

LYNX NEWS



Remember our Veterans

East Campus Edition – November 11, 2020

Greetings to our Monument Academy Community,

I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our Veterans a happy and blessed Veterans Day and to thank you for your service and the sacrifices you made to faithfully and honorably serve our country.

When I thought about the words I wanted to share with our community to mark this day, I thought about Monument Academy's Veterans Day celebration a year ago. This celebration marked my first week of being hired in and joining MA and the vibrant, courageous community of people I have found here. I spoke to you for the first time since my appointment at this event and I would like to share this speech with you again and have enclosed it below. As I sit in my office hearing the notes our students are so talented playing in band class, and as the music dances through our hallways and offices, I find the words and the hopes for our children and this next generation spoken in this speech a year ago today, especially poignant. Our students bring hope and optimism each day they step through our doors and I am grateful to you and for you, and for our team of educators and staff who care so deeply for your children and for ensuring they receive an education that will serve them well and be a light unto our world.

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"Good morning Monument Academy Community and good morning to our Veterans,

This month marks a significant time for all Americans, —Election Day illustrates to our children how the U.S. Constitution works and Veterans Day permits us to honor the military men and women comprising this nation's active duty, reserve, and retired veterans. I am greatly honored to participate in Monument Academy's Veterans Day Celebration this morning and I thank the veterans in our community for their service. My husband and father are both retired military aviators and my brother has served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, therefore, Veterans Day will always have a special place in my heart. I have witnessed the true sacrifice our veterans' service to country

demands and am humbled and honored at the courage and heroism they demonstrate daily. Thank you, we in no small measure owe our freedom to all veterans in the past and those who are actively serving.

This also marks a significant week as I am greatly honored to have been selected to serve as the newly appointed Chief Operations Officer. I am proud to partner with our students, educators, families, and community to ensure we achieve Monument Academy's mission. This mission is to provide an education that will produce students who learn from the past, value the present, and are equipped for the future. I am deeply committed to this charge and excited to learn more about how this mission is being exemplified in Monument Academy and how it has impacted students for life and prosperity for the past two decades.

Our students face unique challenges; every generation of teens is influenced by the social, political, and economic events of the day. Our teens are no different. Yet, there seems to be a persistent attack on our children that goes beyond a true concern for the lasting impact of social media and mobile technology on a generation of children who do not remember a time before Instagram or the internet. I find that as an educator, it has become increasingly important to be diligent in safeguarding our students from controversial and ineffective methods that have infiltrated public education. I am most concerned about methods that are destructive to creativity, hope, and freedom of the human spirit. I am a leader dedicated to educating well and protecting our students. I will work with the appropriate experts, our capable leadership and staff, and the community to ensure that these destructive elements do not enter into and erode Monument Academy's educational programs. I will go to battle for your children and at times I will ask you to join me as we fight to ensure our students receive the best possible education so that our children might inherit a better world.

I have accepted the position as Chief Operations Officer at a time of program growth and have accepted the charge of working to strengthen the current program and to establish an upper school that will fulfill the powerful work started with MA's students from pre-school through eighth grades. This is a great and providential time to be part of the Monument Academy community and I fully embrace this opportunity to lead and to serve in an honorable fashion, holding integrity and transparency as my top priority.

This room is filled with leaders who demonstrate this kind of honorable leadership. LEADERSHIP as defined by Webster's Dictionary 1. Serving as a model 2. worthy of imitation, commendable

"Great leadership is humble. It strives to "be care takers of others under your care, serving as overseers not because you must, but because you are willing: not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not in love with power, but being an example."

Today we are defining great leadership as those who are willing to sacrifice for others. Today we honor those who have been willing to make the greatest of sacrifices to safeguard and save the lives of others.

I would like to share the following account of December 19, 1777:

George Washington marched into Valley Forge after several defeats, and moral was at the lowest point, America might have conceded defeat except for one man, General George Washington. One man held out against tyranny. One man defended freedom. One man saved what was to become our great nation.

And, like a single spark in the night, one man spread the fires of freedom across the world. I am not just telling you about George Washington because this is a school. I am telling you about George Washington because this is a school that honors the past so that we might be informed in our future. I mention our forefather because had he given up when things looked impossibly difficult, this country would be a very different place. Typically, when people discuss heroes, they imagine comic books, or action movies with larger than life superheroes with superpowers. But the heroes I am talking about today, these inextinguishable catalysts of light, these ordinary human beings like George Washington exist around us. They fill this room today, and we thank and honor you, for the undeniable sacrifice you have made, for the courage to make our world brighter.

Thank you, we are grateful.”



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Free Dress Tomorrow!

First Thursday of the Month, Free Dress Day!

Please follow **Dress Code for Non-Uniform Days**

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

Picture Day Retakes

November 17th from 8-10am. At-Home Learners welcome also!

Harvest of Love Food Drive, Nov 2~12

Each year Monument Academy participates in this food drive as it offers us a chance to give back to our community. Please take this opportunity to give big! NJHS is sponsoring this drive here at East Campus. Raffles of incredible prizes will be offered as incentives for donations. Please consider giving a cash donation or gift cards. Checks should be made out to **Tri-Lakes Cares**.

Thank you for your incredible generosity!!

ATHLETIC NEWS

CCAL Program: **2020-2021 Season Dates:** **More Information:**

Basketball – Boys January 4th – February 1st [Click Here](#)

Basketball – Girls February 2nd – March 1st [Click here](#)

Cheerleading January 4th – April 30th [Click Here](#)

Chess Not Yet Scheduled [Click Here](#)

Cross Country August 10th – September 25th
Post CCAL Meets for “A” Runners Until State in Mid-Oct [Click Here](#)

Football March 29th – May 8th [Click Here](#)

Matchwits Not Yet Scheduled [Click Here](#)

Soccer – Girls May 3rd – May 26th [Click here](#)

Track and Field April 26th – May 29th (Optional Workouts Begin Late Feb) [Click here](#)

Volleyball – Girls April 5th – April 30th [Click Here](#)

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.

 Please consider donating to help us do more for our teachers.
[paypal.me/MAEastPTO](https://www.paypal.me/MAEastPTO)

Here are some of the teachers that were recognized at the tree dedication ceremony. We appreciate all of you!

 Thanks to First National Bank's generous donation, we were able to have pavers made for all of the teachers.

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Teacher Tree Dedication



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

MA LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair Online only!!

Online: Nov 16 – Nov 29

- Same **exclusive titles** as your in-school Book Fair
- Orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25
- All purchases benefit your school, earning **25% in rewards**

Online orders of \$25 or more ship **for free to the shipping address** if you select books only. If you add supplies, then shipping costs apply. Orders are not shipped to the school.

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

Our school's Book Fair has gone online! Discover new books sure to keep kids reading. Every purchase supports our school. Shop now! Buy gifts for teachers, friends, and families during the fair and you'll make everyone happy!

<https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/online-shopping-flipbook/online-shopping-flipbook.html>

For more Book Fair news, plus a fantastic selection of books and start an order, go to <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacadsecondaryschool>

Keep kids reading. Support our school. Our Online Book Fair helps you do both. Check it out!



We Need Your Help

With the challenges of fundraising for the PTO due to Covid-19, we need your help.



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.



You can drop off checks at the front desk made out to 'MA East PTO'

OR

paypal.me/MAEastPTO



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For questions or more information on where the money goes, please contact Tanja at: maeastptopresident@gmail.com