

LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition September 23, 2020



Dear Monument Academy Families,

It is hard to believe, but we will have completed 4 weeks in school at the end of this week! Thank you, again, for the measures of grace you have extended as we navigated (and are still navigating) the new processes and systems of a brand new building as well as education in the times of COVID-19.

With a month of instruction completed this week, it's an excellent time to review how teachers communicate academic progress and grades at Monument Academy East Campus. We use Canvas for our in-progress grades and assignment information, and Infinite Campus for the final quarter and semester grade postings. See the information below to gain access to these platforms if you have not already done so.

- Canvas Home Page for each course: Weekly Snapshot highlights current units, upcoming projects/tests, announcements, and live Zoom links and times for at-home learners.
 - Ask your student to show you the home page from their device <or>
 - Obtain your student's Canvas login information from your student and access their student account from your personal computer at <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/login/saml> <or>
 - Access your own Canvas "observer" account at <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/login/canvas>. Set up your account following the instructions at <https://www.monumentacademy.net/technology/canvas>.
- Canvas Gradebooks in each course list current assignments and in-progress grades. See the access options above.
- Infinite Campus Reports provide printable end of quarter and semester Grade Cards. You may access the IC Parent Portal at <https://campus.lewispalmer.org/campus/portal/lewispalmer.jsp>.
- Email or call teachers when you have a question about what you see in Canvas.

I am thankful for every family and enjoy partnering with you in your student's education!

Sincerely,

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Fridays

Friday is an academic school days like our Monday through Thursday school days. Attendance and assignments need to be completed by due dates and times to receive full credit. Please assist your student in successfully navigating this academic day.

- Sign in for attendance using the attendance app (link) on the iPad. This is NOT found in Canvas. It is a square app that looks like this  and is found on the iPad screen along with the other apps.



- Check into all 7 classes to complete assignments and pay attention to the due dates and times. Complete and turn in all assignments that have a due date of Friday.
- Check into your teachers' office hours (noted on their Canvas course homepage) for additional help!

Carline

Do's and Don'ts

Please respect our carline start-time by not dropping off students before 7:30 am. There is no supervision of students prior to 7:30am.

Anyone wishing to reach the parking lot during afternoon carline should either arrive early (before 3:10 PM) or approach the building from the dirt road to the southeast (Pinehurst Circle) that was used earlier in the year. From the dirt road you should be able to carefully pull around any traffic that might be waiting to enter the parking area. It will be very difficult to reach the parking lot quickly during afternoon carline after about 3:10 to 3:15 PM entering the facility from the Walker Road entrance.

When leaving Monument Academy's East Campus, if you need to exit to the southeast on Pinehurst Circle, please exit our parking lot by turning right, use the roundabout to the west turn around and head back southeast on Pinehurst Circle to go through the neighborhood to our South and, if desired, access Hodgen Rd.

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MADirectionsCarlineUpdate200918.pdf>



Spirit Wear Tomorrow (Sept. 24, 2020)

6th and 7th graders are welcome to wear spirit wear and jeans.

8th graders get Free Dress. Dress needs to follow "Dress Code for Non-Uniform Days"

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/1501MS-Uniform-Policy-08-24-2020.pdf>



MA Volunteer Opportunities ~ SAAC!

Are you interested in serving on Monument Academy's School Accountability Advisory Committee? The purpose of the MA SAAC is to represent the Monument Academy community, including parents, legal guardians, students, and faculty, regarding MA grade level academics, student achievement, budgetary and safety matters, and to make recommendations to the Principals regarding these topics. Meetings will be approximately once a month from 2:00-3:00. Please submit your interest to Sharla Davis at sdavis@monumentacademy.net for Elementary and Julie Ritschard at jritschard@monumentacademy.net for Secondary. If appointed, you will receive notification from the school.



Attendance

If your student will be absent for any reason, please send an email to

attendance-EAST@monumentacademy.net

NWEA Assessments

We are still working through NWEA assessments, and while many students have completed all necessary subject areas there are still many that have not finished. NWEA assessments are not state standardized assessments, they are a set of adaptive assessments that identify what students are *ready* to learn. Monument Academy uses the results of these assessments internally to deliver appropriate instruction and support the growth of all students. We have some deadlines approaching and will have one more opportunity for students to complete these assessments this Friday. We will communicate test information to both the parents and students on Thursday. Thank you for helping us to support your students.

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School Management



Business Office

Thank you to the MA families who have submitted academic fees for the 2020-21 school year. These funds help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your student.

The annual required student fees: \$285 Grades 6-9 (includes iPad fee)

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Payments are usually posted within a week.

Payment options at Monument Academy: For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:

- Online Payments – <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments/>
- Checks – made payable to Monument Academy (drop at front office)
- Credit card - contact jshook@monumentacademy.net to set up recurring payments

Monument Academy does not accept payments on the PaySchools Central app.

School Lunches:

Make checks made payable to LPHLP (Lewis Palmer Hot Lunch Program) – drop off at MA front desk or pay online at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

Financial Assistance: If you need assistance with fees and/or lunches please complete an application at: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

Contact Julie Shook,
Business Manager Monument Academy
jshook@monumentacademy.net



FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

I had the opportunity to push into 6th and 9th grade classes on Monday for a brief introduction and an overview of the kinds of support the team

(me, teachers and you) can offer the students! It was nice to see many familiar faces that I have grown to know over the years, while meeting many sweet new faces. It was great to see remote learners in the ZOOM classes too! I'm looking forward to pushing in with 7th and 8th graders next week.

D38 will offer free meals to ALL students beginning Monday, September 21st, regardless of eligibility. The USDA is financing these free meals with Congressionally appropriated funding. The USDA anticipates this funding will last through December.

While it's available, D38 will also offer free meals for online learners (children under 18 years old). Meals will be distributed between 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. (or until they run out of meals), Monday – Friday, at Lewis-Palmer High School. Access this drive through service via the north side of the building, across from practice fields. Enter off of Jackson Creek Parkway.

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ATHLETIC NEWS

The Cross-Country season is moving along nicely with the CCAL Championship meet at Fox Run Park coming up soon. Monument Academy has always had the honor of hosting this meet as the “official” end to the CCAL season, but we offer the kids a couple more opportunities to run into the middle of October. The team has performed well throughout the season with sub-groups participating in the many extra meets offered by CCAL schools to try to provide ample opportunities for the kids to compete with restrictions in place due to COVID. At each meet our team “sub-sets” have generally finished in the top three, and we are looking forward to having the opportunity to compete for the CCAL Championship this Friday. Good luck everyone!

Recent CHSSA agreements with the state have prompted questions about CCAL plans to again change the timelines for coming seasons. Although there has been some discussion, it seems very unlikely that changes will be made to the timeline below due to the difficulty associated with all schools in our league being able to navigate the logistics in a timely manner. We will communicate any changes if/when they have been decided.

Program	CCAL Season
Cross Country	8/10 – 9/25 “Post-Season” Through 10/9
Matchwits/Chess	Not Decided Yet
Cheer	1/4 – 4/30
Boys' Basketball	1/4 – 2/1
Girls' Basketball	2/2 – 3/1
Football	3/29 – 5/8
Girls Volleyball	4/5 – 4/30
Track and Field	4/26 – 5/29
Girls' Soccer	5/3 – 5/26

Please visit our Athletic webpage for more information:

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

Important Notice from the School Nurse

If your child is sick with any **MAJOR** symptom such as:

- Feeling feverish, having chills
- Temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

THEY MAY NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. If the above symptoms completely resolve within 24 hours with *no medication*, they may return to school.

*Students who had a fever must remain fever free for an additional 24 hours with no medication prior to return.

If your child is sick with any **MINOR** symptom such as

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea

THEY MAY NOT ATTEND SCHOOL. If the above minor symptoms completely resolve within 48 hours with *no medication*, they may return to school.

*If a student has **both** major and minor symptoms, they must be well within 24 hours to return to school.

If any symptom continues beyond the 24-48 hour window, the student must remain home for 10 days from date of initial symptom onset.

- A negative COVID test will not allow a student to return sooner (there is a chance of false negative results)
- A letter from a medical provider with an alternative diagnosis *might* allow a sooner return, depending on the diagnosis and laboratory confirmation. Please contact your school nurse to determine when your child is eligible to return.

Siblings that are symptom-free may continue to attend school.

Anyone with a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days after the exposure, regardless of illness.

Some individuals with COVID-19 will have minor symptoms that can mimic the common cold. These guidelines were recommended by the El Paso Health Department and are designed to be cautious due to the fact that community transmission of COVID-19 remains medium-high in our community. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our schools open.

Adapted from Return to School/Work Guidance: following a positive symptom screen for COVID-19. (August 2020). CDPHE.

The preceding is designed to help families determine when to send their students back to school. It was adapted from our state and local health guidance.

Thank you, parents, for communicating with us and following our guidelines during this difficult time. WE appreciate your assistance in keeping our school open.

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Hello from the MA Librarian, Mrs. Collier!

Welcome back to the new school year. I wish you a wonderful year!

Mrs. Kuo and I are both excited to read and share books with you!



Library news and access to library books will be accessible through 3 sites:

Elementary: <https://sites.google.com/monumentacademy.net/library/home>

Secondary: <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146>

Library Website: <https://www.monumentacademy.net/> under the school tabs

What did you read recently? Please send in the MA Summer Reading star tracking sheet, if you completed one so we may get prizes to all who earned them by participating despite COVID chaos. To follow cohort protocol, please advise your student to give the tracking sheet to their homeroom teacher. Deadline is Sept. 25th.

Kelly Collier, Librarian



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Order on mylifetouch.com

Picture Day is Coming!

Order today at mylifetouch.com

Picture Day is:
Thursday, October 01, 2020

Picture Day ID:
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Lifetouch

Uniform Jacket Ordering

Webstore Link:

<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 September 13th and all orders are printed at the same time. You will be notified by email when your order is ready for pickup at Monarch Merchandising (15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy #110, Monument) approximately 2-3 weeks after the order due date shown on the site, most likely by the end of September.



**STAY IN TOUCH
ONLINE!**

FOR UP TO DATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,
MA EAST INFORMATION AND HOW
WE ASSIST OUR TEACHERS AND PARENTS
JOIN US:

Facebook: @MAEastPTO

Exterior Work~In~Progress

The outdoor activity spaces are currently on order and/or being installed. Our goal is to have this all completed by the end of October!

Basketball Hoops are installed, and students are using them in PE!

