

LYNX NEWS

East Campus Edition

September 29, 2021



Dear Monument Academy East Families,

We are approaching the end of the First quarter. It is hard to believe we are already at this place in the school year! The official date for the end of the quarter is October 8. I wish to remind you that our middle school is on a quarter system, while our high school is on a semester system. Therefore, middle school students will have a first-quarter report card posted in Infinite Campus after the quarter, and high school students will not have that report until the end of the first semester in December. In-progress grades are always available in your student's Canvas account for each course they are taking.

Parent-Teacher conferences will happen on October 13 and 14. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you! Please look for the sign-up link in this Lynx News. Fall Break begins after conferences on October 15-18. I wish your family relaxation and togetherness!

The end of the first quarter is also a great time to review the positive ways we communicate with each other in our partnership at Monument Academy. The following is posted on our website and can also be found in our Parent/Student Handbook. Because we all live busy lives, I include it here for your convenience. I appreciate you!

Julie Seymour
Principal, East Campus

Partnership

Monument Academy is committed to creating strong family-school partnerships.

Our [Monument Academy Board](#) is comprised of Parents at Monument Academy. Board meetings are typically scheduled on the second Thursday of every month and agendas are posted in our main entrance window at 1150 Village Ridge Pt., Monument, CO. Minutes of Board meetings are posted under the Board tab on our website after formal approval by the Board.

Parents also serve on our [School Accountability Advisory Committee](#). This committee is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Monument Academy School Board in the areas of academics, budgets, and safety based on the interpretations of various sets of internal and external data. The committee also advises the Principals in the development of the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP).

Teachers, Principals, and a Board Member serve on Monument Academy’s Curriculum Committee. Parents are encouraged to meet with school Principals when questions concerning curriculum arise.

Parents may choose to serve on our [Parent Teacher Organization](#). The PTO has worked in concert with the administration, teachers, and staff to enhance every aspect of the school in recent years. The PTO plans a Fun Run, a Reserved Parking Spot Auction, Friday Snack Program, School Supply EduKits, Summer Workbooks, Spirit Wear Store, Used Uniform Swaps, Restaurant Nights and Box Tops. The PTO also supports teachers through our Room Parent program, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Staff Appreciation Luncheons.

Parents also [volunteer](#) within the school in various capacities. Monument Academy requests our parents volunteer a total of 16 hours per family per semester (32 hours per school year). Hours spent outside of school (shopping, making something for an event, helping with teacher projects, etc.), count toward total hours. Please keep track of your time and submit totals in the fall and spring. We want the opportunity to recognize our outstanding volunteers! Thank you for donating your time and talents for our Monument Academy community.

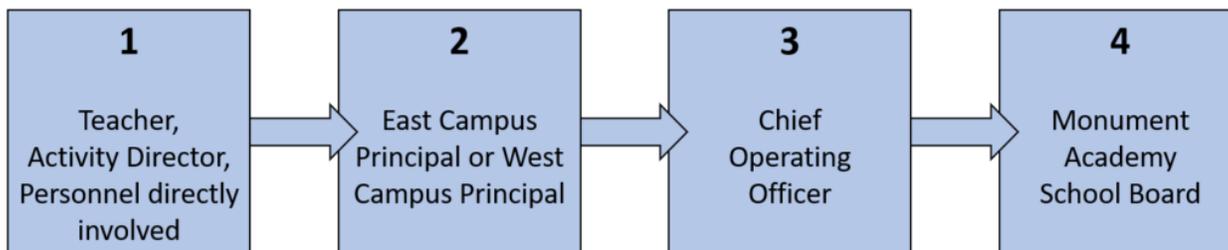
Healthy Communication

Effective communication between home and school is important for student success! Monument Academy is committed to practicing and encouraging good communication with our learning community.

A Key of Excellence that we promote at Monument Academy is Speak with Good Purpose. In discussing this key with our students, we share these ideas: “There will be times when we need to share critical thoughts. At these times, if our purpose and how we phrase our words is considered first, sharing honest and direct feedback can be very positive and powerful, and build trust. Speaking with good purpose is the cornerstone of healthy relationships. This Key fosters a positive emotional environment where people are happier, more productive, and more likely to succeed.”

It is important that as educators and parents we model these excellent communication skills.

When you would like to discuss an issue, please follow the appropriate chain of communication to find resolution:



Julie Seymour (East Campus Principal) [EMAIL](#)
Laura Barrette (West Campus Assistant Principal) [EMAIL](#)
Merlin Holmes (Chief Operating Officer) [EMAIL](#)

Communication Channels

Monument Academy communicates with our learning community in multiple ways. Reading these digital communications will provide you with the most up-to-date information.

- Weekly Lynx News-emailed on Wednesdays to all parents using Infinite Campus
- School Website www.monumentacademy.net updated with weekly [Lynx News](#), upcoming calendar events, and breaking news
- Emails and text messaging sent through Blackboard with breaking news and timely communication updates needed prior to Lynx News weekly publication

In addition, each school (elementary, middle and high) provides classroom and student grade information in the following ways:

Elementary School:

- Weekly Grade Level Team email communications
- Infinite Campus for grades in progress. You may access the IC Parent Portal at <https://campus.lewispalmer.org/campus/portal/lewispalmer.jsp>.
- Infinite Campus Reports for printable end of quarter and semester Grade Cards
- Email or call teachers at any time you have a question about what you see in Canvas or IC or anything you are concerned about.

Middle/High School:

- Canvas Home Page for each course: Weekly Snapshot that includes current units, upcoming projects/tests, and announcements.
 - Ask your student to show you the home page from their device <or>
 - Obtain your student's Canvas login information from your student and access their student account from your personal computer at <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/login/saml> <or>
 - Access your own Canvas "observer" account at <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/login/canvas>. Set up your account following the instructions at <https://www.monumentacademy.net/technology/canvas/>
- Canvas Gradebooks in each course list current assignments and in-progress grades. See access options above.
- Infinite Campus Reports for printable end of quarter and semester Grade Cards. You may access the IC Parent Portal at <https://campus.lewispalmer.org/campus/portal/lewispalmer.jsp>.
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Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 1 – Free Dress Day

MS Uniform Policy [HERE](#), last pages have non-uniform dress code

Friday, October 1 – 7th Grade – Vision/Hearing

Tuesday, October 5 – Picture Day, 8-noon

Tuesday, October 5 – Phase II Community Forum, 6:30pm

Friday, October 8 – End of 1st Quarter

Monday, October 11 - Orchestra Concert, grades 6-10

Tuesday, October 12 – Band Concert, grades 6-10

Wednesday/Thursday, October 13/14 – No School

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Friday/Monday, October 15 & 18 – No School for Fall Break

Tuesday, October 26 – Choir Concert [@West Campus](#)

Friday, October 29 – Halloween Bash

Saturday, October 30 – High School Homecoming

Lost and Found

If your student is missing any item, please direct them to looking in our Lost and Found lockers. They are in the first-floor academic wing and well labeled. These items will also be out on a table during Parent/Teacher Conferences and any items not claimed by the end of conferences will be donated to the Goodwill. Please take the time to check for your student's lost belongings.

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-ups

Conferences are on Wednesday, October 13th and Thursday, October 14.

You may sign up for conferences with as many teachers as you wish. Just follow this link:

[Conference Sign Up](#)

From HS Counselor

Hello MA High School Families!

Conferences are fast approaching, October 13th and 14th. If you are interested in signing-up for a 15-minute parent/student conference with your Counselor, Mrs. Davis, please use the link below. Topics covered will include academic standing (current overall grades and graduation tracking status), social/emotional needs/concerns, and college/career readiness. Please be sure to indicate your preferred meeting format in the location box (i.e., virtual, in-person, or by phone).

<https://calendly.com/edavis-39/hscounselorconference>

Emily Davis, MS, LSC

School Counselor

Fall NWEA MAP assessment scores are in!

Our students did an excellent job of staying focused and putting their best effort forward in the assessment. Assessment scores have been uploaded into the "Reports Center" on Infinite Campus. Directions on how to access your students' results can be found here (<https://www.monumentacademy.net/2021/09/nwea-results/>). Please note that the results you see are MA averages only and does not include District-38 results. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Principal Tamiko Thomas at TThomas@monumentacademy.net.

Order Pictures from Josten's

You will need your student's "Student Number" to authenticate your purchase, this can be found in IC (Infinite Campus). Order instructions are attached, they have a different code for Middle School and High School grades. Remember, No Green Shirts for picture day.

From the Nurse

IMPORTANT:

Hearing and Vision screenings for 7th graders is scheduled for this Friday, October 1st. PLEASE make sure students wear their glasses or contacts that day.

Please keep your sick students at home. This is just as important as it was last year. Thank you for your help in this as we want to the keep our schools open and as healthy as possible.

If your child takes a scheduled medication or any rescue medication, please bring it to the health office as well as documentation with doctor and parent signatures. These forms can be found on the Monument Academy website under Student Support > Student Health, then find the form appropriate for your child's condition: <https://www.monumentacademy.net/student-support/student-health/>

Reminder for over-the-counter medications:

Like last year, we no longer have our standing orders for OTC medications (Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough drops, etc.) If you would like your child to have access to these or any other over-the-counter medications, you need to fill out the Medication Permission Form found on the Monument Academy website under Student Support (<https://www.monumentacademy.net/student-support/student-health/>). It must be signed by a physician. Bring the completed form as well as the medication and we can dispense as needed.

Thank you!

April Janzen, RN

AJanzen@monumentacademy.net

From Our Librarian

Scholastic Book fair for all MA families - <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/monumentacademy>

Goal is to sell \$17,000 during the fair! This will help MA purchase much needed books and materials.

Parents, looking for a way to show appreciation? Load some cash into your favorite teacher's eWallet for them to shop the fair!

Set up in the West campus Library Oct 8 - 19th

East campus families are welcome to shop during the P/T conference days

Find many more books online (free shipping if order of books is \$25 or more)

Ewallet setup

https://players.brightcove.net/1543299976/Eyj59PHsg_default/index.html?videoId=5831064261001



We need volunteers! Volunteer in the library and at the book fair

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AEAC2AABFB6-elementary>

Library catalog search and log in: <https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/58483>

Canvas Library website: <https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146>

Google Library webpage: <https://sites.google.com/monumentacademy.net/library/home>

Help *Clear the List* - Library Amazon wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/L3P24MXTGF5L?ref_=wl_share

Welcome to our new library hire, Miss Kay-Lynn Bailey! She has joined MA as a library para. We are so happy and hope you'll give her a warm welcome.

Thank you!



Mrs. Collier, Monument Academy Librarian

Athletics

WEEKLY UPDATE by Coach Stevenson

Get out and support your Lynx student-athletes!

Middle School Cross Country

MSCC traveled to Vanguard last Friday and placed 4 boy runners in the top 15! Great times, on the 1.5 mile course, were put in by Tegegn Hall, Jake Bossinger, Judd Bull and Chase Gallagher. On the girls' side, two runners, Anna Bossinger and Chloe Kendall placed in the top 10!

This week wraps up the CCAL Cross Country season! On Friday, October 1st the Monument Academy teams will be competing at Fox Run Park, beginning at 4:00pm. Get out and cheer on our student-athletes!

High School Cross Country

High School Cross Country runner, Joseph Beck, faced tough course and competition last week competing at the Lions Classic Cross Country Invite. The course was slightly hillier than the one at Fountain-Fort Carson the previous week, so while Joseph's time was slightly off his PR (Personal Record) from FFC, the normalized time was actually a few seconds better. Way to go, Joe!



Boys Soccer

Boys soccer wrapped up their season last Friday, falling to CSCS by a score of 4-0. The first-year team ended with a 2-6 record and showed remarkable improvement over the fall season. Great job, boys!

Football

The Lynx football team went 2-0 this past week, defeating Peyton last Thursday by a score of 43-12 and this past Tuesday, wrapped up their regular season with a 26-8 win over Manitou. The team improved to 5-1 for the season and will play for the CCAL Championship this Saturday vs. RMAC. The Championship will be played at Sand Creek High School on Saturday, October 2nd. Game time is TBD, check MA's Facebook page for more info later this week.

Volleyball

Volleyball is going for a 3-peat! The girls start their defense of the CCAL Championship on Wednesday, September 30 when they host Thomas McLaren in the Semi-Finals. Game time is 4:00pm at West Campus gymnasium. Get out and cheer on our girls as they enter play as the #1 Seed in the CCAL Playoffs!

BOYS BASKETBALL - TRYOUTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4TH - 6TH

Coach Brock is back! All boys, 6th - 8th grade, tryouts will be held Monday, October 4th through October 6th (times TBD). Online registration is now available, please visit:

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

What is Matchwits?

Think of Matchwits like team Jeopardy! Three teams of 3 to 4 student-brainletes are asked questions from a variety of subject areas. If a team member answers correctly the team receives a point, and if not, teams from other schools get an opportunity to answer. After each round, the scores for each team are added to their season total. Team results are cumulative through the year, and a winner will be decided after the last meet. It is possible that not all participants will be able to be at all meets, but that's OK! Students who have participated in this program have very much enjoyed both the practice time, and the meets!

[CCAL Matchwits - Monument Academy](#)

East PTO

**MONUMENT
ACADEMY
EAST PTO
SAYS...**

**THANK
YOU!**

For making the Lynx Warrior
Games a success!



These are the trophies that the students made from each Peak. The 8th graders started them, the 6th graders added to them, and then the 7th graders finished them. It shows their ability to work together and create something AMAZING!

**WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE
IT WITHOUT YOU!**

**WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE
WHO DONATED, VOLUNTEERED,
AND PARTICIPATED**