

LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition September 30, 2020

Happy Fall everyone! This is my favorite time of year. Warm days, cool nights, leaves changing, and Alabama football! I have a few passions in life, one being Alabama football. The traditions and culture that make up that team encourage me to be a better leader, teacher, and person. Here are just a few things that I have learned from listening to Coach Nick Saban and watching the Alabama football team:

- The importance of teamwork-everyone is doing the job they were born to do.
- That no matter how good you are, there is always room for improvement.
- How to lose graciously.
- Mistakes are how we improve.
- The importance of celebrating great wins.
- Love what you do.
- Help others be the best that they can be.

Author Brene Brown's definition of a leader from her book *Dare to Lead* is "anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes, and who has the courage to develop that potential." As we navigate through uncertain times in our beautiful new building, our goal as leaders at Monument Academy is much like Brene Brown and Coach Saban, to find the potential in everyone in our building and bring that potential to the world. Through teamwork, we are working hard to be the best that we can be to set an example for those around us. We continue to learn from our mistakes and celebrate great wins. Most of all, we love what we do and appreciate the fact that our families have selected Monument Academy as their school of choice. Because we value growth, please continue to offer feedback and communicate ways that we can help. Thank you for being a member of our team and Roll Tide!

Warm Wishes,

Carol Skinner
Assistant Principal
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Oct 1st – Picture Day

Dress for Picture Day is “Uniform or Better”, for grades 6th through 8th.

This means NO Jeans, T-Shirts or Sweatshirts.

Picture Day is Coming!

Order today at mylifetouch.com

Picture Day is:

Thursday, October 01, 2020

Picture Day ID:

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Lifetouch

At-Home Learners, to be included in the yearbook please either come to East Campus and get your photo taken during Picture Day or Retake Day or you are able to email a picture directly to yearbook. Retake Day has not yet been scheduled. The best time to come in Oct. 1st is 2nd Period, 8:45-9:30. Pictures will be taken from 8:30-2:30.

PARENTS- We want to be as inclusive as possible in our yearbook memories.

Please feel free to submit photos of your student. Be sure to identify the names of those pictured when prompted during photo upload.

Thank you, Melissa Johnson

HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO SUBMISSION PAGE:

<https://images.jostens.com/415633963>

login: 415633963

MIDDLE SCHOOL PHOTO SUBMISSION PAGE:

<https://images.jostens.com/upload.jsp>

login: 415466770

Questions: mjohnson@monumentacademy.net

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

or

and is found on the iPad

- 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!

ABSENT

Attendance

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

attendance-EAST@monumentacademy.net

Please consult our Student/Parent Handbook for further information about discretionary absences.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/14qtApqu_RucI5BmQF8-4jyS3M6fTOZEfnJrOKvdQu9w/edit?usp=sharing

Look under Prearranged Absence on page 10. The Extended Absence Form is now in the Appendices on page 51. Discretionary absences of 4 or more days need to be approved by the Principal to be marked as excused absences.

NWEA Assessments

We are wrapping up a few more NWEA assessments and within the next couple of weeks you will be able to access results in the Reports Center on IC. We will communicate when these results are ready. Please visit the link below to find instructions for accessing student results:

http://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020_2021_Fall_NWEA_Report_Access.pdf



FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

I was touched by the maturity of our 8th grade students Monday. I remember many of these students when they were 1st graders and now to see them entering their final year as a middle schooler – WOW! I feel proud to be a part of this experience, not just with them but with you and the rest of the 8th grade team!

For guidance, this week I pushed into Mr. Pio's 8th grade English class for a brief introduction and an overview of the kinds of support the team (me, teachers and you) can offer the students! I'm looking forward to pushing in with 7th graders next week.

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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

ATHLETIC NEWS

The Monument Academy Cross Country team competed in the Central Colorado Athletic League (CCAL) Championship meet at Fox Run Park last Friday. MA has hosted this meet since the inception of the league in 2015. MA athletes have built a bit of a dynasty in cross country with our girls winning every year, and our boys winning multiple years. This year the dynasty continued as both our boys and girls took home CCAL championship plaques again!

Out of 53 of the league's best boy runners - Andrew took 2nd, Chase 8th, Jake 11th, Weston 12th, and Carson 26th!!

Out of 52 of the league's best girl runners - Anna took 3rd, Kaitlyn 5th, Sienna 7th, Emily 13th, and Kayla 14th!!

Andrew made the CCAL records!

Andrew, Anna, Chase, Jake, & Weston made the MA records!

This course has been around for a long time...so touching those CCAL & MA records is a big deal!

The team has a couple more opportunities to compete before we officially wrap it up for the season. Congratulations to everyone!

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/>

Uniform Jacket Ordering

If you ordered a jacket from Monarch Merchandising, please check your email and junk email to see if you have received communication stating that your jacket is in. Monarch has lots of jackets that are ready to be picked up!

In case you missed the opportunity to order a jacket previously, the link is active again.

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

**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

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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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!

Grass has been seeded too.

