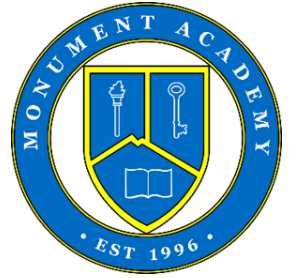


LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition – November 18, 2020

Thanksgiving Break – November 23~27

Dear East Campus Community,

This week was another week to practice the Key of Flexibility! An eighth-grade teacher, Mr. Brown, shared this mental image with me last week, “I have a feeling we are all going to be super bendy after this week is over. Hopefully not in the rubber band sense of the word like being ready to snap, but more in the ballerina sense of the word!” I do believe we are all nurturing that inner ballerina.

At Monument Academy, our vision begins with this statement, “Monument Academy exists to educate all students in the journey of becoming well-rounded, flourishing individuals. Passion and engagement permeate our school community and instill a joy for life and learning.” Along with acquiring knowledge and skills, we nurture the belief that life is a journey of growth as a human being. Learning to learn, learning to enjoy learning, and learning how to live a flourishing life are essential goals at Monument Academy.

We explicitly teach the foundations leading to a flourishing life through our character program, The 8 Keys of Excellence. Through discussions in classrooms, activities in Peak Time, non-verbal hand motion reminders, and discipline conversations, we continually teach and encourage our students to keep these ideas in mind:

Integrity:

- Match behavior with values.
- Demonstrate your positive personal values in all you do and say.
- Be sincere and real.

Failure Leads to Success:

- Learn from mistakes.

- View failures as feedback that provides you with the information you need to learn, grow, and succeed.

Speak with Good Purpose:

- Speak honestly and kindly.
- Think before you speak.
- Make sure your intention is positive, and your words are sincere.
- What we say to others and ourselves can have a huge impact.

This Is It!:

- Make the most of every moment.
- Focus your attention on the present moment.
- Keep a positive attitude.

Commitment:

- Make your dreams happen.
- Take positive action.
- Follow your vision without wavering.

Ownership:

- Take responsibility for actions.
- Be responsible for your thoughts, feelings, words, and actions.
- Own the choices you make and the results that follow.

Flexibility:

- Be willing to do things differently.
- Respond to change or new situations in ways that move you forward.

Balance:

- Live your best life.
- Make time for the people/things/activities that are important to you.

Yesterday, I posted a survey for our students to share their ideas on how they succeed when they must learn from home. I structured the entire survey around the 8 Keys of Excellence. I am blown away by the responses I have received! I did not make it mandatory, but students are still submitting their heart-felt answers to how they succeed in the remote-learning environment. The honesty and earnestness in their reflections are touching my very soul. I plan to create a reference document of student tips for “how to succeed at remote learning” that students can access on our website.

As we look forward to Thanksgiving next week, my heart and mind embrace everything for which I am grateful. My Monument Academy family is one of these things.

Thank you for your partnership. Your children are amazing people, and we are so very fortunate to be a part of your lives.

With sincere gratitude,

Julie Seymour, Principal East Campus

Yearbook Photos

If your student has missed the two picture days at MA, please upload a photo for the yearbook before December 1st.

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.

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

Thank you, Melissa Johnson



Sources of Strength (SoS) Update:

As of Tuesday, November 17th, Sources of Strength (SoS) overview has been pushed to all student's Canvas home page! If they have questions or interests about becoming a Peer Leader in SoS I encourage them to reach out to their teachers or myself.

A time to reflect:

As we move into the holiday season, it gives us the opportunity to stop and reflect the good and challenging times 2020 has brought to us all. I am encouraging all of us to focus on the positives that 2020 has brought to our lives. These positives probably look differently from person to person, even within families. Take the opportunity next week to connect with your family and/or important people in your lives by reflecting and discussing the positives of 2020, sharing happy memories, and ideas of ending the year on a positive note. Then when we are feeling like these changing times are getting the best of us, remember and focus on the positives!

Remember what 'you' have control over is only 'you', your thoughts and how you act on them.

I am always here for the students, as well as their families.

Carrie Howarth, LSW,SS



Schedule changes for second semester:

The window for changing second semester schedules will be November 30th- December 11th. Schedule change request forms will be located in envelopes on the 1st floor and 2nd floor Academic Wings. Students must have all signatures from teachers and parents before requests are considered. No requests will be accepted after this time.

Amy Zarkovacki
Monument Academy Director of Admissions
719-431-8001 ext. 1017



The health team is incredibly grateful for all our MA families and the partnership we have during this extremely challenging time. We want to thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and patience as we navigate the health guidelines set before us. We are also thankful for your commitment to keep our students in school as we balance the concern for the health of our staff and students. As we look forward to our return, please remember to keep your child home from school if there is any question that they may have been in contact or exposed to *COVID* during the break. In addition, please keep them home if they are experiencing any *COVID*-like symptoms. We hope and pray for the health and safety of all our Monument Academy families.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
Chelsea Pierce, BSN, RN



MA EAST PTO MEETING

When: Thursday, Nov. 19th @ 2pm

Where: Zoom Meeting

For a Zoom invite, please email
maeastptosecretary@gmail.com

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.



We would like to extend a THANK YOU to
Laura, Andrew, Susan & Elizabeth for your
support and kindness!

xo, MA East PTO

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!



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](#)

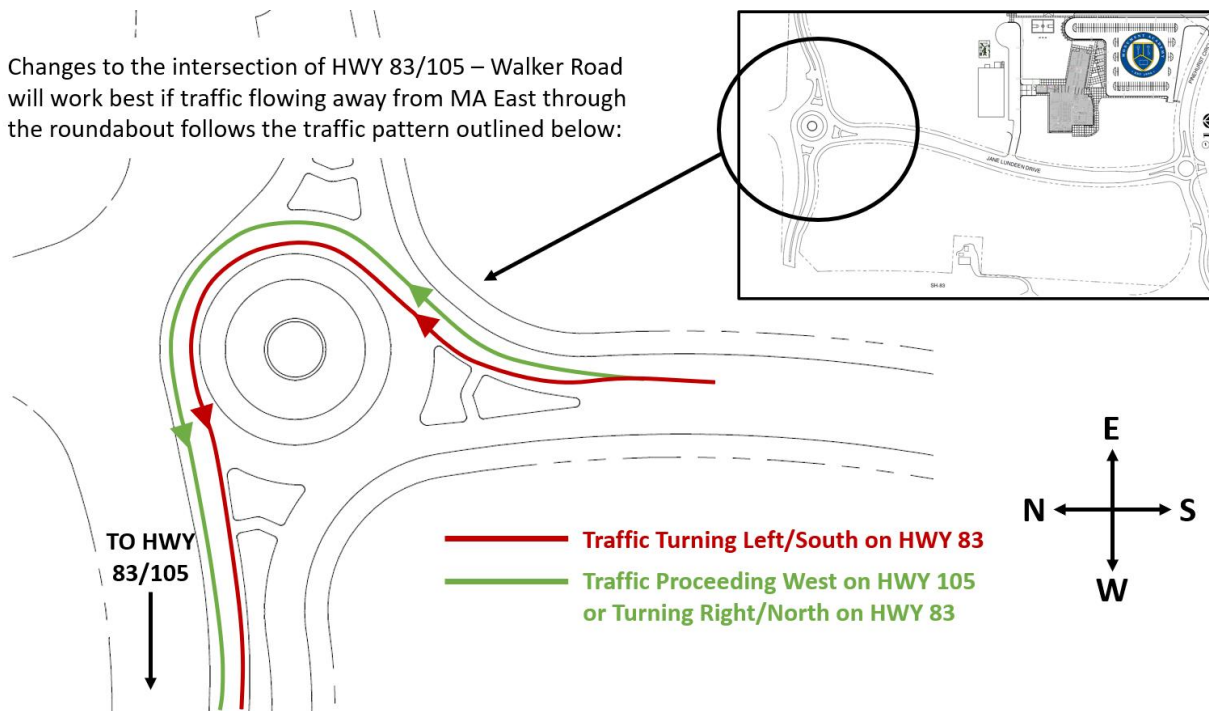
Volleyball – Girls April 5th – April 30th [Click Here](#)

Please visit our Athletic webpage for more information:

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

Traffic Flow Improvements!

Construction crews are finishing work on the intersection of Highway 83 and 105. A combination of widened roadways and restriping will allow for eastbound traffic to turn left onto Highway 83, turn right onto Highway 83, or proceed straight through the intersection to the Walker Road roundabout that provides access to the Monument Academy East Campus. Westbound traffic will choose between turning left at Highway 83 or turning right on Highway 83/proceeding straight on Highway 105. This should improve traffic flow some during student arrival and release times in the short-term. Please see the image below for suggestions to help with efficiency using the new traffic pattern.



We have been in communications with the Colorado Department of Transportation, and in the next several weeks a new controller will be installed that adds dedicated left turn signal functionality to the traffic lights at this intersection. This should provide an additional, significant improvement to traffic flow to and from our campus in coming weeks.

Finally, the new entrance to our campus for northbound traffic on Highway 83 will be opening this week. This is a right turn, entrance only traffic lane for traffic approaching our campus on Highway 83 from the south. Enjoy the improvements to our traffic flow!