

LYNX NEWS

East Campus Edition

December 1, 2021



Giving Thanks in Changing Times

As we reminisce Thanksgiving, we remember the Pilgrims and the great adventure they embarked on. It was a perilous journey with many potential hazards. Some did not make it across the Atlantic, and many did not survive the first year in the New World. Yet what they started, a colony based on freedom of worship, grew, and developed. They paused to give Thanks for what they had and for their many blessings even during challenges. The first Thanksgiving was a landmark event in history and one of great importance to the creation of the United States of America, and for that I am truly Thankful.

Monument Academy also has much to be thankful for. The founders of the school spent many years helping the school get up and running. Philosophy and early curriculum were just some of their contributions. Many other leaders also contributed: teachers, parents, board members, students, and administrators all took their turn “carrying the baton.” Throughout the 25 years of Monument Academy, leaders have taken many roles in the school, with a variety of styles and accomplishments. Those that have gone before us have built a strong foundation for Monument Academy, and we thank them.

We have lost several staff in the last few months for a variety of reasons. I want to salute their contributions and honor all they helped Monument Academy achieve. As we continue to build on the legacy of excellence at MA, we should not forget their efforts. We also honor their service by working to

make MA the best school it can be. I believe we are building on that strong foundation of excellence, and I am confident we will become a great K-12 school. Similar to the Pilgrims, there are challenges and difficulties along the way. But by staying thankful and working together, we will do our part and contribute to a school that will bless tens of thousands of students in the coming decades.

Wishing each of you a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season,
Merlin Holmes
Chief Operating Officer
Monument Academy

Upcoming Events

Now through December 10 – Schedule Change Requests (see below)

Friday, December 3 – **Free Dress Day**

Thursday, December 9 – “**Ugly Sweater**” Contest (jeans allowed)

Friday, December 10 – Winter Strings Concert at PRHS

Tuesday, December 14 – Band Concert [HERE](#)

Thursday, December 16 – Choir Concert at West Campus

Friday, December 17 – First Day of Winter Break

SAAC Survey

Every year in December, the School Accountability Advisory Committee (SAAC) 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!

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.

Middle School Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7P2GLWT>

High School Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8STBCCX>

Students will earn a college jersey day if we reach 50% participation. They will earn a “cozy” day (sweats, pajamas, or other comfy/ cozy clothes) if we reach 75% participation! Thank you for your time and attention in helping reach this goal! The survey will be closed on Thursday, December 16. We appreciate your feedback and are thankful for our partnership.

The SAAC Committee

From Front Office:

Need your student early???

Please send your request to attendance-east@monumentacademy.net before 2:30pm. We ask for requests early because finding students during clubs will only slow YOU down if you need them quickly. Thank you for your help!

From the Registrar:

We are at the time of year when we begin to plan enrollment for the upcoming school year. In order to do this, it is required that each family submit an Intent to Enroll for each child. This form is due December 17th. The Intent to Enroll is for students entering grades Kindergarten through 11th, to include our future High School students. The **Intent to Enroll** is on the last page of this Lynx News. We would ask that you please complete and return it to the front office as soon as possible. You will need one form for each student.

MS/HS Schedule Changes:

We understand that your student may wish to change classes. Students may submit a request to change classes beginning November 29th and through December 10th. 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 second 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
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Your Photos Are Ready!

Good News! JostensPIX was recently at your school to photograph picture day, and your student's photos are now available for viewing and ordering!

Tips for Ordering Student Photos:

You do need a few pieces of information when you place your order online at shop.Jostenspix.com for student pictures:

First you need to select the Monument Academy in Colorado Springs

Next you need the Event Code – Middle School is FE117221, High School is FE117321

Lastly, you will need your student's IC Number

From MS Yearbook:

1. Attention all 8th grade Parents! Please Visit the Monument Academy Home Webpage to Upload a baby picture of your current 8th Grader and wish them well in the 2021-2022 Yearbook.
2. Any parent or community member with pictures of Monument Academy students from extracurricular activities please feel free to upload them onto our Replay it Website and the yearbook staff will then be able to use them in this Yearbook!

Monument Academy's 2022 ReplayIt website for Middle School Yearbook is ready to go! It has been set up and will end on 1/31/2022. ReplayIt is a great way to upload and then share photos you have taken at your student/child's events, sports, activities, etc. to be considered for use in the 2021-2022 Middle School Yearbook!

Direct link to your site: <https://images.jostens.com/416224582>

Your unique ID is: 416224582

From Athletics:

Week of November 28

Get out and support your Lynx student athletes!

Middle School Cross Country

Middle School student athlete Tegegn Hall will be competing this weekend at the AAU Junior National XC Championships being held in Charlotte, NC. Tegegn ran for the Lynx this season and looks to bring that same success into Charlotte. Let's all here at Monument Academy wish him the best of luck and safe travels this weekend!

Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball entered into this week undefeated, coming off huge wins against Atlas Prep before Thanksgiving break (A-team 63-16, B-team 51-7, C-team 35-6).

Unfortunately, that momentum did not carry over into Monday's game at Peyton,

where our A-team Boys suffered their first defeat of the season, 30-62. C-team ended their season yesterday with a win over CSDB. The Lynx still remain the #1 seed in the playoffs and will host #4 seeded Vanguard today at 4:00pm at the West Campus. A win today moves our Lynx to the championship game! Let's all make sure we're packed in and loud for the game this afternoon!

Girls Basketball

It's not too late!!! Registration for Girls Basketball is still open! Parents make sure your student athlete is registered for tryouts that will take place next week December 6-8. Tryouts will be held at the West Campus from 4:00-5:30pm Monday-Wednesday. All participants in tryouts will receive a practice penny that will be theirs to keep! *ALL PHYSICALS MUST BE UPLOADED TO FAMILYID, PAPER COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Spring Track & Field

If you are interest in registering for Track & Field this Spring, please put your name and grade on the sign-up sheet located on the AD's office door. Coaches are looking to order new uniforms and need an accurate head count of how many athletes are interested. High School students are encouraged to sign up as well.

Carline Issues At West Campus

Attention all Parents/Staff: As many of you know, the carline at West has been a headache for all of us. Facilities staff have worked hard to implement changes to the flow of traffic to help with the situation. Entering in the church parking lot via 105 **IS NO LONGER ALLOWED!** That has become the exit for the carline and you will heading into oncoming traffic! Parents are advised that they must go down to Knollwood to enter the school property for all games and practices, no matter what day/time. There are signs posted to direct you to the proper entrance. We as staff appreciate your cooperation in the matter to keep our kids and other drivers safe!

From Student Council:

Holiday Ornaments

The time is here to continue the holiday tradition for your MA students!

Your MA Student Council is hosting their first fundraiser of the year. Handmade Personalized Keepsake Ornaments with your student's face for just \$3.50 from now until **December 10th**!

To order for this fundraiser simply fill out this google form <https://forms.gle/Jho951EHnSxHAJZv9>.

All parents of Preschool- 10th grade students will be able to order these keepsake ornaments and then pick them up December 14th - 16th from the main office.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to treasure your child's smile, frozen in time in a glittery wonderland. Order today!

Email questions to studentcouncil@monumentacademy.net
Happy Holidays!

MA Student Council



From Librarian:



Reading is joy

“When we are collecting books, we are collecting happiness.” —*Vincent Starrett*

Looking for a good place to donate books and reach more readers?

Consider donating them to the East campus! If you have gently used books appropriate for middle/high school students, kindly direct them to Mrs. Edwards (6th grade teacher.) Donated books will be distributed between the teachers and provide reading material for the students to enjoy during Reading time on Block Days.

Questions or more information, please contact our school librarian, Mrs. Collier.

kcollier@monumentacademy.net

<https://monumentacademy.instructure.com/courses/2146>

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

Library Amazon wishlist:

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

From East Campus PTO:

WE'VE BEEN BUSY...

We have been making
improvements to the Teacher's
Lounge and need your help!

- We have already added pops of color to the walls
& helped stock their shelves.
- We are in the process of getting them better
tables and seating.

WHAT WE NEED...

If you have any leftover holiday decorations or have
things that would brighten up the teacher's lounge,
please drop them off at the front desk and the PTO
will put them to good use!



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INTENT TO ENROLL

(one per student)

School year of intent: **2022-2023**

Student Name _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Current School: Monument Academy Current Grade (during 2021-22 School Year) _____

Is it your intent for your child to attend Monument Academy during the 2022-2023 School Year? Yes No Undecided

I, the parent/guardian of the above named student, hereby declare my intent for my student to attend: (name of school)

_____ in District # _____
during the 2022-2023 school year. By confirming my intent to enroll in the above named school, I am committing my student to attend the school specified above. My student will not be eligible to transfer to any other school in the Lewis-Palmer School District for the remainder of the grades offered at this school, unless a new application for choice enrollment is submitted and approved during the annual choice enrollment period.

I further understand that:

- Parents/guardians will furnish transportation to schools other than the neighborhood school.
- Students are expected to abide by all attendance and behavior regulations of the assigned school.
- School of Choice approval in the Lewis-Palmer School District is valid for the duration of the academic level (elementary, middle, or high school). Subsequent school choice applications are required only when the student transitions to the next academic level and wishes to attend a school other than the neighborhood school.
- Before considering requests from non-resident students, priority shall be given to in-district students.
- All students (Kindergarten through 8th grade) currently enrolled at Monument Academy are guaranteed enrollment for the following school year provided that this Intent to Enroll has been submitted.
- Failure to submit this Intent to Enroll form by the deadline will be considered a choice to withdraw your child at the end of the current school year and Monument Academy will release your child's seat for the 2021-2022 school year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

E-mail: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Please return this completed form to Monument Academy.

Status: Recorded by: _____

Date: _____