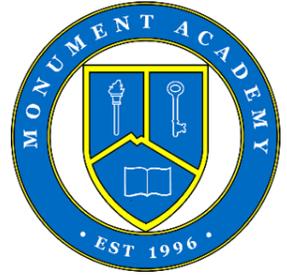


LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition – December 2, 2020

Dear East Campus Families,

I hope you had a fabulous Thanksgiving Break! We are back in session this week via remote learning and back in-person on December 7. We look forward to seeing everyone's face again soon!

Every year in December, the School Accountability Advisory Committee distributes a parent survey as a mid-year marker for how the school is doing in academics, connections, communication, atmosphere, and overall mission and vision. We use the data to identify areas of strength and areas for growth. The survey helps the Principals and Chief Operating Officer focus on continuous improvement at Monument Academy toward the most worthy goal of educating your precious children.

Last year's survey results are posted on our website under the SAAC committee tab on the Board's page. The results of the current survey will be posted there in January.

We need your help! To use the data, we need to know that it represents the majority of our families. The more families that complete the survey, the more useful the information will be! We have shortened the survey considerably. There are only nine questions, and it should take about four minutes to complete. If you have a middle school student and a high school student, you will fill out a separate survey for each school. If you have more than one student in middle school or high school, you will only fill out that survey one time.

Last year we only had a 25% participation rate, which made the information we received less actionable. We have set a goal of at least 50% participation this year and would love it if we could get even higher!

The middle school students will earn a **pajama day** if at least 125 families complete the survey. The high school students will earn a **pajama day** if at least 12 families complete the survey.

Thank you for your time and attention to this survey! I appreciate your feedback, and I am thankful for our partnership.

Middle School Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3WSXWX>

High School Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9V3CDC>

The survey will be closed at noon on Friday, December 18.

Warmest Regards,
Julie Seymour, Principal East Campus

School Social Worker Info

FREE MEALS will continue through June 2021

D38 will begin delivering free student meals at specific pick-up locations and times (listed below) beginning Tuesday, December 1.

Free meals will continue to be distributed between 11:30 - noon (or until we run out of meals), Monday-Friday, at Lewis-Palmer High School. Access this drive-through service via the north side of the building, across from practice fields. Enter off of Jackson Creek Parkway.

Free meals will also be distributed beginning Tuesday, December 1, at Lewis-Palmer Middle School between 11:30 - noon (or until we run out of meals) at the front of the building. Follow normal traffic routes.

If you have questions, contact Nutrition Services (719) 488-4726.

Beginning Tuesday, December 1, D38 busses will deliver free meals to the following locations during the 15-minute window listed:

- 11:00-11:15 Monument Meadows Mobile Home Park
- 11:10(15)-11:30: Kilmer Elementary School
- 11:20-11:35: Century Lane/Century Place bus stop
- 11:40-11:55: Palmer Lake Mobile Home park (the 795 Hwy 105 address)
- 11:50-12:10: The community park in Jackson Creek (Kitchener Way/Venison Creek Drive)
- 12:00-12:15: Grand View Mobile Home Park
- 12:20-12:35: Palmer Lake Elementary
- 12:20-12:40: Beacon Lite apartments

On snow days, no meals will be provided. Delayed start deliveries are TBD. More information available soon.

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
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Schedule changes for second semester

The window for changing second semester schedules will be November 30th- December 11th. Schedule change request forms can be found at [this link](#) and will be located in envelopes on the 1st floor and 2nd floor Academic Wings when students return next week. Due to remote learning, students do not need teacher signatures but must have parent signature in order to be considered. Forms can be returned by email to Mrs. Z at azarkovacki@monumentacademy.net . No requests will be accepted after this time.

Amy Zarkovacki
AZarkovacki@monumentacademy.net
Monument Academy Director of Admissions
719-431-8001 ext. 1017

Upcoming Events

Free Dress Thursday will be the first Thursday of in-person learning, December 10
Winter Break – December 21 through January 4
Spring Pictures, individual and panorama – February 2

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.

PTO Business Directory

Support our school and our community by doing business with the Monument Academy Family!
<http://monumentacademypto.com/business-directory>



COVID-19 Symptom Screen:

If any of the following symptoms are present, keep the child at home/stay at home, inform the school of symptoms, and reach out to a health care provider about COVID-19 testing and next steps for treatment.

- Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature 100.4°F or higher.
- New or unexplained persistent cough.
- Shortness of breath.
- Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle aches.
- Headache.
- Sore throat.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.
- Runny nose or congestion.

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.

Chelsea Pierce, BSN, RN

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Library

T-Shirt Design Contest

This is an exciting opportunity for aspiring artists as the winning design is printed on 1,000 shirts! Monument Academy students are invited (elementary/middle/high school) to submit designs for consideration for the 2020 Battle of the Books T-shirt. Submissions must include digital file of design, artist's name, grade, school, contact information (phone and email) and the BOB elementary liaison's information: Mrs. Collier, MA Librarian, kcollier@monumentacademy.net 719-481-1950 x1220

Mrs. Collier is MA's Battle of the Books (BOB) representative and acts as liaison between schools and the T-shirt committee. She can only submit 4 designs to the committee.

All designs must adhere to the following requirements:

- Submitted designs must be original illustrations and include artist's signature and 2020.
- Design **MUST** be in Black Ink. Pencil drawings do not scan well. Please consider simple, bold designs instead of those with many lines and shadows.
- Submissions must contain all 40 book titles. <https://ppbattleofthebooks.weebly.com/book-list.html>

Artists can use the book titles directly in their design or listed underneath the design.

- Design must include something to recognize the unique year with the Virtual Battle. (the April and May competitions will be virtual and not in person.)
- Design must be submitted in a digital format in Adobe Illustrator/Photoshop or other compatible software saved to a .eps, .png, or .pdf file.
- Digital design must be a transparency (when printed, T-shirt color comes through any background where no design exists, i.e. the negative space of the design).
- Designs must be submitted to no later than January 15, 2021 for final judging. *Send your design and information to Mrs. Collier before the January 15th deadline. Good luck!* Please contact Mrs. Collier with questions regarding the contest, previous t-shirt designs, etc.

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](#)

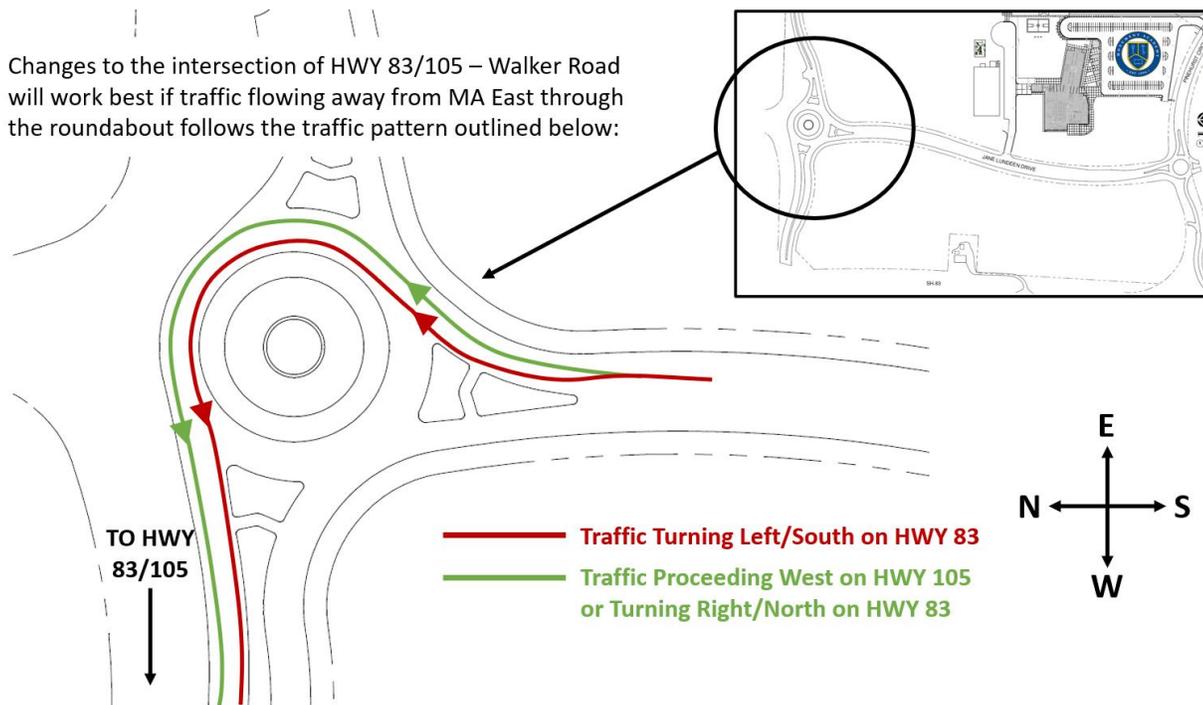
Volleyball – Girls April 5th – April 30th [Click Here](#)

Please visit our Athletic webpage for more information:

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

Traffic Flow Improvements!

Construction crews have finished 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 is open. 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!