

# LYNX NEWS

## East Campus Edition

### August 12, 2021



Dear Monument Academy Families,

We are busy preparing for your students to be in our hallways! There is so much planned and organized this time of year, and it is all done with anticipation of new and renewed connections. Supplies have been purchased, rooms are being set up, and yesterday we welcomed all staff back into the building to prepare for the start of the 2021-22 school year.

With tears and lots of hugs, we honored Principal Richardson's memory as we gathered together for the first time as an entire staff at West Campus. Mr. R is greatly missed! To give our MA families a similar opportunity for remembrance and honor as we start the school year, we are planning an informal gathering next week on the turf field. We will send more details soon. His family has shared with us that services will be scheduled for a time in the future. We love and miss Mr. R! His dedication to our MA community is part of his legacy.

This Lynx News edition will provide lots of information about many start-of-year procedures and events. Please carefully read information about carline, Meet and Greet, and Orientation Day so you and your student can feel prepared for an excellent start.

We are excited to begin our year as normally as possible. Students and teachers have the option to wear masks as we continue to practice handwashing and sanitizing to keep our environment safe. A positive and supportive environment is our expectation for all students and staff. Please continue to monitor your students' health and keep them home if they are not feeling well. If we experience confirmed positive cases of COVID, we will follow contact tracing procedures for quarantine in alignment with El Paso County Health requirements. Students can access recorded lessons for their Core classes for prolonged student absences due to illness or quarantine.

We look forward to a fantastic year. Thank you for choosing Monument Academy!

Warm Regards,  
Julie Seymour  
Principal, East Campus

# 2021-2022 Parent/Student East Campus Back-To-School Events

Please pay fees, online or in the business office, by **August 11<sup>th</sup>** and bring a printed receipt to Meet and Greet. To pay online, visit <http://www.monumentacademy.net/parent-info/online-payments/>. If you have questions or concerns about paying school fees, please contact Julie Shook at 719-431-8001 x1010 or [jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net).

## **Monday, August 16: 6-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Meet & Greet- Free dress for students**

Please make every effort to attend Meet and Greet during your scheduled time to help minimize wait times.

8:00 am – 12:00 pm      6th and 7th Grade

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm      8th, 9th, 10th Grade

**Please bring student's schedule (printed from Reports on Infinite Campus), receipt or print-out that shows proof of fee payment (Fees tab in Infinite Campus or PayPal email receipt), and a printout of email confirmation that IC information update has been completed.**

**Please look over the iPad agreement with your student and fill out the [iPad agreement form](#).**

Parents and students are invited to

- “Walk” schedule and meet teachers
- Pick up pre-ordered EduKits
- Pick up carline tag
- Choose locker and unpack supplies (personal lock optional)
- Pick up iLicense and iPad (only if fees have been paid)
- Shop Peak shirts and Spirit Wear at PTO table

## **Tuesday, August 17: East Campus Orientation for all grades 6-10**

### **Middle School students in uniform**

7:30-7:50 am      All student grades 6-10 drop off (normal carline procedures– [Link Here](#))

12:30 pm      Pick up for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9th, and 10th grade students **not** new to MA (normal carline procedures)

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm      New Students and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade lunch in MPR (pizza and water provided)

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm      I-License Training for New Students and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

3:30 pm      Pick up for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and students new to MA (normal carline procedures- [Link Here](#))

## **Wednesday, August 18: First Day of School for all students**

### **Middle School students in uniform**

8:00-8:45      **Welcome to Middle School! Sixth-Grade Parent Welcome in the outdoor Fine Arts Pavilion**

**Friday, August 20: Half Day Friday** – Peak Competitions! Wear Peak shirts or Peak colors (if purchased) to represent your Peak. May the odds be ever in your favor!

School Year Calendar ~ [Here](#)

# Monument Academy is HIRING!

For more information:

<https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/employment/>



## From the Registrar

### **Class Placements and Student Schedules:**

Secondary student schedules are available to view in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you do not yet have access to the Parent Portal, you may sign up for an account by clicking on the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-ASFyBgTZGDCj6DMCjJVHnrvZbmxnvyI7xjVu\\_RunTBg6CQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-ASFyBgTZGDCj6DMCjJVHnrvZbmxnvyI7xjVu_RunTBg6CQ/viewform)

### **MS/HS Schedule Changes:**

We understand that your student may wish to change classes. Students may submit a request to change classes beginning August **17<sup>th</sup>** and through August **31<sup>st</sup>**. Forms to change classes are available on the MA website [Link](#) and the East Campus Front Office.

Schedules will be changed according to the following priorities:

- 1) Student has a “hole” in their schedule for first semester
- 2) Student has been placed in the incorrect CORE class. ( ie: Math, English, History, and Science)
- 3) Student is missing a requirement ( ie: PE, music, or Art for MS only)
- 4) Student did not receive any of their first choice OR alternate electives.
- 5) Student wishes to change elective requests

### **Amy Zarkovacki**

Monument Academy Director of Admissions  
719-431-8001 ext. 1012

## Uniform Policies

### **Approved Vendors:**

French Toast:

[www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com)

Code: QS5QVJI

Educational Outfitters

[www.educationaloutfitters.com](http://www.educationaloutfitters.com)

Code: CO01086

Land's End

[www.landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)

Code: 900030560

[Middle School Uniform Policy](#)

[High School Dress Code](#)

# From The Nurse – April Janzen

I'm so excited to be joining Monument Academy full time this year and help to care for the health and safety of your children. I worked part time last year alongside nurse Chelsea, and I'm so grateful for the year of learning I had with her. Just a quick background, I have been a Registered Nurse for 17 years. With most of them in hospital bedside nursing on medical/surgical, cardiac and orthopedic floors. I have 4 kids, 3 at MA and one at Lewis Palmer High School this year. This is our 9th year at Monument Academy. Like all of you, I am so ready for a "normal" school year and am hopeful we will get there. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns ([ajanzen@monumentacademy.net](mailto:ajanzen@monumentacademy.net)) and I will do my best to help. I am looking forward to this new adventure!



## From Student Council

Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Graders – if you are interested in joining student council for the 2021-2022 school year, pick up an application from your Peak teacher during 8<sup>th</sup> period. Applications are due by August 30<sup>th</sup>, so don't wait!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Camp Shady Brook

**Camp Shady Brook:** September 15-17, 2021

**Cost:** \$185

Every September, Monument Academy takes the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to an outdoor education camp. This year we are again attending Camp Shady Brook in Deckers, CO. It is a wonderful opportunity for our new middle school students to get to know one another and their teachers and to extend personal limits. Students will work together with team members as they complete activities in high and low ropes courses, canoeing, survival games, rock wall climbing, group initiative challenges, and orienteering. Identifying and practicing Character First is a focus throughout all activities.

Camp Shady Brook is bound to be an unforgettable experience for your sixth grader!

**Registration will open on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.** Look for an email with further details.

## Athletics

Welcome back! MA Athletics program has already started. The first Football game is scheduled for Aug 18th. Volleyball and Boys Soccer have their first games scheduled the week of Aug 23. Please go to the MA Athletics website for details.

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

# From the Front Office

If your child will need a consistent Early Release or a Walker Pass for the coming school year, please use this link to find both items: <https://www.monumentacademy.net/secondary-school/> These will be requested electronically this year and then Walker Passes will be delivered to your student in class. Early Releases will be added to our list and begin on the date requested. Absences during 8<sup>th</sup> period do Not count against Perfect Attendance.

## Business Office

Thank you to the MA families that have submitted academic fees for the 2021-22 school year. These fees help Monument Academy provide excellent resources for your children.

The annual required student fees are as follows:

\$100 Preschool

\$125 Kindergarten

\$175 Grades 1-5

\$285 Grades 6-10 (includes iPad fee)

Please check your student's account using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Please visit [www.monumentacademy.net](http://www.monumentacademy.net) to sign up for an account if you have not already done so. Payments are usually posted within a week. However, during the month of August, it may take longer. Thank you for your patience as we are enrolling new families and delivering curriculum to classrooms.

### **Payment options at Monument Academy:**

#### **For Tuition, Fees and EPDs:**

- Credit card - contact [jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net)
- Online Payments - visit <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/online-payments>
- Checks – made payable to Monument Academy (drop box at front office)

**Monument Academy does not accept payments through Infinite Campus or on the PaySchools app.**

**Financial Assistance:** If you need assistance with fees please complete an application at: [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#)

Contact Julie Shook at (719) 431-8001 x 1010 or Rachel Walsh at 481-1950 ext. 1709  
[jshook@monumentacademy.net](mailto:jshook@monumentacademy.net) or [rwalsh@monumentacademy.net](mailto:rwalsh@monumentacademy.net)

# From D-38 Lunch Services:

At the beginning of the school day, students need to order their lunches accurately so there is enough food to serve everyone. Under the current USDA lunch program, which is providing free lunches to all students this year, the portion sizes are the same for all grades. Students may ask for seconds of the entree **at a cost of \$1.85, even if the student qualifies for free or reduced lunch.** Due to *COVID* restrictions, the salad bar is located inside the kitchen, but students can request extra portions of fruits and vegetables from the lunchroom staff at no extra charge.

Please review your child's lunchroom balance which can be found in *Infinite Campus* under the *Food Service* tab. Payments can be made at the front desk by check payable to LPHLP (Lewis-Palmer Hot Lunch Program) or by using the *MySchoolBucks* app. More information is available at: <https://www.monumentacademy.net/quick-links/lunch-program/>. If you have any questions, please contact D38 Nutrition Services, (719) 488-4726.

# From the Librarian

## **Requesting Library Books Through Holds**

Student and staff accounts are completed in Destiny Discover! Login to Destiny at this website <https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/58483> using your Google/Canvas username (WITHOUT @monumentacademy.net) and password to place library books on hold. Books will be delivered to your classroom!

Kelly Collier

KCollier@monumentacademy.net

# MA East PTO

**Where:**  
Monument  
Academy  
East



**When:**  
Friday  
Sept. 24



Imagine our students in a 3-hour amazing race around our East Campus. They will have to prove themselves using mental skills, physical fitness and teamwork. They will compete in a knowledge bowl, ninja obstacle course, multiple physical challenges and finish with a campus-wide scavenger hunt.

Your donation will be considered their "entry ticket" to this awesome event. There will be multiple prizes for certain amounts of donations.





This year we are raising funds to support teacher appreciation events, a pathway with seating and shade structures, a gaga ball pit and a volleyball area.



**Whick PEAK will win?**

If you have questions:  
maeastptopresident@gmail.com




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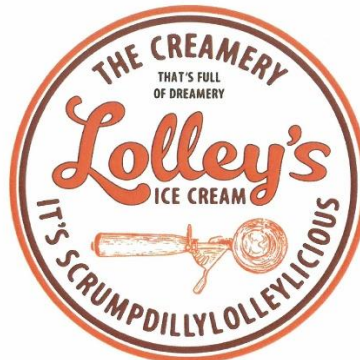
## HEY 7th GRADE FAMILIES!



Every quarter the MA East PTO will be helping to stock the TeachersLounge with goodies and things needed for teacher luncheons.

The first quarter we are asking the families of 7th grade students to donate if you can.  
Thank you in advance for your help!





*School is Back!*



**TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 17TH**

[ANYTIME THEY ARE OPEN THAT DAY!]



**10% OF ALL PROCEEDS WILL  
GO TO MONUMENT ACADEMY  
EAST PTO.**



<p><b>LOCATION:</b> 175 2ND STREET MONUMENT, CO</p>	<p><b>HOURS:</b> M: CLOSED T-TH: 11AM-8PM F-SAT: 11AM-9PM SUN: 12-8PM</p>
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