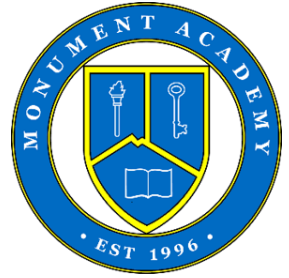


LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition – December 16, 2020

Dear East Families,

It is hard to believe that we are just a few days away from Winter Break! This year, like most, is flying by. We've had many firsts in our new building, with our new high school, and with our new students!

- First time to meet teachers new at Monument Academy
- First time to sit by a fireplace in school
- First time to walk down spacious hallways without getting locker log jams!
- First time to eat lunch outside regularly
- First time to play on the Move Strong equipment
- First time to perform a fall drama performance with all the actors acting from their own homes!
- First time for Freshmen to play basketball together at lunch with Mr. V
- First time to each lunch in an upstairs balcony at cafe tables
- First to sing in a choir in a building classroom with a baby grand piano
- First time to take a Latin class at Monument Academy
- First Holiday Spirit Week

and

- First time we've had over 25% of our middle school families complete our survey!

Thank you for sharing your voice in our mid-year survey! If you haven't already completed it, there is still time to do so. There are nine questions, and it takes about 4 minutes. The survey will close this Friday, December 18th.

Middle School Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3WSXWX>

Our high school has **100% participation!** Thank you! They have earned two pajama days- one this Thursday and one TBA in January. Our middle school currently has **63% participation.** Impressive! The middle school students have earned one pajama day this Thursday. If we can get up to 75% by Friday, they will also have another PJ day in January. Thank you!!!

My wish for you this winter break is for sweet family time: many family games played, books read for fun, puzzles completed in front of a cozy fire, jammies worn 'till noon, and hills sledged and trails blazed in the gorgeous backdrop of Colorado sunshine! We'll see your lovely faces when we return to **in-person learning on January 5th!**

Warmest Holiday Wishes!
Julie Seymour, Principal East Campus

Locker Clean Out

Students will be cleaning out their lockers before Winter Break. Simply trying to reduce the rodent appeal.

Upcoming Events

Pajama Day – Tomorrow, December 17th

Winter Break – December 21 through January 4

Spring Pictures, individual and panorama – February 2

LOST n Found

Please **LABEL** everything that comes to school, even just student initials, it really helps to reunite the items to the students! Coats, lunch boxes, binders, backpacks, etc.

ABSENT

Attendance and Learning Choices

Communication is Key! Please notify the Front Desk at attendance-east@monumentacademy.net .

Please make changes to your student's learning choice judiciously. When changes are made to switch between At-Home Learning and In-Person Learning, it does affect the learning environment of the entire class.

This form is to be used for long-term changes to learning options.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckYHXabHfv8LDeuWyz1xKZbsd1ursH7HwXnKLAHXG9Uit16A/viewform>

Cabin Fever Prevention Ideas

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/2020/03/cabin-fever/>

Once-in-a-lifetime sight will appear in the night sky just in time for the holidays.

It's called the "Great Conjunction," or the moment when Jupiter and Saturn appear at their closest – "a tenth of a degree apart" – according to [Chicago's Adler Planetarium](#).

The event is set to take place on Dec. 21, which also marks the Winter Solstice, It will also be the first time such a close conjunction has been observable since 1226, according to [EarthSky](#). Still, according to NASA, "while the two gas giants may appear close, in reality they are hundreds of millions of miles apart."

The event has been dubbed the "Christmas star," because some astronomers have theorized the "Star of Bethlehem" could have been a rare conjunction involving both Jupiter and Saturn. "This will still be quite a striking sight, but you will need to look fast as both planets will set shortly after sunset," NASA's [website says](#).

Those looking to see the star will want to **look above the southwestern or western horizon after sunset**, experts say.

According to the Adler Planetarium, the planets can be seen as early as Dec. 16 and 17, but the "real show" takes place "the evenings of the 20th through the 22nd."

<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/christmas-star-to-be-visible-for-first-time-in-nearly-800-years-this-month/2388427/>

Intent to Enroll

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are at the time of year when we begin to plan enrollment for the upcoming school year. In order to do this, it is required that each family submit an Intent to Enroll for each child. This form is due December 17th. **The Intent to Enroll is for students entering grades Kindergarten through 10th, to include our future High School students.** The Intent to Enroll is attached here for your convenience or can be found on the MA website. We would ask that you please complete and return it to the front office as soon as possible. You will need one form for each student.

If you have any questions please contact Amy Zarkovacki at azarkovacki@monumentacademy.net or Chandy Buckingham at cbuckingham@monumentacademy.net.

Sincerely,
The Admissions Team



Monument Academy

INTENT TO ENROLL

(one per student)

School year of intent: **2021-2022**

Student Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Current School: Monument Academy Current Grade (during 2020-21 School Year) _____

Is it your intent for your child to attend Monument Academy during the 2021-2022 School Year? Yes No Undecided

I, the parent/guardian of the above named student, hereby declare my intent for my student to attend: (name of school)

_____ in District # _____
during the 2021-2022 school year. By confirming my intent to enroll in the above named school, I am committing my student to attend the school specified above. My student will not be eligible to transfer to any other school in the Lewis-Palmer School District for the remainder of the grades offered at this school, unless a new application for choice enrollment is submitted and approved during the annual choice enrollment period.

I further understand that:

- Parents/guardians will furnish transportation to schools other than the neighborhood school.
- Students are expected to abide by all attendance and behavior regulations of the assigned school.
- School of Choice approval in the Lewis-Palmer School District is valid for the duration of the academic level (elementary, middle, or high school). Subsequent school choice applications are required only when the student transitions to the next academic level and wishes to attend a school other than the neighborhood school.
- Before considering requests from non-resident students, priority shall be given to in-district students.
- All students (Kindergarten through 8th grade) currently enrolled at Monument Academy are guaranteed enrollment for the following school year provided that this Intent to Enroll has been submitted.
- Failure to submit this Intent to Enroll form by the deadline will be considered a choice to withdraw your child at the end of the current school year and Monument Academy will release your child's seat for the 2020-2021 school year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

E-mail: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Please return this completed form to Monument Academy.

Status: Recorded by: _____

Date: _____

ATHLETIC NEWS

Recent government actions have again delayed our ability to begin our winter athletic programs. An updated calendar for coming programs, should we be allowed to go forward with them, is found below:

Program	Begin	Competition Dates	Championship/End (Tentative)
Boys' Basketball	1/25	2/1, 3, 8, 10, 16,	2/19
Cheer	1/25		5/15
Girls' Basketball	2/22	3/1, 3, 8, 10, 15	3/17
Football	4/5	Weeks of 4/21, 28; 5/4, 11	5/15
Girls Volleyball	4/5	4/14, 19, 21, 26, 28	4/30
Track and Field	4/26	Weeks of 5/3, 10, 17, 24	5/29
Girls' Soccer	5/3	5/10, 12, 17, 19, 24	5/26
Matchwits	TBD	TBD	TBD



Library

T-Shirt Design Contest

This is an exciting opportunity for aspiring artists as the winning design is printed on 1,000 shirts! Monument Academy students are invited (elementary/middle/high school) to submit designs for consideration for the 2020 Battle of the Books T-shirt. Submissions must include digital file of design, artist's name, grade, school, contact information (phone and email) and the BOB elementary liaison's information: Mrs. Collier, MA Librarian, kcollier@monumentacademy.net 719-481-1950 x1220

Mrs. Collier is MA's Battle of the Books (BOB) representative and acts as liaison between schools and the T-shirt committee. She can only submit 4 designs to the committee.

All designs must adhere to the following requirements:

- Submitted designs must be original illustrations and include artist's signature and 2020.
- Design MUST be in Black Ink. Pencil drawings do not scan well. Please consider simple, bold designs instead of those with many lines and shadows.
- Submissions must contain all 40 book titles. <https://ppbattleofthebooks.weebly.com/book-list.html>

Artists can use the book titles directly in their design or listed underneath the design.

- Design must include something to recognize the unique year with the Virtual Battle. (the April and May competitions will be virtual and not in person.)
- Design must be submitted in a digital format in Adobe Illustrator/Photoshop or other compatible software saved to a .eps, .png, or .pdf file.
- Digital design must be a transparency (when printed, T-shirt color comes through any background where no design exists, i.e. the negative space of the design).
- Designs must be submitted to no later than **January 15, 2021** for final judging. *Send your design and information to Mrs. Collier before the January 15th deadline. Good luck!* Please contact Mrs. Collier with questions regarding the contest, previous t-shirt designs, etc.

Holiday Ornaments

The time is here to start a new holiday tradition for your MA students!

Your MA Student Council is hosting their first fundraiser of the year. Handmade Personalized Ornaments with your student's face for just \$2.50 from now until January 4th, 2021.

To order for this fundraiser simply fill out this google form
<https://forms.gle/Jho951EHnSxHAJZv9>.

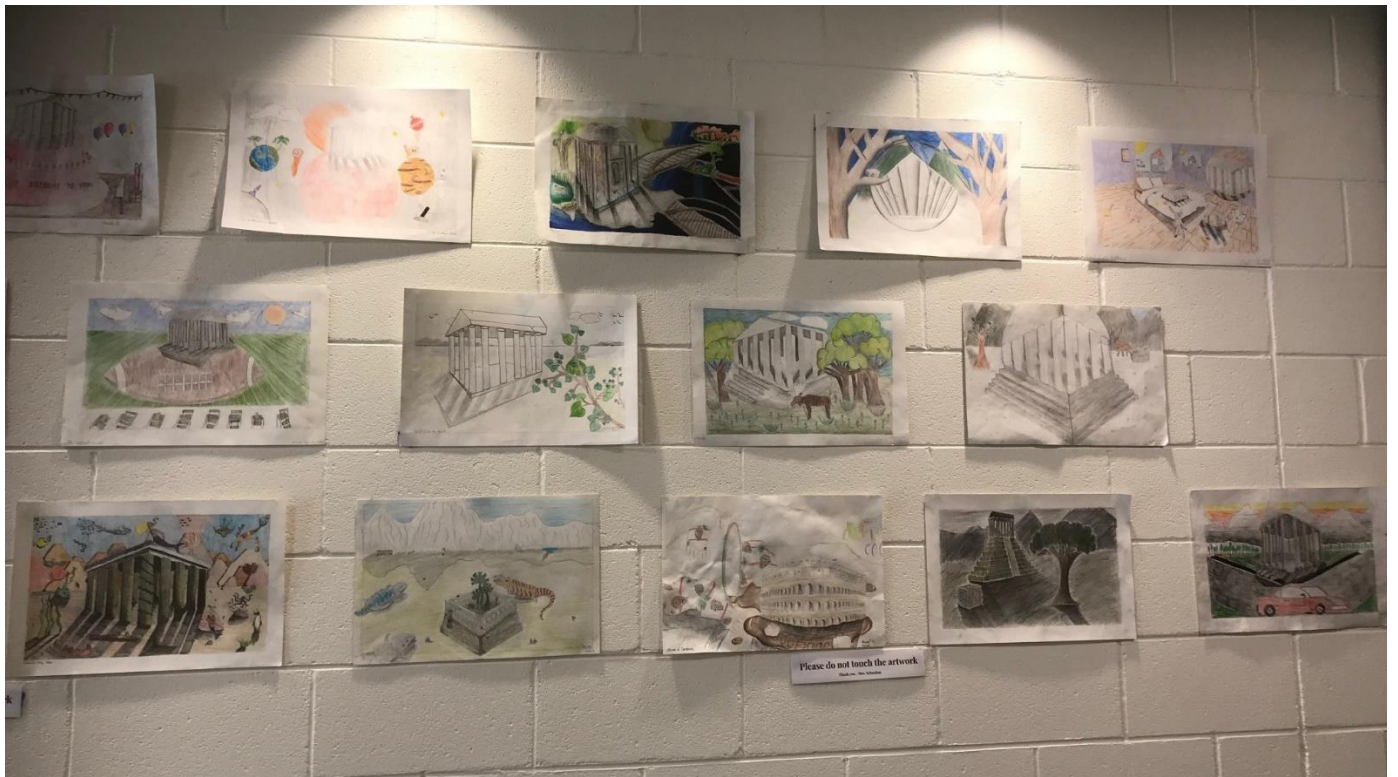
Every student both in person and at home learners can pluck their ornament off the tree and take it home for the holidays on December 16th - 18th or pick it up in the new year.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to treasure your child's smile frozen in time in a glittery wonderland, order today!

Email questions to studentcouncil@moumentacademy.net
Happy Holidays!

MA Student Council

Art on Display





ATTENTION
For the safety and health of our
customers and employees,
this facility practices
SOCIAL DISTANCING
6 FT
PLEASE MAINTAIN DISTANCE
BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR
COOPERATION!



Uniform Jacket Ordering

If you ordered a jacket from Monarch Merchandising, please check your email and junk email to see if you have received communication stating that your jacket is in. Monarch has lots of jackets that are ready to be picked up!

In case you missed the opportunity to order a jacket previously, the link is active again.

<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 the due date shown and all orders are printed at the same time. You will be notified by email when your order is available for pickup at Monarch Merchandising (15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy #110, Monument) approximately 2-3 weeks after the order due date shown on the site.

PTO Business Directory

Support our school and our community by doing business with the Monument Academy Family!

<http://monumentacademypto.com/business-directory>

