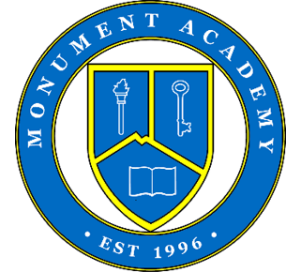


LYNX NEWS

East Campus Edition

September 8, 2021



NWEA Assessments

Today and Tomorrow, your 6th - 10th grade student(s) will be completing NWEA assessments in the following subject areas:

Reading - 9/8/21, 7:50-10

Language Usage - 9/8/21, 11:50-2

Math - 9/9/21, 7:50-10

Science - 9/9/21, 11:50-2

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.

Assessment results show what students know and what they are ready to learn regardless of their current grade level. MA receives results the next day and uses these results to help inform instruction. The 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 a future edition of 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/privacy-and-terms/>

We encourage parents to make every effort to have students at school and on time on assessment days. Please encourage your student to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast, as always, since it is important for their success that the students feel well in school. Where possible, please avoid scheduling appointments or early releases on assessment days as students that miss any portion of an assessment will need to complete missed material at another time.

Thank you for helping us best support your students!

Warm Regards,

Julie Seymour- Principal, East Campus

Upcoming Events:

Friday, September 10 – Spirit Wear Dress Day

MS Uniform Policy [HERE](#), last pages have non-uniform dress code

Friday, September 17 – Girls Night, 6-8pm

Saturday, September 18 – Dudes Night, 6-8pm

Friday, September 24 – PTO Lynx Warrior Day

Saturday, September 25 - High School Mixer, 6-8pm

Tuesday, October 5 – Picture Day

Friday, October 8 – End of 1st Quarter

Wednesday/Thursday, October 13/14 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday/Monday, October 15 & 18 – No School for Fall Break

Friday, October 29 – Halloween Bash

Saturday, October 30 – High School Homecoming



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MA East

6:00 - 8:00pm

\$3.00 at the door

*Concessions available
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MA Middle School

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Carline

Drop-off Extension

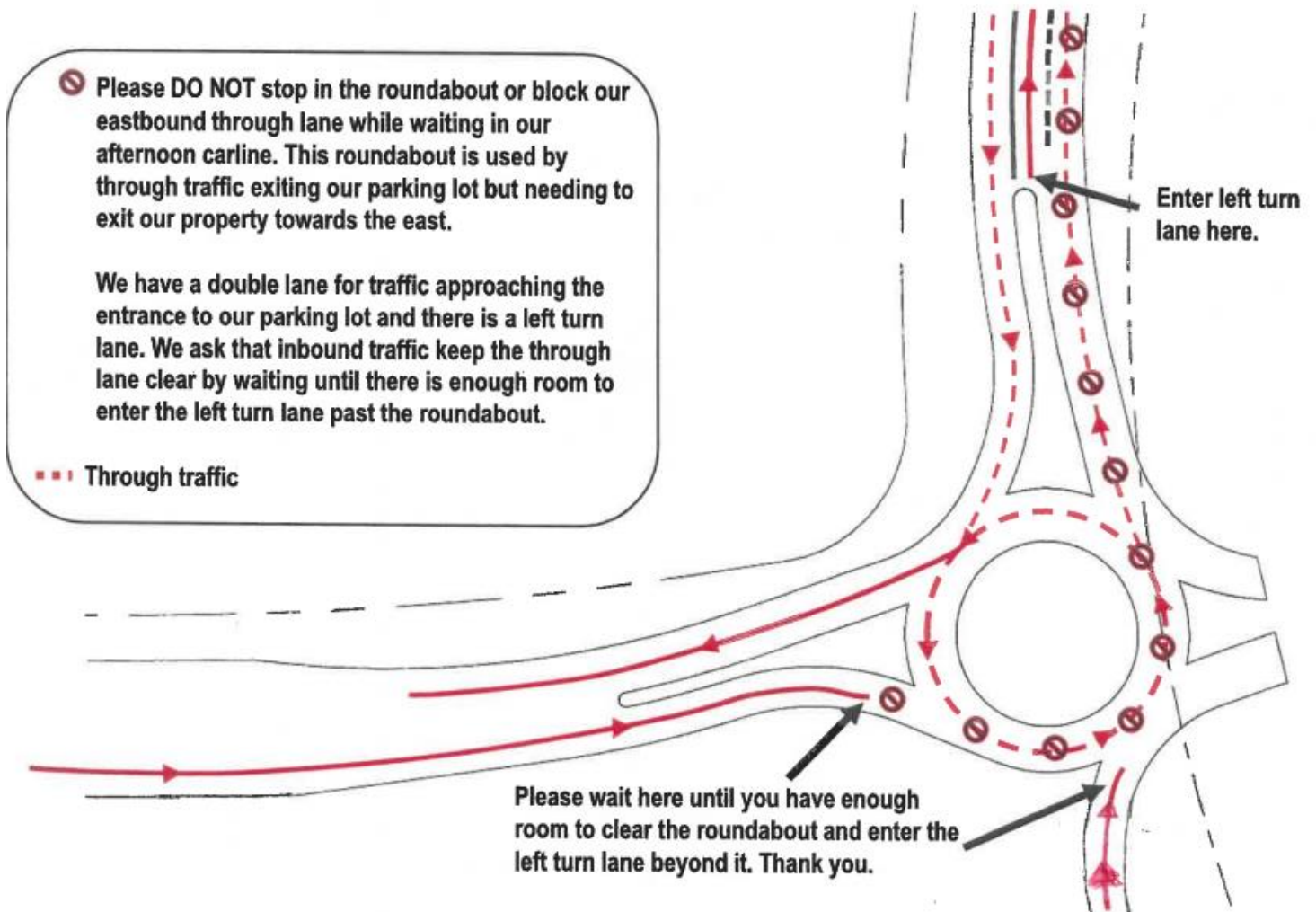
To facilitate better drop-off flow, we will be extending the morning drop-off at each campus by 10 minutes. The challenge in the morning is particularly evident at West campus. Part of the challenge is a group of cars coming from East campus where some of our awesome families drop MS/HS students before heading to West to drop elementary students. By extending the time at each campus, we hope the drop off is more dispersed, and therefore, fewer cars at one time.

The drop-off time at East campus will be moved up to 7:20 am. The drop-off time at West campus will be moved up to 7:35. With 10 minutes more time to complete the drop-off, the peak number of cars should be reduced some.

Thanks for your patience and support as we continue to improve our carline. It is getting better each week.

Merlin Holmes
Chief Operating Officer

Roundabout Instructions



From Social Worker

Monument Academy is excited to introduce Sources of Strength (SoS) to the student body and staff this year! SoS is an evidence-based practice that is designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. SoS moves beyond a risk-focus and utilizes an upstream approach, mobilizing a group of powerful Peer Leaders to spread messages of Hope, Help, and Strength through Monument Academy and the community. The upstream model strengthens multiple sources of support around young individuals so that when times get hard, they can leverage their strengths.

We will be having the first meeting this Friday, 12:45 – 1:30. At this time there are 37 peer leaders and 6 staff involved in the program. We look at growing SoS this fall. In the meantime, there will be campaigns that will be launched that will include the whole school.

Monument Academy Social Worker
chowarth@monumentacademy.net
719-431-8001 ext. 2030

Monument Academy is HIRING!

For more information:

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



Athletics

MA hosted our very first Cross-Country meet on the MA East campus! A 2.5K loop on the nearby trails made for a fun & challenging course. Sixteen of our athletes placed in the top 10 across the 4 races! Anna Bossinger took 1st place overall female, and Jake Bossinger took 3rd overall male. It was a great first meet at MA East!

Next Football game is Sept 10th at Ellicott (322 Ellicott Hwy, Calhan) at 4pm. Come on out and cheer them on.

Physical Education: MS & HS to introduce fundamental Human Performance with Medicine Ball Training

As our educational offerings continue to develop and grow, East Campus Physical Education is ready to provide a variety of programming to meet our students desire for new challenges. This year we have expanded our Physical Education programming to offer our Middle School students *Long Term Physical Development for Team Sports* and for High School students *Physical Development for Team Sports* as well as *Intro to Strength & Conditioning*.



Pictured: PE instructors Drew Stevenson and Rachael Maring who will lead both MS and HS programming. Both instructors have backgrounds in multiple sports as well as strength and conditioning. Medicine Balls are an incredible tool for all levels of strength and conditioning, including providing flexibility for our younger and/or newer to strength training students. As our Middle and High School grows, students can expect to experience more classes focused on their overall fitness.

Let's go Lynx!

More information can be found here

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

From the Librarian

The 6-10 grade student accounts are ready for use!

- Future updates will include parent email addresses and Peak/homeroom.
- Library notices are sent to the parent's email on file.
- The student username and passwords are the same as their google sign on.
- If a student changes their password, they must let me know and I will update their library account.

On school provided tech such as iPads and computers, you'll find a short cut that is called either **Library Catalog** or **Destiny** or **Destiny Discover**.

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After logging in, students search and reserve library materials, plus look at their accounts for current check outs, due dates, holds and fines.

Library materials will either be delivered to the East campus or at West for pickup.

Materials have a two-week (14 days) check out period.

Renewals for another 2-week period are always an option.

Please do not hesitate to call on me for anything Library related you and your students need this year!



Mrs. Kelly Collier

Monument Academy Librarian

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

Canvas Library website: <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146>

Google Library webpage: <https://sites.google.com/monumentacademy.net/library/home>

West Campus location

719-481-1950 x1220

MA East PTO

Hi MA East Campus Parents,

We just wanted to keep you updated and let you know that we have reached our 2nd mile stone and we have raised \$4000 so far.

Thank you so much for your generosity. Just a reminder if you have not donated yet and you would like a T-shirt with your donation the order deadline is September 8th.

Thank you so much!
Tanja Curtis
MA East PTO president



Dear MA East Parents,

We are excited to announce the 1st annual Lynx Warrior Games fundraiser. On September 24th we are planning a fun-filled day of competition between the middle school peaks. Which peak will win? The funds we raise this year will be used to support teacher appreciation events, a pathway with seating and shade structures, a gaga ball pit, and a volleyball area, so our students can enjoy more time outside.

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 are multiple prize options per the following donation amounts:

\$10 donation = Sticker

\$50 donation = Sticker + Shirt

\$150 donation = Sticker + Shirt + Commemorative Brick

\$500 donation = Sticker + Shirt + Backless Bench w/Plaque

\$750 donation = Sticker + Shirt + Full Bench w/Plaque

Shirt Order Deadline

Students who turn in a donation of \$50 or more will receive a Lynx Warrior Day shirt that can be worn the day of the event and on Spiritwear days. Donations that qualify for a shirt must be turned in by 9/8 to ensure delivery in time for the event. Students who turn donations in after 9/8 will still receive a shirt (delivery date TBD).

We also have special rewards planned to celebrate every \$2,000 of donations raised: Spiritwear Day, Free Dress Day, PJ Day, Popsicle Day, and a special surprise if we reach our \$10,000 goal.

We would love a \$50 donation per student but we do understand financial constraints and any donation is highly appreciated. Donations can be made through PayPal or Venmo (see QR code below), [MA East PTO store](#), or by check. Please make sure you note your student’s name(s), grade, shirt size, and phone number. Checks can be made out to the MA East PTO and dropped off at the front office.

Thank you for your support,
MA East PTO President, Tanja Curtis
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