

LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition March 10, 2021

Upcoming Events

- Spirit Wear Day – March 11
- Daylight Saving Time – March 14
- Spirit Week – March 15-18
- Freshman Dance – March 18
- End of 3rd Quarter – March 19
- Spring Break – March 22-26

Athletics

The CCAL Girls Basketball teams had a great start winning big against both Atlas Prep and Thomas MacLaren. Games this week have been postponed due to quarantines and we are still working to reschedule events with the weather looking iffy over the next week. The team feels good about their chances and they're looking forward to getting back to work as soon as possible. Hang in there ladies!

Voluntary workouts for the CCAL Football team will continue occur on Thursdays and Fridays through the month of March, weather permitting. Workouts will occur on the East Campus turf field should the weather allow, or in the gym if not. The team website has more information regarding voluntary workouts and the season, although the game schedule is likely to change some yet. Please visit the team website at the link below:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/ccal-programs/ma-football/>

Voluntary workouts for the Girls Volleyball team are underway after school in the MA East Gym Monday through Thursday during the month of March. Please see the team website at the link below for more information:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/athletics/ccal-programs/ma-volleyball/>

Coaching Help Needed!

We could use another Assistant Coach for our Football team. If you are, or know of anyone that would be interested in helping this spring, please contact the Athletic Director at athletics@monumentacademy.net Thank You!

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessments

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) is currently planning to have schools administer CMAS/CoAlt assessments this spring in the subject areas of math, reading, and science. CMAS social studies will not be administered this year. We do know that there will not be an option for completing assessments remotely. This means that any students completing the CMAS/CoAlt assessments must do so in-person and at school.

State legislators are working on a last-minute bill that would impact which grade levels complete certain assessments and may yet remove science from the suite of assessments offered. This plan does not affect PSAT offerings for our high school students and would need to be submitted to the Federal Department of Education for approval before moving forward. If approved, this plan would allow for parents of students in grade levels not being assessed in a particular subject area to opt-IN to the non-offered assessment. This puts us in a difficult position for finalizing assessment schedules with the assessment window fast approaching. We want to give our families as much lead time as possible, so we have crafted a schedule that should work regardless of possible changes to the schedule through the last-minute legislative decisions.

Here is a schedule for when state standardized assessments (CMAS/CoAlt - PSAT) will be administered at each of the Monument Academy campuses.

West Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
CMAS Science - CoAlt	5 th Only	Thu 4/22
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th	Tue 4/27 & Wed 4/28
All students, whether completing the assessments or not, will attend school at MA West normally on these days.		

East Campus		
Assessment	Grade Level(s) Assessed	Date of Assessment
PSAT - CoAlt	9 th Only	Wed 4/14
CMAS Science - CoAlt	8 th Only	Wed 4/21
CMAS ELA/Math - CoAlt	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th	Fri 4/23 & Fri 4/30
All students will attend school at MA East normally on 4/14 and 4/21. Only those students completing CMAS/CoAlt assessments will come to MA East on Friday 4/23 and Friday 4/30. Students completing assessments on Fridays should arrive at 7:50 AM as would occur any other day of the week, but dismissal times will likely be modified. An exact schedule for Friday assessments (including lunch options) will be provided soon.		

PLEASE have students that are completing assessments in school and on-time. Please avoid scheduling appointments on their scheduled assessment days. When the school has to “make-up” state standardized assessments for students who are late or must leave during the assessments we have no choice but to significantly interrupt their regular instructional time. Thank you.

2021 Colorado State Standardized Assessment Refusals

We expect that some families may choose to refuse allowing their students to complete CMAS/CoAlt assessments this year due to concerns about COVID-19. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has asked us to include an option for specifying COVID-19 as a reason for refusal to our normal refusal process. Monument Academy accepts online refusals only per board policy 1525 found at the link below:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/1525-State-Assessments-Refusal-Policy-2-8-18.pdf>

If you plan to refuse allowing your students to participate in standardized assessments this spring, regardless of the reason, please complete the applicable online refusal found at the link below so that Monument Academy may comply with CDE requirements and avoid negative consequences to our school. Thank you.

Refusal for CMAS/CoAlt Assessments

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/monument-academy-state-standardized-assessment-refusal-2020-2021>

Refusal for the PSAT Assessment (9th Grade ONLY)

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-2/monument-academy-psat-sat-high-school-state-standardized-assessment-refusal-2020-2021>

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Spirit Week

March 15 (Monday - Thursday) March 18



Monday: Comfy Sweater

Tuesday: 90s



Wednesday: School Spirit
Black, White & Blue

Thursday: Sports &
Athletics



WE ♥ OUR TEACHERS!



Here are some samples of the "Thank You's" that were given to the Teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

They are wonderful additions to their rooms!
Your kids did such a nice job!



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EAST PTO

JOIN THE MA EAST PTO!

We are looking for Volunteers to join the MA East PTO Board for School Year 2021-2022.

We'd love to tell you what we do and how we make a difference.

If you are interested, please contact Tanja at
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