to all families.

Please help us reinforce to your student the importance of always giving their best effort, in this case so that we may obtain accurate results that will help us to best support them in the classroom. Please visit the following NWEA link for a more complete list of frequently asked questions and answers: <https://www.nwea.org/blog/2017/12-common-questions-parents-ask-map-growth-assessment/>

Students that miss scheduled assessment times or do not finish in the time allotted will have opportunities to makeup/finish these assessments from home on Fridays. For more information on completing these assessments from home please visit the following links:

http://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MA_NWEA_Remote_Testing_Instructions.pdf

<http://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/NWEAForAtHomeLearners.pdf>

Thank you for helping us best support your kids!

Marty Venticinque
Assistant Principle
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Uniform Jacket Ordering

Webstore Link:

<https://www.myschoolstoreco.com>

You will be required to enter an address when ordering, however the order will not be shipped to you directly. Ordering is open until September 13th and all orders are printed at the same time. You will be notified by email when your order is ready for pickup at Monarch Merchandising (15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy #110, Monument) approximately 2-3 weeks after the order due date shown on the site, most likely by the end of September.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Although many of our programs were postponed, our Cross Country team has been able to complete in some meets this year. Meets are different this year with limits to the number of athletes allowed to complete in individual meets, but CCAL member schools have increased available venues to accommodate as many student-athletes as possible in the current, restricted environment. Each school sends a subset of competitors to a meet, and in our first A-Race of the year at Peyton both our boys and girls earned 1st place! Our second meet was reserved for our B-Racers and held at Vanguard, a new course for everyone. Coach Steeger felt that our boys and girls ran well, and most importantly, had a great time! Monument Academy hosted its first meet of the year at Palmer Lake on Friday. It was hot, and a holiday weekend, but the Palmer Lake Police Department had some officers out to help ensure everything went well for us. We appreciated the support of the Town of Palmer Lake and their officers! Our boys won and our girls finished second, great job everyone!

Program	CCAL Season
Cross Country	8/10 – 9/25 “Post-Season” Through 10/9
Matchwits/Chess	Not Decided Yet
Cheer	1/4 – 4/30
Boys’ Basketball	1/4 – 2/1
Girls’ Basketball	2/2 – 3/1
Football	3/29 – 5/8
Girls Volleyball	4/5 – 4/30
Track and Field	4/26 – 5/29
Girls’ Soccer	5/3 – 5/26

Please visit our Athletic webpage for more information:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/>



Monument Academy EAST PTO



Volunteer

We love volunteers! We have so many things we are trying to accomplish this year and would appreciate your help!

Contact Joey at:
maeastptovicepresident@gmail.com
to be added to our volunteer list.

Please consider donating \$25 per child (or more if you can) to help us do teacher appreciation lunches, teacher dedications and to have the ability to help teachers when they are in need.

Checks can be made out to 'MA East PTO'

or you can also visit

paypal.me/MAEastPTO



Fundraising



King Soopers Rewards

Steps:

1. Log on to your personal account on [kingsoopers.com](https://www.kingsoopers.com) (can't do it from app)
2. Click "My Account" under Valued Customer tab at the top of the page
3. Click Community Rewards
4. Add an organization by typing in Monument Academy EAST PTO, then click account AJ386
5. Enroll

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Exterior Work~In~Progress

The outdoor activity spaces are currently on order and/or being installed. Our goal is to have this all completed by the end of October!

