

LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition March 17, 2021

Upcoming Events

Spirit Week – March 15-18

Freshman Dance – March 18

End of 3rd Quarter – March 19

Spring Break – March 22-26

6th Grade-Sneak Peek – April 9

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessments

[HB 21-1161](#) was passed by the Colorado House and Colorado Senate and then signed by Governor Polis on the evening of 4/16/21. For more information, please see the latest [Chalkbeat article about HB 21-1161](#). At this point [HB 21-1161](#) goes to the U.S. Department of Education for consideration. Until they weigh in, we must proceed with the understanding that all CMAS testing is required.

If after reviewing [HB 21-1161](#) the U.S. Department of Education grants a waiver, CMAS Science & Social Studies would be suspended, math would be administered to students in grades 3, 5, and 7, and ELA will be administered to students in grades 4, 6, and 8. This plan does not affect PSAT

offerings for our high school students. This plan would allow parents of students in grade levels not being assessed in ELA or math to opt-INTO those assessments, and if approved a future communication will be sent outlining the procedure for ensuring your child/children may complete those assessments. This puts us in a difficult position for finalizing assessment schedules with the assessment window fast approaching. We want to give our families as much lead time as possible, so we have crafted a schedule that should work regardless of the decision made by the U.S. Department of Education. Here is a schedule for when state standardized assessments (CMAS/CoAlt - PSAT) will be administered at each of the Monument Academy campuses.

West Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
CMAS Science - CoAlt	5 th Only	Thu 4/22
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th	Tue 4/27 & Wed 4/28
All students, whether completing the assessments or not, will attend school at MA West normally on these days.		
East Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
PSAT - CoAlt	9 th Only	Wed 4/14
CMAS Science - CoAlt	8 th Only	Wed 4/21
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th	Fri 4/23 & Fri 4/30
All students will attend school at MA East normally on 4/14 and 4/21. Only those students completing CMAS/CoAlt assessments will come to MA East on Friday 4/23 and Friday 4/30. Students completing assessments on Fridays should arrive at 7:50 AM as would occur any other day of the week, but dismissal times will likely be modified. An exact schedule for Friday assessments (including lunch options) will be provided soon.		

PLEASE have students that are completing assessments, in school and on-time. Please avoid scheduling appointments on their scheduled assessment days. When the school has to “make-up” state standardized assessments for students who are late or must leave during the assessments we have no choice but to significantly interrupt their regular instructional time. Thank you.

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessment Refusals

We expect that some families may choose to refuse allowing their students to complete CMAS/CoAlt assessments this year due to concerns about COVID-19. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has asked us to include an option for specifying COVID-19 as a reason for refusal to our normal refusal process. Monument Academy accepts online refusals only per board policy 1525 found at the link below:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/1525-State-Assessments-Refusal-Policy-2-8-18.pdf>

If you plan to refuse allowing your students to participate in standardized assessments this spring, regardless of the reason, we ask that families please complete the applicable online refusal found at the link below by THIS FRIDAY, 3/19/21 so that Monument Academy may plan accordingly, comply with CDE requirements, and avoid negative consequences to our school. Please do not print out/submit any paper forms or e-mail us scanned documents. Thank you.

Refusal for CMAS/CoAlt Assessments – Due 3/19

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/monument-academy-state-standardized-assessment-refusal-2020-2021>

Refusal for the PSAT Assessment (9th Grade ONLY):

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/monument-academy-psat-sat-high-school-state-standardized-assessment-refusal-2020-2021>

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Incoming 6th Grade Sneak Peek Friday

Calling all 5th grade students!

Friday, April 9, drop off at East Campus at 8:30. This will be our Annual Middle School “Sneak Peek”, a morning of activities designed to allow your student to experience a day in the life of a middle school student as they prepare for next year. Students will be given a schedule to follow, visit some middle school classrooms, meet middle school teachers, and learn of the fun opportunities available to our middle school students. Students may be picked up at 11:00 in carline.

Athletics

Our Matchwits team was able to participate in their first competition of the year on Friday!

Although our team had not yet had the opportunity to participate in the “scrimmages” to help them get situated with the technology necessary to compete virtually, it was the other schools that slowed the actual meet down! We’d like to thank Ms. Ross and Coach Wise for ensuring our kids were well prepared with the necessary technology. The teams completed the written round prior to Friday, and after two rounds of head-to-head competition our “brainletes” emerged in first place! Results for the season are cumulative and we have a long way to go, but this was a great start for the team. Congratulations everyone!

The CCAL Girls Basketball teams were able to get back to competing on Tuesday against CSCS. The B-Team game was very competitive and went to overtime. It was a close game that our girls won by a final score of 24 – 22. The teams had a tough task after being unable to practice for an extended period and hosting a very strong Lions team. The A-Team moved the ball well but seemed a bit off on their shooting and the Lions pulled away in the second half of the game handing our A-Team their first loss of the season. The teams are busy the rest of this week at Peyton this afternoon, Ellicott tomorrow, and then hosting a crossover division game against an equal seed on Friday. Good luck ladies!

Voluntary workouts for the CCAL Football team will occur on Thursday and Friday. Workouts will occur on the East Campus gym with all the snow on the field. There will be no workouts over spring break. The team website has more information regarding voluntary workouts and the season, although the game schedule is likely to change some yet. Please visit the team website at the link below:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/ccal-programs/ma-football/>

Voluntary workouts for the Girls Volleyball team will only occur this evening (Wednesday) for this week. There will be no workouts over spring break. Please see the team website at the link below for more information:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/ccal-programs/ma-volleyball/>

Coaching Help Needed!

We could use another Assistant Coach for our Football team. If you are or know of anyone that would be interested in helping this spring, please contact the Athletic Director at atheltics@monumentacademy.net Thank you!



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2021 ELECTION INFORMATION **STEPS TO APPLY:**

1. Submit an application using this link:

<https://forms.gle/JRNtZtizrdsqEZbe8>

2. Meet with a current Board member(s) to gain a realistic perspective of what serving on the Board entails.

3. Submit a short essay including qualifications and vision for Monument Academy.

4. Give a five-minute presentation at a future Board meeting.

5. Official election held in May 2021

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