

# LYNX NEWS



**East Campus Edition**  
**September 2, 2020**



Dear Monument Academy Community,

We are off and running! It has been a beautiful start to a new year. As I walk the halls of the building, I am filled with joy. I see passionate teachers pouring into the lives of their students. I see excited students navigating our spacious hallways with smiles on their faces. I see dedicated staff working tirelessly to create smooth processes as we go about the noble work of educating leaders of tomorrow. It's a wonderful place to be!

This week I am highlighting an excerpt from our Parent/Student handbook about healthy communication. I have enjoyed meeting and connecting with you at our meet and greets, through email, and phone calls. Monument Academy has the most amazing families!

I look forward to partnering with you this year.

Warmest Regards,  
Julie Seymour  
Principal- Middle and High School

# Masks at the Secondary School

Students at Monument Academy East Campus will be wearing masks as required by Governor Polis' mask mandate. Here is some info that may help!

## Type of Masks

- Cloth face-covering required
- Gators are acceptable. Bandanas are not allowed.
- Designs, patterns, and colors are all fine as long as they show respect for self, others, and school.
- No messaging on masks.

**Mask Expectations:** Following CDE guidelines and current mask mandate

- Students will wear masks into the building, in hallways, in classrooms, and at the end of day carline.
- Short mask breaks are allowed.
- Students may remove masks when outside if they are 6 ft or more apart from others.
- Students may remove masks at lunch and snack time (this one makes me smile!)

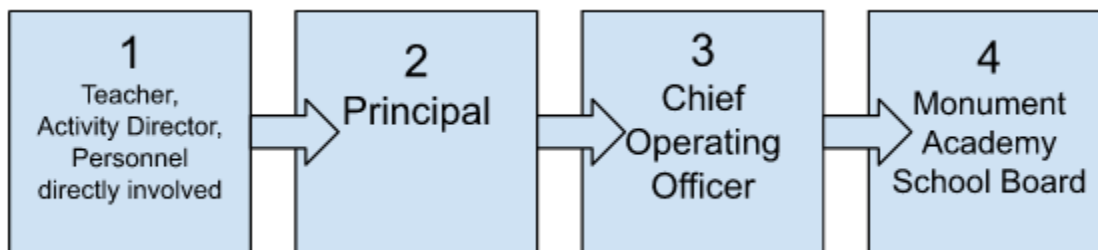
# HEALTHY COMMUNICATION

Effective communication between home and school is important for student success! MA is committed to practicing and encouraging good communication with our learning community.

A Key of Excellence that we promote at MA is Speak with Good Purpose. In discussing this key with our students, we share these ideas: "There will be times when we need to share critical thoughts. At these times, if our purpose and how we phrase our words is considered first, sharing honest and direct feedback can be very positive and powerful and build trust. Speaking with good purpose is the cornerstone of healthy relationships. This Key fosters a positive emotional environment where people are happier, more productive and more likely to succeed."

It is important that as educators and parents we model these excellent communication skills.

When you would like to discuss an issue, please follow the appropriate chain of communication to find resolution:



Julie Seymour (Middle/High School Principal): [jseymour@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jseymour@monumentacademy.net)

Christianna Herrera (Chief Operating Officer): [cherrera@monumentacademy.net](mailto:cherrera@monumentacademy.net)

MA Board of Directors: [MABoard@monumentacademy.net](mailto:MABoard@monumentacademy.net)

# COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

MA communicates with our learning community in multiple ways. Reading these digital communications will provide you with the most up-to-date information.

- Weekly Lynx News-emailed on Wednesdays to all parents using Infinite Campus
- School Website [www.monumentacademy.net](http://www.monumentacademy.net) updated with weekly Lynx News, upcoming calendar events and breaking news
- Emails and text messaging sent through Blackboard with breaking news and timely communication updates needed prior to Lynx News weekly publication

## At-home-learners

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work out the details of our at-home learning program. I recognize that you may be experiencing frustration or uncertainty, and I ask that you reach out to Julie Seymour ([jseymour@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jseymour@monumentacademy.net) or 719-431-8001 x1007) with any/all questions or concerns. We will problem solve together!

## 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 children.

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. However, during the month of August, it will likely take longer. Thank you for your patience as we are enrolling new families and delivering curriculum to classrooms.

### **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 box at front office)
- Credit card - contact [jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto: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](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net)

# Walker's Pass

If your student will be leaving carpool after school, they will need to carry a **'WALKER'S PASS'** with them. A Walker Pass request form is available at the front office and attached at the end of the newsletter.

## Attendance

If your student will be absent for any reason, please send an email to [attendance@monumentacademy.net](mailto:attendance@monumentacademy.net).

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

## **MEDICATION**

If you intend for your child to take prescription medication OR Over the Counter medication during the school day, you **MUST** have your physician fill out the following medication permission form and bring this form as well as the medication (this includes any over the counter medications) to the health office. The medication bottles must match the ordered medication on the form.

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Medication-Permission-Form1.pdf>

**NOTE: parents who need to drop off medications for their student to use at school must bring those medications to the school. An adult (not student) must bring those medications. Parents will need to park and walk them to the office.**

## **OTHER HEALTH**

Also, please make sure you provide updated immunizations or personal/religious/medical exemptions (these are required to be updated **yearly**) for your students for the 2020/2021 school year even if you have chosen the online synchronous, asynchronous, or home-school options. If your student is enrolled with Monument Academy, these are still required for our records.

**All** health-related information and medical forms can be found on the MA website under the **Student support** drop down. These forms include the COVID-19 symptom screening tool for parents. In addition, immunization exemption forms also can be found.

*Chelsea Pierce, BSN, RN*  
Monument Academy

# ASSESSMENTS

Your 3rd – 8th grade student will be completing NWEA assessments in the following subject areas:

Reading  
Language Usage  
Math Science (5th – 8th Grade)

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. Monument Academy receives results the next day and uses these results to help inform instruction. The kids 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 child/children 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/blog/2017/12-common-questions-parents-ask-map-growth-assessment/>

Classroom teachers will communicate more specific schedules with their parents and provide guidance for students that are learning from home. We encourage parents to make every effort to have students at school and on time on assessment days. Please encourage your child/children to get a good night’s sleep and eat a good breakfast, as always, since it is important for their success that the kids 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 kids!

Marty Venticinque  
Assistant Principle  
[mventicinque@monumentacademy.net](mailto:mventicinque@monumentacademy.net)

# FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

Welcome back both returning and new students/families! I am impressed, but not surprised, with the resiliency shown by students, staff, and families this first week. Remember that it will only get better as the weeks progress.

I am looking forward to visiting the classrooms in the next couple of weeks to start building relationships with all students. This will give the students an opportunity to meet me, know where to find me (in building or via email), and become aware of the support that I can offer to them. On line learners will have access to the information too.

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## ATHLETIC NEWS

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

Please visit our Athletic webpage for more information:

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



# Monument Academy EAST PTO



## Volunteer

We love volunteers! We have so many things we are trying to accomplish this year and would appreciate your help!

Contact Joey at:  
maeastptovicepresident@gmail.com  
to be added to our volunteer list.

Please consider donating \$25 per child (or more if you can) to help us do teacher appreciation lunches, teacher dedications and to have the ability to help teachers when they are in need.

Checks can be made out to 'MA East PTO'

or you can also visit

[paypal.me/MAEastPTO](https://paypal.me/MAEastPTO)



## Fundraising



## King Soopers Rewards

Steps:

1. Log on to your personal account on kingsoopers.com (can't do it from app)
2. Click "My Account" under Valued Customer tab at the top of the page
3. Click Community Rewards
4. Add an organization by typing in Monument Academy EAST PTO, then click account AJ386
5. Enroll

We appreciate your support!

Don't forget about Spiritwear Thursdays!  
We have a new store and new designs for you to choose from.  
They are shipped directly to your home!

[www.lynxlifeatmaeast.threadless.com](http://www.lynxlifeatmaeast.threadless.com)

or you can also visit

[www.spiritwear.monumentacademy.net](http://www.spiritwear.monumentacademy.net)



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# Monument Academy

## Walker Pass Privileges

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read our expectations and sign the section below to indicate your agreement with our policies. The actual destination of your walking student needs to be entered on this form. Once you return the signed form and it is approved, we will issue your student a Walker's Pass. Please understand that you are releasing Monument Academy from any carpool time liability by signing below.

- Walker's Pass must be out and shown to carpool workers when leaving the school building.
- Students must follow instructions given by carpool workers.
- The Walker's Pass may be revoked if rules/guidelines are not followed.

Please cut this off and turn it in to the East Campus Front Office.

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Student's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Walking Destination \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_