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Dear Monument Academy East Families,

Welcome Back! We are so excited to be with your children again as we launch the '21-'22 school year. This week marks our first whole week as we establish our routines. When I walk the halls during the day, I find joy in seeing so many smiling faces! It is a privilege to partner with you in your child's education toward a flourishing life.

We launched our first Peak competition day this past Friday, and it was beautiful to see Peak groups getting to know one another as they worked together on challenges. These Peak groups will continue to be a place where students connect with each other and their teachers, practice leadership skills through Student Council opportunities, and build and practice character.

Looking ahead, our East Campus Back-to-School Night will be the evening of September 2. This evening is a wonderful time to meet your student's teachers and hear about their courses! The evening begins at 5:30, and parents will follow their student's Lynx Day schedule to meet teachers. If you have more than one student at East, feel free to mix and match your students' schedules throughout the evening to visit some teachers of each. Please find additional information about the schedule in this Lynx News.

Thank you for a fantastic start to our school year! I appreciate our families!

Warm Regards, Julie Seymour- Principal, East Campus 719-431-8001 ext. 1007

Upcoming Events

Friday, August 26 – **Spiritwear Day**

MS Uniform Policy HERE, last pages have non-uniform dress code

5:30 PM-8PM, Thursday, September 2 - **Back to School Night** Bring your student's schedule and follow it as seen below:

Back-to-School Night

1st: 5:45-6:00 2nd: 6:05-6:20 3rd: 6:25-6:40 4th: 6:45-7:00 5th: 7:05-7:20 6th: 7:25-7:40 7th: 7:45-8:00

Early Release

East Campus, Early Release is **ONLY** Monday - Thursday. There is no 8th period on Fridays.

From Nurse

*For any immunization exemptions, please remember that the CDPHE has new guidelines. See the <u>attached form</u> to update exemptions.

*If your child takes a scheduled medication or any rescue medication, please bring it to the health office as well as documentation with a doctor signature and parent signature. These forms can be found on the Monument Academy website under student support: student health: then find the form appropriate for your child's condition.

*Please keep your sick students at home. This is just as important as it was last year. Thank you for your help in this as we want to the keep our schools as healthy as possible.

From Social Worker

Welcome back both returning and new MA students and families! I am impressed with the resiliency shown by students, staff, and families this first week of school. In the next few weeks, I am looking forward to pushing into the middle school classes to introduce myself and start building relationships with all students. This will give the students an opportunity to meet me, how to contact me, and bring awareness of the support that I can provide at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Carrie Howarth LSW, SSW

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Monument Academy is HIRING!

For more information:

https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/employment/



From the Registrar

MS/HS Schedule Changes:

We understand that your student may wish to change classes. Students may submit a request to change classes beginning August 17th and through **August 31st**. Forms to change classes are available on the MA website <u>Link</u> and the East Campus Front Office.

- Schedules will be changed according to the following priorities:

 1) Student has a "hole" in their schedule for first semester
 - 2) Student has been placed in the incorrect CORE class. (ie: Math, English, History, and Science)
 - 3) Student is missing a requirement (ie: PE, music, or Art for MS only)
 - 4) Student did not receive any of their first choice OR alternate electives.
 - 5) Student wishes to change elective requests

Amy Zarkovacki Monument Academy Director of Admissions 719-431-8001 ext. 1012

From Student Council

Sixth (6th) Graders – if you are interested in joining student council for the 2021-2022 school year, pick up an application from your Peak teacher during 8th period. Applications are due by **August 30th**, so don't wait!

6th Grade – Camp Shady Brook

Camp Shady Brook: September 15-17, 2021

Cost: \$185

Every September, Monument Academy takes the 6th grade students to an outdoor education camp. This year we are again attending Camp Shady Brook in Deckers, CO. It is a wonderful opportunity for our new middle school students to get to know one another and their teachers and to extend personal limits. Students will work together with team members as they complete activities in high and low ropes courses, canoeing, survival games, rock wall climbing, group initiative challenges, and orienteering. Identifying and practicing Character First is a focus throughout all activities.

Camp Shady Brook is bound to be an unforgettable experience for your sixth grader!

Registration is open. Deadline to register is September 7th.

Athletics

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

From the Librarian

East Campus Library Canvas page: https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146



Important Information

Don't read books that you don't want for your reading block. Are you interested in graphic novels, fantasy, science fiction? We have all those genres and more at the library for you. Beginning soon, you may borrow them by placing a hold in your library account. Books will be delivered within 24 hours of availability. Watch for more details next week for when this service is ready!

Destiny Library search homepage: https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/58483

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MA East PTO

spiritwear.monumentacademy.net



Don't forget to order your Spiritwear & Uniform Jackets before August 28th!

The next order window is November 1-14

Where: Monument Academy East



When: Friday Sept. 24



Imagine our students in a 3-hour amazing race around our East Campus. They will have to prove themselves using mental skills, physical fitness and teamwork. They will compete in a knowledge bowl, ninja obstacle course, multiple physical challenges and finish with a campus-wide scavenger hunt.

Your donation will be considered their "entry ticket" to this awesome event. There will be multiple prizes for certain amounts of donations.





This year we are raising funds to support teacher appreciation events, a pathway with seating and shade structures, a gaga ball pit and a volleyball area.



If you have questions: maeastptopresident@gmail.com



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