



## East Campus Edition ~ October 14, 2020

Many things have changed for Monument Academy families this year. We opened our beautiful new campus for our secondary students, we had our first snow days of the year in **early September**, the sunsets are coming earlier each night, and just recently we were able to introduce our students to our beautiful, new turf field! We have been busy trying to reimagine new policies, procedures, tactics, and routines specific to our new building and learning environments, all the while considering new and ever-changing county and state guidelines surrounding Covid-19. The effort to establish new routines has been immense and everyone associated with MA has been affected in some way by these changes. I am thankful for the grace and encouragement we have received from our families and I am proud of the work everyone has directed towards assuring our students and families have the best experience possible at MA.

It seems this Fall that just as we are beginning to establish some sense of routine, the goalpost is moved. This happened recently when MA was contacted by El Paso County officials about our afternoon carline. It has been communicated to us that our queuing process is unacceptable to them as Jane Lundeen Drive and Pinehurst Circle are public rights-of-way, and as our families arrive to pick up our students, they are interfering with free passage along these roadways. In the words of our teachers “it’s just one more thing” that we need to address in an avalanche of such things this Fall. I actually felt that afternoon carline was moving pretty well, but rather than take anything personally, I found myself looking for an opportunity to improve our afternoon procedure while considering the “8 Keys of Excellence” we present to and model for our students. The keys that stand out as I compose this communication are “Failure Leads to Success” and “Flexibility”. I find that these keys fit in the same lock as failures often force flexibility, and in our pursuit of growth we have had our failures and have needed to be incredibly flexible this year!

We have examined our carline procedures and are hopeful we can both improve the process for our families and mitigate the concerns of El Paso County officials. The following areas were identified as having potential to be improved:

- Social Distancing During Release
- Effective Release During Severe Weather Events
- Safety of our Families and Security of our Students

- Number of Cars Queued Outside of our Parking Lot During Afternoon Carline
- Staffing Needs
- Speed of Release (Woohoo, who would not want this improved?!)

Some of you may have noticed some changes to afternoon carline the last couple of days. For our early arrivals, the changes to procedures have been more obvious, to those that arrive later, it may simply have been the case that you noticed carline was wrapping up more quickly than usual (a good sign we hope!). Several were curious about the changes and asked if a communication had been missed, and the answer is a deliberate no. We began a “soft-launch” of a new tool to help us address the areas listed above. It was our intent to introduce the coming changes a little at a time to avoid an abrupt change to a process that had been established and working well for several weeks, observe how the changes might affect our release, identify best practices, and avert a potentially major disruption to our families and staff during afternoon carline. We will continue to modify carline incrementally through the end of this week as we slowly evaluate our system and acclimate our students, parents, and staff to the new procedure, but upon return to school after Fall Break we will implement the new procedures as fully as possible. Please see the link below for complete details, and while reviewing the new process please consider the “Flexibility” Key of Excellence as we work through any failures in our effort to grow and improve! Thank you for your support and have a restful Fall Break!

<http://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CarlineUpdate.pdf>

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# Save the Dates:

**Parent Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for November 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. You may sign up for conferences with as many teachers as you wish. Just follow this link:

[East Campus Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

**Picture Day Retakes** are scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am.

## Attendance

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

[attendance-EAST@monumentacademy.net](mailto:attendance-EAST@monumentacademy.net)

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

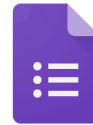
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Look under Prearranged Absence on page 10. The Extended Absence Form is now in the Appendices on page 51. Discretionary absences of 4 or more days need to be approved by the Principal to be marked as excused absences.

## 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!

## NWEA Assessments

Results for students that have completed Fall NWEA MAP Growth assessments have been delivered to D-38 and should be uploaded into the "Reports Center" of Infinite Campus soon. Once delivered, the process for accessing these results can be found at the following link:

[http://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NWEAResultsOnline\\_ParentInstructions.pdf](http://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NWEAResultsOnline_ParentInstructions.pdf)

Please note that the orange bar references a legend that suggests it represents "District Grade Level Mean RIT" results. MA does not have access to district results, so the results that you see are MA average results as we essentially serve as our own "district" for purposes of administering NWEA MAP Growth assessments. Please contact Mr. Venticinque, [mventicinque@monumentacademy.net](mailto:mventicinque@monumentacademy.net), if you have any questions.

# ATHLETIC NEWS

The Monument Academy Cross Country team wrapped up their season with our annual MA Invitational Meet at Dirty Woman Park. The meet had a different feel this year as we weren't able to allow spectators due to restrictions imposed by local governing bodies, but the weather was nice, the changing trees pretty, and the addition of the "creek jump" was enjoyed by all participants, go Aine!

Both our boys and girls won their races, which is not surprising from the 2020-2021 CCAL Cross Country Champions! In the boys' race Andrew, Jake, Weston and Chase all finished in the top ten, and in the girls' race Anna, Emily and Sienna did the same!

The team just concluded their end-of-season banquet and we are happy to report that we were able to successfully navigate a slightly modified, but fulfilling season regardless of restrictions imposed by local authorities in consideration of Covid-19. This leaves me optimistic that we will have similar luck with the rest of our programs later in the school year. Thank you to all for making this a successful season for our student-athletes!



<b>CCAL Program:</b>	<b>2020-2021 Season Dates:</b>	<b>More Information:</b>
Basketball – Boys	January 4th – February 1st	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Basketball – Girls	February 2nd – March 1st	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Cheerleading	January 4th – April 30th	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Chess	Not Yet Scheduled	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Cross Country	August 10th – September 25th Post CCAL Meets for “A” Runners Until State in Mid-Oct	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Football	March 29th – May 8th	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Matchwits	Not Yet Scheduled	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
Soccer – Girls	May 3rd – May 26th	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Track and Field	April 26th – May 29th (Optional Workouts Begin Late Feb)	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Volleyball – Girls	April 5th – April 30th	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

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.

## East PTO



# Thank You!

...TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED TO  
HELP US KEEP TREATING OUR TEACHERS!

The MA East PTO was able to hand out goodie  
bags to the teachers last week because of  
donations so generously given.

### DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY:

- PAYPAL (PAYPAL.ME/MAEASTPTO)
- DIRECT CHECKS (MADE OUT TO 'MA EAST PTO')
- SPIRITWEAR (WWW.LYNXLIFEATMAEAST.THREADLESS.COM)
- KING SOOPERS CARD



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If you have questions, please  
contact:  
maeastptopresident@gmail.com



# Exterior Work~In~Progress

- **Basketball Hoops** are installed, and students are using them in PE!
- Grass has been seeded too.

We have got one big outdoor piece up and operational for everyone. Students are really loving it, 35 x 70 yards of real turf field. This is a great addition for not only PE but also recess and athletics (a very usable practice space for all our outdoor teams). A soccer/football goal is coming soon, high jump/long jump/pole vault, and to the east of the turf, our MoveStrong (think big kid playground) will be going in within the next few weeks. We will also be working on a volleyball court too.



# MA LIBRARY NEWS

**East Campus** 6-9 students use their Canvas username and passwords

Student and staff accounts are completed in Destiny Discover. Students, please log in using your Google or Canvas username and password to place library books on hold, books will be delivered to your classroom! Remember, we can only give you as many books as your account allows. Be sure to return library materials as soon as you have finished.

To log into MA Library Destiny (<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/58483>), students are to use their Google or Canvas login (WITHOUT @monumentacademy.net) and their password.

Example: (if student's name is Flying Squirrel)

LOGIN: FlyingSquirrel

PASSWORD: \*\*\*\*\*

Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Kuo and Mrs. Lamb look forward to sharing a ton of great books with you.

We encourage you to email Mrs. Collier at [kcollier@monumentacademy.net](mailto:kcollier@monumentacademy.net) with questions about reading, the library, Destiny Discover, Library Canvas page, Library Google Classrooms and Library user accounts!

Scholastic Book Fairs are coming to MA! Buy gifts for teachers, friends, and families during the fair and you'll make everyone happy!

**West Campus dates: *Online fair Oct. 21 – Nov. 3*    *On Location: Oct. 26 – Nov. 3***

Parents, please use **eWALLET for bookfair purchases**. It's so safe, easy and convenient!!

[https://players.brightcove.net/1543299976/Eyj59PHsg\\_default/index.html?videoId=5831064261001](https://players.brightcove.net/1543299976/Eyj59PHsg_default/index.html?videoId=5831064261001)

Follow this link to find more important Book fair info and online shopping!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy>

Orders online of \$25+ ship for free to your home!

- There is a quarantining process when Library books come back. It is not out during the school, but instead classrooms have special bins for books. The Library team will deliver library books to the bins and pick up any that were not returned in the morning. Bins are cleaned and sanitized every time. Returned books are quarantined for minimum 5 days.