



# Monument Academy

## East Campus

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July 27, 2022

Dear Monument Academy High School Families,

As August approaches there is always a noticeable energy within schools and a growing excitement about the start of the new school year. This year is no exception at MA. Athletes have started pre-season workouts; teachers are in the building planning their lessons; and your school leadership has been hard at work preparing to launch your children into an amazing high school experience.

Now, I fully understand if your adolescent does not *yet* share this excitement and energy about the end of summer vacation. So, feel free, with my blessing, to delay sharing this email with your child for a few more days. However, August 17<sup>th</sup> will soon be upon us, and for families like you who are looking ahead and have started your school year preparations, you will find the dates and information below very helpful.

### **August Dates:**

**8 – Parent Town Hall.** We invite high school parents to join us at MA East from 6-7:30 pm for a presentation and discussion about the upcoming school year. Topics include bell schedule, athletics, carline, student driver protocols, curriculum, dress code update, and (P)SAT testing.

**10 – All Staff Return.**

**13 – Student Council Retreat.** This invitational event is for current Student Council members and newly appointed freshmen. Contact Ms. Sebastian with questions.

**15 – New Student Meet and Greet.** All freshmen and *any* student new to Monument Academy for the 2022-23 school year. 8-11 am. Student social event to follow, 11 am to noon.

**16 – Orientation for All Students.** All high school students are invited to attend a morning session (8 – 11 am) for information about the new school year, supply drop off, iPad distribution, and to walk through their class schedule.

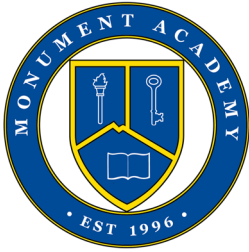
**17 – First Day of School!**

### **Bell Schedule**

Based on feedback from parents, staff, and students, the high school will return to a standard 7-period schedule from 7:50 am – 3:30 pm Monday-Thursday, with an early release on Friday at 12:30 pm.

Finalized bell times will be published shortly, however please be aware that high school academic periods will be scheduled until 3:30 pm. Therefore, early release for high school students will be discouraged as we desire to maximize instructional contact time and student learning. If your child has unique circumstances requiring consideration for early release, please contact me for coordination and I will be glad to look into approving requests.

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## **Student Schedules**

Individual student schedules are being finalized and we expect to release those to families by early August. I thank you in advance for your patience while we ensure your child has the best possible class schedule that we can offer.

## **Supply Lists.** Attached

We have decided *not* to use the EduKit prepackaged school supply lists this year. I am interested in your feedback on the school supply process we employ in the years ahead and will provide a future survey to gather your input.

**Athletic Sign-Ups.** We are pleased to announce that we will be offering Boys Golf for the fall season, and Mr. Bishop, our new Athletic Director, will be in contact soon with an update on our full athletics program. Many sports registrations are already available on ArbiterSports at this [link](#).

## **Other Important Information**

- PTO and Spirit Wear. Click [here](#) to learn more about this vital group and how to contribute.
- FRL Application. Click [here](#).
- Math placement testing will be scheduled for students *new* to MA. These tests will take place at MA East on August 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 pm. Placement tests are designed to take no more than one hour, and Mrs. Duca will individually contact appropriate families.

Lastly, I want to express my appreciation for the MA staff who joined our summer focus groups. These groups began to examine both our Classical Education program and our approach to Character Education.

The results and findings of those two groups will be shared at the Parent Town Hall meeting next month, and I would enjoy having the opportunity to meet you at this important gathering.

Once again, ***thank you*** for trusting us with the education of your children, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

All my best,

*David W. Kennington*

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