

LYNX NEWS



East Campus Edition March 17, 2023

Upcoming Events:

March 17 – HS Movie Night, HERE at 6:30 pm
March 24 - Spirit Wear Friday (Middle School)
March 27-31 – **NO SCHOOL** – Spring Break
April 7 – First Friday of the Month Free Dress (MS)
April 12 – PSAT/SAT tests for all HS students
April 14 – Spirit Wear Friday (MS)
April 17 – CMAS testing for 11th graders
April 19-20 – 7th Grade Ponderosa Event
April 19-21 – 8th Grade YMCA Event
April 21 – **NO SCHOOL** – staff appreciation
April 28 – HS Field Trip
April 28&29 – MS Drama “Oliver”, HERE at 7 pm
April 29 – PROM – 11th Grade
May 5 – MS Field Day
May 6 – MS Color Bash, HERE at 6 pm
May 12 – HS Big Summer Blowout, HERE at 1 pm
May 12 – 6th grade Movie Night, HERE at 6 pm
May 15-18 – HS Finals Week
May 17 – Strings Concert, PRHS at 6 pm
May 18 – 8th Graders’ event in afternoon then evening 8th Grade Continuation Ceremony
May 18 – Half Day - Last day of School

Carline Courtesy

The principals would like to remind everyone to drive slowly and safely during drop off and pick up and to follow the established traffic flow.

Increased speed and some incidents of aggressive driving have been observed, and multiple parent complaints have been received regarding safety during drop off and pick up.

At the principals' request, Officer Ellis (SRO), will now be frequently positioned in the parking lot observing traffic flow and being alert for violations. He will be giving out safety reminders if he observes concerning driving behavior. Please be advised that continued or flagrant violations may result in a ticket.

Keep in mind we now have licensed student drivers who are making their way to and from their vehicles during the school day, and we ask that families increase their vigilance and follow established traffic patterns. Cutting through parking lanes may be considered a flagrant violation and result in a ticket.

Looking ahead to our growing student population next year, we are evaluating how to better utilize our available property. To that end, we may form a working group of staff and parents to help advise and inform those protocols. If you are interested in supporting the school in that fashion, look for future announcements regarding that opportunity

Delay Start and MS Early Dismissals

There has been some confusion regarding the students who have early release when we have a two-hour delay. The administration asks that students not be picked up early when we are on a two-hour delay schedule because the students miss the learning that occurs in their 7th period class. If you still need your student to be dismissed at 3:00, call in to the front office to have the student dismissed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Principal, Collin Vinchattle at cvinchattle@monumentacademy.net.

Josten's Picture Ordering Tips

www.jostenspix.com

Monument Academy's Secondary Campus is in Colorado Springs

Event Codes are MS = FE149222 and HS = FE149122

MS CMAS Testing – 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

If your child is in 6th - 8th grade, we are approaching that time of year when we administer the CMAS test (CO State Standardized Assessment). The CMAS testing window is from March 20, 2023, to April 29, 2023.

- 6th Grade testing (ELA and Math)
- 7th Grade testing (ELA and Math)
- 8th Grade testing (ELA, Math, and Science)

The specific schedule for CMAS testing will be published mid-March.

Throughout the school year, Monument Academy administers a variety of content related tests per state and federal requirements. This [assessment calendar](#) on the Monument Academy website provides details on each of the assessments (i.e., grades tested, purpose of test, dates of tests).

You may also find helpful information on the state website <http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment>

Per Colorado law (HB 15-1323), parents have the right to refuse to have their child(ren) take the state standardized tests listed above. [Parent Refusal Information](#) is located on the MA website. The [refusal form](#) is located in FamilyID. **If you are opting out of the state assessments, please complete this form by March 17, 2023, so an accurate schedule can be created. All students, whether completing the assessments or not, will attend school at MA East on testing days.**

D38 Stars of Tomorrow

The very first D38 Stars of Tomorrow talent show to be held this **Sunday, March 19th, at 2pm** in the Palmer Ridge High School auditorium. Out of 50+ acts that auditioned, 20 were selected. There are talented MA students who were selected to participate in each category (Elementary, Middle, and High School).



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Watch D.O.G.S.

CALLING ALL DADS!! We need YOU to volunteer for Watch DOGS! Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students), volunteer a day of their time (or more!) at MA East to be a positive influence and mentor to the students through their classes, in the halls, at lunch, etc. We also help the teachers, the coaches, the leadership, and the staff in whatever ways they need our help. It helps the school and the students in countless ways and gives us first-hand understanding of how dedicated the teachers and staff are, and how wonderful, challenging, enthusiastic, and perplexing our middle and high schoolers can be! So far the program has met with universal praise and appreciation from the students and the teachers.

Our goal is to have one or two DOGS at the school every day; right now we have 2 or 3 each week. Help us at least double our numbers by joining us! Contact Jeff Henry at jshenryaf51@gmail.com to join the Watch DOGS team, and then sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ba5ac2ba6f8cf8-monument/147777730#/> or search for Monument Academy East Watch DOGS in the SignUp Genius App. Find out more about Watch DOGS at <https://dadsofgreatstudents.com/>.

Library News and upcoming events

- April 6-13 - Spring PreK-6th grade Scholastic Book Fair in the West Campus Library**
- April 14 – LP D38 Battle of the Books competition at Grace Best Education Center**
- April 27 – Regional Battle of the Books competition at Colorado College**
- April 27 - Final day to borrow library materials for school year**
- May 4 - All K-11th grades library materials are due**
- May 12 – Elementary party for students who completed the 20 Book Reading Challenge**

Volunteers needed for the 20 Book Challenge Reading party May 12, library organization, book repair and closing MA library for the summer <https://www.monumentacademy.net/volunteering/>

Thank you for supporting our school!



Kelly Collier
Monument Academy Librarian
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From Athletics Department:

Week of March 13th, 2023

Come on out and support your Lynx student-athletes!

Middle School Cheerleading

Cheerleading registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year! There is a mandatory parent meeting on April 5th at MA East starting at 5pm. Here is the link for registration:

<https://www.familyid.com/monument-academy-athletics/monument-academy-middle-school-cheer-registration-2023-2024-school-year>

Any questions, see Coach Thompson.

Middle School Track and Field

Monument Academy Middle School Track and Field season has started! Our athletes have been hard at work with our amazing coaching staff, lead by head coach Kristi Streeter. Track and Field Parent meeting is set for Tuesday, March 21st at MA East Gym starting at 5pm. Our first CCAL Track and Field Meet is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th at Manitou Springs. Best of luck this season to all of our amazing student-athletes!

Middle School Girls' Soccer

Girls' Soccer will have their parent meeting on Monday, March 20th at MA East Commons at 5pm. Practice will be on Tuesday, March 21st at Kings Deer Field from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Their first game is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th vs Manitou Springs. Game time is at 4pm at El Pomar Youth Sports Complex, Field D. Best of luck this season ladies!

High School Track and Field

Our High School Track and Field Athletes have been hard at work as our season has begun. Our first meet has been rescheduled, due to weather for Wednesday, March 22nd. Our Track and Field team will be competing in the Panther Invite. Meet starts at 10am and here is the link to the location:

Memorial Stadium, Harrison HS <https://co.milesplit.com/venues/6841/memorial-stadium-harrison-hs>

2023 MA CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS



MANDATORY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

April 5th from 5:00-6:00 at Monument Academy East in room 2023. Prospective cheerleader and a parent/guardian must attend this meeting in order to try out.

Tryouts are open to incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Grades must be a C or above in order to try out.

MANDATORY TRYOUT CLINIC

April 12th and April 13th from 4:00-6:00 in the MA East Gym

MANDATORY TRYOUT DATE

April 14th at 1:30 in the MA East Gym



**No previous
cheer experience
or tumbling skills
required!**

**For any questions or additional information,
please contact coach Sarah Thompson
at sthompson@monumentacademy.net**

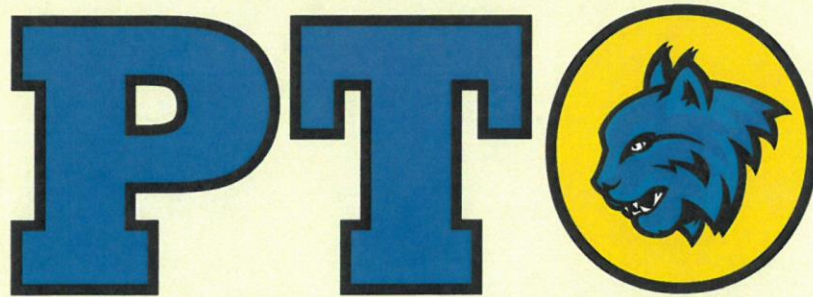


MA EAST PTO MEETING INVITATION

APRIL 7 (FRIDAY)
AT 8:30 AM
MA EAST CAMPUS



 maeastptopresident@gmail.com



Monument Academy East PTO





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WOULD YOU LIKE TO *Volunteer*

for 2023-2024 School Year

We strive to have volunteer positions that can be done from home, can be one-time, short term or year long. Please contact us to see where you could help!



Contact Stephanie at
maeastptopresident@gmail.com



Monument Academy East PTO

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE MA EAST *PTO Board*

for 2023-2024 School Year

MA East PTO Board Positions Available:
Secretary, Treasurer, & President-Elect



Contact Stephanie at
maeastptopresident@gmail.com



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**STUDENT
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ATHLETICS

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TEACHERS

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PHASE II

This fund will allow Monument Academy to say “YES” to many opportunities for our staff and students.

***Donations of \$1996 or more will be part of our LYNX LEGACY.**

Your name and/or business will be engraved on the Lynx Legacy plaque at East & West Campuses.

Questions - Email

Jake Dicus, Manager of Development & Mission Engagement
jdicus@monumentacademy.net



BOOT, SCOOT & Bid!

Our Largest Fundraiser of the Year
Supporting Monument Academy

APRIL 20TH, 2023
SPRUCE MOUNTAIN RANCH
6-10PM

★ DINNER BUFFET

★ DANCING

NEW LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

★ WIN A TRIP TO HAWAII

★ A BEVERAGE BURRO

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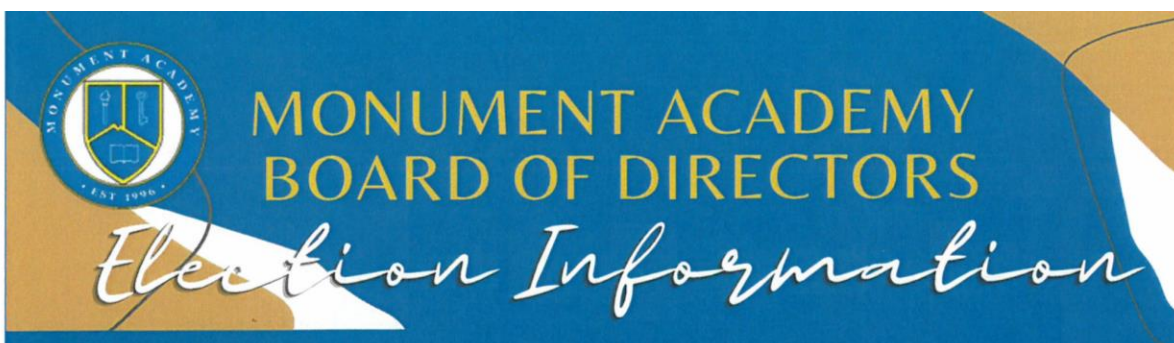
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Election Link Here: [BOARD](#)



What does it mean to serve on the MA Board of Directors?

As a charter, school policy is set by a volunteer parent Board. Members of the Board work diligently to ensure the school is staying true to the mission and vision of Monument Academy. The Board has two employees, the COO and CFO, and together this team makes decisions for the current and future success of the school.

Who Can Apply?

- Parents or Guardians of a current Monument Academy student are eligible
- Applicants must be at least 25 years of age
- Applicants should have an enthusiasm for MA and conviction in its purpose

Election Timeline

Now - March 31st:

- Complete the application and submit it to the Board
- Meet with 1-2 Board members to ask questions about the position
- Confirm desire to be an official candidate
- Attend as many Board meetings as possible

April:

- Give a 5-minute statement of interest at Board Meeting
- Community Q&A session with candidates
- Formal 5-day election held last week of April

May:

- Election results announced to the community at the Board Meeting

June:

- Newly elected Directors sworn in at Board meeting, effective July 1st
- Complete Board training & background check

July:

- July 1 begins a 3-year term as a voting member of the MA Board of Directors

Submit an application using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/BhkEohPuyPd4T7Wz9>

Still have questions?

E-mail: Board@MonumentAcademy.net