

SCHOOL SPIRIT



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Hi everyone,

The 2022-2023 school year is underway! It is always so very exciting when the students and staff come back to begin the school year. There is a buzz of excitement and the thrill of new beginnings for our students. I say this a lot at this time of the year, the students only get 13 first days of school and each one is exciting in a different way. First day of kindergarten, first day at the new middle school, first year of high school, or the start of senior year are just a few of the first day of school highlights. Those milestones are exciting and as I share with the staff...we only get one chance at a first impression...so let's do it right.

We moved to a new student information system this school year and that should make it easier to see grades, especially at the high school. You should have registered with the new system during registration and more information will follow in the next few weeks on how to access your student's information. It is a lot more user friendly and I am sure you will like it more than PowerSchool.

Why are my kids so tired at the beginning of the school year? Oh my gosh it is so common for the kids to be wiped out at the start of the school year. If they are crashing after school or going to bed early that will wear off in a week or so. Please make sure they are eating enough and drinking plenty of water. Try and establish new routines now so when the homework starts (for the older kids) they have already made the adjustment. I will also remind you of how important reading is for students. In fact, pick up a book or a newspaper yourself and model that behavior for them. Reading is a life skill that leads to success in school and beyond. If your child likes to read, encourage that development. If they do not like to read, experiment with a genre that they can get on board with. Younger students can read aloud to you or you can take turns with your child reading. I remember reading the book, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets with my daughter when she was in elementary school and we passed that book back and forth so much. I really enjoyed that 30 minutes with her every night and I am sure she did too. Don't miss an opportunity with your kids.

So many exciting activities are starting at the middle school and high school as we begin the school year. Drama, Speech, Marching Band, Volleyball, Football, Cross Country, Cheer, Student Council, NHS, and Interact Club are several of the activities Monticello has going on right now at the high school. Please encourage your child to get involved in something...there is so much research on students that participate in school activities. They are more organized, get better grades, do better on standardized tests, have better attendance at school, and they establish stronger relationships with peers. WOW. All that is pretty good stuff. I would highly encourage you to talk to your child about getting involved at school.



As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at any time. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

Sincerely,

Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

September 2022

NEWS & NOTES

of the Monticello Community School District

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

New High School Attendance Policy on page 4!

*The **MISSION** of the Monticello Community Schools, a district striving for educational excellence, is to prepare students through challenging experiences, to be caring, productive, creative citizens, who will be life-long learners.*

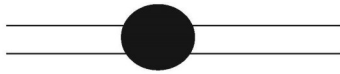
UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE BAND CAR WASH



The Monticello Bands will be hosting a Free Car Wash on September 17 at various locations around town. Bring your car and let our band members wash your car between 9:00-2:00! Donations accepted.

Elementary School Pictures are October 5! Little Panthers Preschool pictures are on Friday, November 4. Picture retake day is also November 4!



2022 Seniors: If you ordered a yearbook last year, they are in the HS office. You can come pick it up Monday-Friday after 3:15pm. Thank you!

The High School Drama department is accepting unique costumes or beautiful gowns for our plays. You may call Jackie Tighe at 319-480-9634 or email jackie.tighe@monticello.k12.ia.us to arrange a drop off at the High School to see if we can use your donated garments. *By appointment only.* Thank you!



Meet our School Based Therapist—Hello! My name is Amanda Thurm and I am the new school based therapist from Tanager Place providing services to the Monticello Community District. This is a new position in the district and my first year being a school based therapist. I have had experience in the mental health field for over 5 years and have a passion for promoting mental health as well as helping children and their families. My goal is to create a more positive environment for students and staff while providing individual and group services to students in need. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone. I wish for this to be the best year yet for the Monticello Community School District!

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Phone: 319-465-3000 x1559 or 319-251-3488



Homecoming 2022 Lineup of Events!



September 26–October 1, 2022

Monday, 9/26 - Homecoming Parade at 6pm, followed by the Coronation (*if weather doesn't permit a parade, the coronation will be in the HS Gym at 6:30pm*). The Powder Puff game will be at 7:00pm. These events will be at Dean Nelson Field. The Ironman Volleyball game for Jr/Sr Boys & Staff will be at 8pm in the HS Gym.

Thursday, 9/29 — XC meet at Western Dubuque at 4:15pm, Volleyball at home vs Maquoketa. Fresh/Soph @ 6:00pm, JV @ 6:00pm, and Varsity at 7:15pm

Friday, 9/30— Football Game vs Camanche. JV at 5:00pm, followed by Varsity at 7:15pm.

Saturday, 10/1 — Homecoming Dance from 8-11pm in the HS Commons

More info to come soon! Please contact Drew Arduser at drew.arduser@monticello.k12.ia.us with any questions.

GO PANTHERS!!!

PTO NEWS...Welcome to the new school year! We are excited to get our PTO meetings started for the year. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 13 at the Shannon Library at 7pm. We are always happy to see new faces at our meetings. Be on the lookout for more information coming out soon on how you can be involved with the PTO.



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SEPT 18 NOON
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Championship & Runner Up Flights
MEAL SERVED
CASH PRIZES
CONTACT
Phil Hanna 319.480.0929 • Steve Williams 319.431.9825
Creighton Randolph 319.480.2741

IMPORTANT INFO

Parents of Seniors!

Senior and baby pictures for the yearbook are due **before winter break of senior year**. Submit your Senior's photo and have one thing crossed off the senior to-do list! A free option is available for a yearbook photo on Halverson's school picture day in the fall also. Guidelines are listed below.



GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

- vertical format
- clothing should conform to school dress code
- no inappropriate poses
- no other people, animals, objects/props in photograph
- no sunglasses
- color or B/W are acceptable
- submit digitally (preferred) or write name on back if submitting a hard copy.
- must be received by deadline (before winter break of senior year)

Photos can be emailed to emily.marjoua@monticello.k12.ia.us or can be turned in at the office drive up window. Baby photos are optional but must also be submitted by deadline if you wish one. Copies and digital submissions are preferred to original heirloom photos. Baby pictures not submitted digitally should be labeled on the back with first and last names. For senior pictures, of course, you are free to have any senior photo poses you and your photographer wish for your own use. However, the senior portrait selected and submitted for use in the school yearbook must meet the above guidelines. Thanks!

CONGRATS! Monticello Community Schools received \$10,000 from the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA) to purchase materials for school literacy needs! Thank you DRA for the generous donation and to Robyn Ponder, Curriculum Director, for her work in making this happen!



PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on students. Please remember to log into your Infinite Campus account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email addresses, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-320-1132.

Activities Calendar

Get all your activities schedules at: www.rivervalleyconference.org. You can follow this link and click on 'Monticello' to get to our activities calendar. This will show all of our activities for the year. You can view schedules for a particular sport/activity or multiple sports or activities. You can also click on "Notify Me!" in the right hand section of the website and are able to set up an account to receive reminders before each activity or notifications of schedule changes or cancellations via text or email. Great tool! Please check back often for updates or sign up to receive the notifications!

The activities calendar is also available on our website under "calendars" at the top of the page.



Get the free App:



FRIDAY FOLDERS

Friday Folders is on our website and is a great place to check for upcoming events (*for all grade levels*) and activities or items that used to be sent home in your child's folder. Please contact Judy Hayen to post items in our Friday Folder at judy.hayen@monticello.k12.ia.us. Check it out!

Good luck to all the Fall athletes and coaches!

GO PANTHERS!



Important!!!

The District's phone # is 319-465-3000. This will get you to a menu with the following options:

- District Office—press 1
- High School—press 2
- Middle School—press 3
- Carpenter—press 4
- Shannon—press 5
- Athletic Director—press 6
- Bus Barn—press 7
- Food Service Director—press 8
- Curriculum Director—press 9

You can no longer reach someone with their extension #. Thanks!

IMPORTANT INFO

COMMUNITY



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance. Did you know:

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (18 days a school year) makes it harder for young students to learn to read and drastically affects older students' academic success.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is a key predictor that a student may drop out of high school.

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• By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from high school and achieve success in whatever postsecondary option they choose.

What can families do to support student attendance?

- Make school attendance a priority. Establish the expectation that your child attends school every day.
- Help your student with regular daily routines. For younger students, this could include things like laying out clothes the night before and putting the backpack in the same place so it's easy to find in the morning.
- Keep open lines of communication with your child's teachers. Use Infinite Campus notifications to help monitor attendance with older students.
- Seek help from your child's school counselor, other parents, or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your student to school. *Source: attendanceworks.org*

New High School Credit Academic Probation (Board Policy #502.4)

Board Policy #502.4—*Student Attendance and Instructional Time* was revised and approved on August 10, 2022. The full policy can be found on our [website](#), but one of the most important changes is the High School Credit Academic Probation section (see below). If you have any questions, please contact High School Principal Nick Schauf.

If a student accumulates a total of ten (10) absences (excused or unexcused) per semester in any course, the student will be placed on "Academic Probation" for that course. A meeting will be scheduled with the parents/guardians, student, and principal (or designee) to create a Success Plan to improve attendance and academic performance for the remainder of the semester. Students will continue to attend the course and submit all coursework. At the end of the semester, any course completed by a student on Academic Probation will be reviewed by a school committee. The school committee will make the final determination if course credit will be awarded to the student.

Thank You

- Thank you to **Todd Norton & family** and **Cindy Bagge** for the donation of clothes to the Middle School nurse's office.
- Thank you to **Kevin & Annette Smith, Goettsch Funeral Home** for the donation of clothing and snacks to Shannon & Carpenter.
- Thank you to **Linda Kahler** for donating backpacks and games to Carpenter Elementary.
- The High School Drama department would like to thank **Michael's Clothing** for donations of dozens of retired tuxes with accessories to our costume room. **Michael's** also does a ton of dry cleaning of cast costumes after each and every performance. We always appreciate them!
- Thank you to **Katie Stallman, Ashtyn & Zach Dietiker, Jackie & Matt Mayo, and Kelli Auger** for their donations to Ms. Dietiker's classroom.
- Thank you to **Allie Rogers, Jesse Iben, Stacy & Macey Burlage, Ashley Kremer, Paige & Lisa Folken, Dianne Pedrin, Taylor McDonough, Corey Sternhagen, Phoebe Caspers, Jason Feldman, Jill Ries, Cole Stephen, Denisha Wilson, Deanna Chapman,** and an **anonymous donor** for their donations to Ms. Stephen's classroom.
- Thank you to **The Century House** for their donation for employee years of service awards.
- Thank you to the **Monticello Community School District Education Foundation** for their donation of our employee years of service awards.
- Thank you to **Jones Regional Medical Center** for providing lunch for our New Teacher Orientation Day.
- Thank you to **Citizens State Bank** for providing breakfast for our Teacher Welcome Back Day.
- Thank you to **Ohnward Bank & Trust** for providing lunch for our Employee Recognition Luncheon.
- Thank you to the **Jones County Dairy Producers** for providing ice cream sandwiches for our Employee Recognition Luncheon.
- Thank you to **Finley Mayo & family** for the donation of a rain stick and stylus pens to the Elementary Music classrooms.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Cereal bar or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	2 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
5 NO SCHOOL —Labor Day		6 Chocolate muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	7 Pancake on stick or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	8 Mini donuts or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	9 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
12 Sausage, egg, & cheese/bun Fruit Fruit juice		13 Hash brown combo or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	14 Yogurt or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	15 Blueberry muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	16 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
19 Waffles or cereal Fruit Fruit juice		20 Long john or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	21 Cereal bar or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	22 Cheese omelet or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	23 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
26 Breakfast bagel or cereal Fruit Fruit juice		27 Breakfast sausage bites or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	28 Chocolate muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	29 Mini donuts or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	30 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice

MILK served with all meals.

LUNCH MENU










USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Menus are subject to change.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Mixed fruit Roll & butter	2 Breaded cheese sticks Lettuce salad w/ dressing Corn Watermelon
5 NO SCHOOL —Labor Day	6 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Green beans Pineapple tidbits Dinner roll & butter	7 BBQ rib/bun Cheesy potatoes Baked beans Diced pears	8 Stuffed crust pizza Lettuce salad w/ dressing Mixed vegetables Fresh melon	9 Mini corn dogs Tater triangle Broccoli w/ cheese sauce Peaches
12 Walking taco w/ lettuce & cheese Seasoned rice Buttered corn Apple slices	13 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Tropical fruit Roll & butter	14 Chicken & noodles Green beans Strawberries & grapes Garlic toast	15 Cheeseburger/bun French fries Steamed broccoli Mandarin oranges	16 Breaded cheese sticks Lettuce salad w/ dressing Cucumbers & tomatoes Watermelon
19 Pork tenderloin/bun Curly fries Baked beans Mixed fruit	20 Hamburger gravy Mashed potatoes Steamed carrots Peaches Bread & butter sandwich	21 Chicken nuggets Roasted parsley potatoes Corn Orange wedges	22 Maidrite/bun Waffle fries Applesauce Kiwi	23 Chicken parmesan Lettuce salad w/ dressing Fresh veggies Fruit Garlic toast
26 Chicken tender wrap w/ lettuce Tater tots Broccoli Pears	27 Garlic French cheese bread Lettuce w/ dressing Baby carrots Peaches	28 Chili w/ crackers String cheese Applesauce Frosted cinnamon roll	29 Breaded chicken/bun Waffle fries Baked beans Watermelon	30 Pizza crunchers Lettuce salad w/ dressing Baby carrots Fruit

Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)

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SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 V XC vs Regina @ Iowa City Kickers Soccer Complex—4:00 7/8 VB @ Bellevue-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Bellevue-6:00 & 7:15	2 JV/V FB vs Maquoketa—5:00 & 7:15	3 V VB Tournament @ Midland—8:30am 
5 No School—Labor Day	6 7/8 FB @ Anamosa-4:15 7/8 VB @ Regina-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Regina-6:00 & 7:15 Musical Auditions 3:30 & 7pm	7 Musical Auditions 3:30pm	8 7/8 VB vs Anamosa-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Anamosa-6:00 & 7:15	9 JV/V FB @ Beckman—5:00 & 7:15	10 7/8 XC—Home-8am V XC—Home-9am 9th VB Tournament @ Cascade-9am JV VB Tournament – Home—9am
12 9th VB vs Durant-6:00	13 7/8 FB vs West Branch—4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Center Point-Urbana – 5:00 & 6:00 & 7:15 PTO Mtg @ Carpenter Library-7:00	14 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development Board Work Session—6pm	15 FFA NE District Dairy @ Calmar-8am 7/8 XC vs Cascade @ Fillmore Fairways-4:00 V XC vs Cascade @ Fillmore Fairways-4:50 7/8 VB @ Cascade-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Cascade-6:00 & 7:15	16 V FB @ Tipton—7:00	17 V VB Tournament @ Springville—8:00 Band Car Wash – 9am-2pm 
19 JV FB @ Tipton-6:00	20 7/8 XC @ Center Point-Urbana-4:15 7/8 FB @ Maquoketa-4:15 7/8 VB @ Beckman-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Beckman-6:00 & 7:15	21 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development	22 7/8 VB vs Camanche-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Camanche-6:00 & 7:15	23 V FB vs West Liberty -7:00 	24 7/8 XC @ Anamosa-8:30am V XC @ Anamosa-9:00am V VB Tournament-Home-8:30am 9/10 VB Tournament @ Cascade—9:00am
26  Homecoming Parade-6:00 Coronation-6:45, Powder Puff-7:00 @ Football Field Ironman Volleyball-8:00 @ HS	27  7/8 FB vs Beckman-4:15 9 VB Triangular-Home-6:00 Board Meeting—6:00	28  FFA NE District Soils @ Hawkeye CC –8am 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development Homecoming Week	29  V XC @ Western Dbq. Epworth-4:15 7/8 VB vs Maquoketa-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Maquoketa-6:00 & 7:15	30  JV/V FB vs Camanche-5:00 & 7:15	1  Homecoming Dance – 8-11pm in HS Commons

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