

LYNX NEWS



Hello
April

East Campus Edition

March 31, 2021

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope your families were able to relax and have fun together during this time. We've entered Spring, the fourth quarter, and the race to the end of the school year! It is hard for me to believe that we are here already.

Right before the break, we were able to host a successful ninth-grade dance. It was a fantastic and fun-filled night. I had the feel-good goosebumps several times throughout the evening.

As you will see in this Lynx News edition, we are also scheduling end-of-year grade-level events for sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students. Save the dates and watch for additional information via emails or future Lynx News. I am looking forward to these events with great anticipation!

Families of eighth-grade students, we are in the planning stages of an eighth-grade graduation event! As long as things continue as they are going, this event will be in person at New Life Church on Tuesday, May 25. We just received new guidance for graduation ceremonies from the health department, and we are currently working through the information. We will pass along further details as soon as we have finalized them.

Awards ceremonies will take place within the school day in grade-level teams in May. Stay tuned for details from your team lead teachers about recordings of these events.

We're also planning a field day on campus on Friday, May 21! You'll want to sync your calendars with all of our new save-the-date events.

Thank you for your continued partnership. I value and appreciate our connections!

Warmest Regards,
Julie Seymour
Principal- East Campus

Upcoming Events For Students

Free Dress Day – April 1

6th Grade Challenger Trip – April 5 & 6

Next Block Days - April 7 & 8

('21-'22) 6th Grade Sneak Peek – April 9

8th Grade Dance – April 10 – Sign Up [HERE](#)

No School – April 16

Singin' in the Rain Performances – May 7 & 8

MS Field Day (In Person!) – Friday, May 21

7th Grade Dance – May 21

8th Grade Check Out/Last Day – May 24

8th Grade Graduation – May 25

6th Grade Movie Night – May 26

Last Day of School – half day – May 27

Concurrent Enrollment Parent Info Night, April 7th at 6pm

Monument Academy will host a virtual Information night for all parents who would like more information about concurrent enrollment. This meeting is for parents with students in grades 7-9. Please RSVP [here](#) and you will be sent a link on April 6th. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Admissions, Amy Zarkovacki at azarkovacki@monumentacademy.net.

Spirit Week Days – April 5~8

Monday: comfy day

Description/Ex: get super comfy to start off the week right! Wear your pjs or just anything comfortable you would wear on a Saturday morning!

Tuesday: twin day

Description/Ex: dress up with your best friend the exact same so you look like twins! Same hairdo, same clothes, same shoes, same everything!

Wednesday: dress your best day

Description/Ex: people will be coming in to observe our school so dress nice! An example would be for boys, a tuxedo or a nice dress shirt with a bow tie! And for girls, a nice dress that is appropriate, and/or something nice you would wear so a fancy restaurant or something!

Thursday: mismatch day

Description/Ex: nothing should match. And when I say nothing, I mean absolutely nothing! Colors, patterns different types of clothes should all be mismatched and crazy! Mix up two different pairs of socks or different patterned shorts and shirt! Just get wild with your mismatching!



SNEAK PEEK

April 9, 8:30-11 am at Monument Academy EAST

All current 5th graders will arrive at 8:30 am

5th grade cohorts will tour the EAST campus and learn more about the following:

Shady Brook (Outdoor Education)
Challenger Learning Center
Peaks/Student Council
Clubs/Activities/Athletics
Arts/Specials
Technology - iPads

5th grade students will be picked up in car line at 11:00 am
Walter's Pizza (to go) will be given to students as they leave

*Masks will be required for the full time



2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessments

U.S. Department of Education has conditionally approved Colorado [HB 21-1161](#). For the spring of 2021, CMAS Social Studies will be suspended and CMAS Science will only be administered to Monument Academy students in eighth grade.

CMAS Math will be administered to all participating students in grades 3, 5, and 7, and CMAS English Language Arts (ELA) will be administered to all participating students in grades 4, 6, and 8. This plan does not affect PSAT offerings for our high school students so PSAT will be administered to the Monument Academy Freshman Class as planned.

Parents of students in grade levels NOT being assessed in CMAS ELA or CMAS Math are able to opt their students IN to those additional Colorado State Standardized Assessments. The procedure for ensuring your child/children may complete additional assessments will be outlined near the end of this communication. The conditional acceptance of [HB 21-1161](#) by the US Department of Education has slightly altered our schedules for state standardized assessments (CMAS/CoAlt - PSAT) and the updated schedule for when and where each assessment will take place is found below.

West Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
CMAS ELA - CoAlt	3 rd , 5 th (4 th Grade Opt-Ins)	Tue 4/27
CMAS Math - CoAlt	4 th (3 rd , 5 th Grade Opt-Ins)	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 ELA - CoAlt	7 th (6 th , 8 th Grade Opt-Ins)	Fri 4/23
CMAS Math - CoAlt	6 th , 8 th (7 th , Grade Opt-Ins)	Fri 4/30
CMAS Science – CoAlt	8 th Only	Fri 5/7
All students will attend school at MA East normally on 4/14. Only those students completing CMAS/CoAlt assessments will come to MA East on Friday 4/23, Friday 4/30, and Friday 5/7. 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, who 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, and this refusal choice has been added to our standard refusal form. Monument Academy accepts online refusals only up until three days before the date of assessment per [Monument Academy Board Policy #1525](#).

Thank you to those families who have communicated intentions to us regarding participation in Colorado State Standardized Assessments prior to spring break; it really helps us with planning to have an idea of the number of students we will be assessing. If you still intend to refuse allowing your students to participate in standardized assessments this spring, regardless of the reason, you may continue to complete the applicable online refusal found at the link below until three days before the date of assessment. An assessment refusal completed as described in the board policy above will allow Monument Academy to comply with CDE requirements and avoid negative consequences to our school. Please do not print out/submit any paper forms or email us scanned documents. Thank you.

Refusal for CMAS/CoAlt Assessments

<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>

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessment Opt-Ins

Please complete the following form if you would like your child to take the optional State Standardized CMAS ELA or Math assessment in addition to the assessments that are required for the 2020-2021 school year (see below for required and optional tests by grade). If you don't want your child to take the optional State Standardized Assessments, you don't need to do anything.

	Required Test	Optional Test
Students in Grades 3, 5, and 7	English Language Arts (ELA)	Math
Students in Grades 4, 6, and 8	Math	English Language Arts (ELA)

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/opting-students-in-to-cmas-ela-and-math-assessments-2020-2021>

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Assistant Principal

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Athletics

Voluntary workouts for the CCAL Football team and CCAL Girls Volleyball team will continue this week. The seasons officially start on Monday, April 5th, and athletic physicals and team registrations are required for participation.

Please visit the team websites at the link below:

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

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

Thank you!



Learn to Play Lacrosse at MA EAST for all MA students.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/hqmmWLhMmFMujpXA8>

Yearbook News

[www.Josten's yearbooks.com](http://www.Josten's_yearbooks.com)

Order by April 30th

Elementary \$25

Middle \$38

High \$10

Also, see attachment.

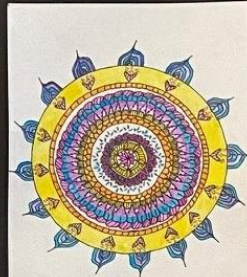
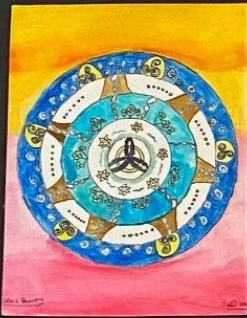


YEARBOOK UPDATE

Since copies are limited and school schedules continue to change, we ask that you please order your yearbook online.

**ORDER
YEARBOOK**

Current Art Display at Big Red, until Friday, April 2nd at 10am





The Windmill



White Flowers



The Garden



Sun Face



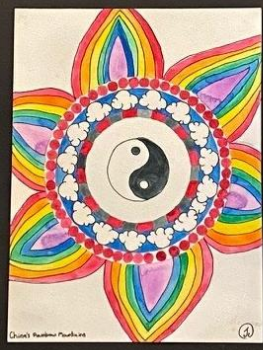
Sunset



Green Mandala



Blue and Yellow



Yin Yang



Blue and White



Colorful Mandala



Longhorn



Eye Mandala

From the Librarian

Scholastic Book Fair in April! PreK ~ 9th grade choices available

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy>

Check out the **elementary** and **K-8** interactive book flyers

Online shopping available April 4 – 17th

In West campus Library April 12th - 19th (watch for sidewalk/drive thru shopping opportunities!)

Contact Mrs. Collier at kcollier@monumentacademy.net

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy>

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MONUMENT ACADEMY eWALLET SETUP PERIOD: Mar 22 - Apr 19, 2021

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy>

Give your child a safe, cashless way to shop the Book Fair. This digital payment option can be used at the in-school Book Fair or online at the Virtual Book Fair, where you'll discover an expanded selection of over 6,000 products. Plus, every purchase benefits our school!

Visit [FAQs](#) to learn more.



Mrs. Kelly Collier
Monument Academy Librarian

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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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, E-MAIL
BOARD@MONUMENTACADEMY.NET

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