



SCHOOL SPIRIT

June 2020

Hi everyone,

I hope all of you are keeping yourself safe and are able to balance that with getting back to a sense of normalcy. At the end of May, we hosted "Graduation Part 1" and "Virtual Honors Night" for our seniors and families. These virtual events seemed to go pretty well, given our circumstances. It looks like our state and county are relaxing some restrictions a bit so I am very optimistic that "Graduation Part 2" will take place on July 19 at 7pm at the football field. That is when our seniors will actually get their diploma and be declared graduates. In addition, that week we will have the Junior/Senior Prom on July 16 and host a senior parade downtown on the evening of July 17.



The biggest question right now is, "What will school look like when we open the doors on August 24?" The answer is it will look a little different. We are working through the options for that very carefully and will get that information out following the July 27 School Board meeting. At that meeting, we will be sharing a final plan with the School Board and then share the plan with the community.

The second biggest question right now is, "What are you doing with the old Middle School?" The answer to that one is that we have been working with OPN Architects to design some options to decommission the older area of that building and repurpose the remainder of the building that still has a use for the school district. Those areas are the gym, locker rooms, creating a wrestling room upstairs where the music rooms are, remodeling the commons area, opening up the first floor for shipping and receiving/warehouse storage, and remodeling the outside of the building. It is a big project but after seeing the initial designs I think it will be something the community will be proud of. When this process gets a little farther along, I would like to host a few community meetings to get some feedback on this project.

The third biggest question right now is, "Is the new middle school still on schedule?" After some wet weather, closure of vendors companies, and a Coronapocalypse, they are still on schedule and ready to turn over the keys to the district on July 17. Following that, we will have the furniture delivered, assembled, and installed between July 24 and the week of August 3. Then we will be hosting an open house for the community (Date TBD) as we begin August. I am very excited to share this building with our community. I have gone through the building several times during construction and I am so impressed with the project. I know that you will be impressed too!

Lastly, I would like to thank our staff for all they've done over the last three months while being shutdown for the coronavirus. It does not go unnoticed and we appreciate all you do for the Monticello Community School District. THANK YOU!

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent
brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us



Just over a year ago, on May 24, 2019, we broke ground for the new middle school. On July 17, we will get the keys! Thanks to everyone that helped make this possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020-21 School Year Important Dates:

- Registration is Tuesday, August 11 from 11am-7pm at the High School
- Open House is Wednesday, August 20 –Elementary from 4:30-6pm; MS from 5-6:30pm; HS from 5:30-7pm
- First Day of School is Monday, August 24
- Homecoming Week is September 21-26, 2020
- 2021 Spring Break is March 15-19
- 2021 Graduation is Sunday, May 30
The full 2020-21 calendar is available on our website.

****Summer Drivers Education****

Summer Drivers Education classes will begin on Monday, July 6. Parents & students will receive a letter in the mail with details.

Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

Graduation—Part 2

Plan A:

- **Sunday, July 19** - Graduation will be held on Sunday, July 19 at 7pm at the football field. Mrs. Young and Dr. Jaeger will give a speech, we will honor our valedictorians and salutatorian, high honor, and honor students. Then, diplomas will be handed out.

Plan B:

- **Friday, July 31** - If graduation is unable to be held on July 19, we will do a drive up style graduation where seniors can pick up their diplomas with their parents at the high school and have a picture taken. More details to come!

Senior Graduation Parade - Friday, July 17 - seniors will parade through downtown on 1st Street at 7:30pm with caps & gown on. Visitors can line the streets to celebrate our seniors. If social distancing is still required then visitors will need to stay in their cars. More details to come!

If any senior will be leaving us before July, please contact Mrs. Young to make arrangements for your diploma, pictures, etc.

Grand March, Prom & Post Prom - THURSDAY, July 16 - The Grand March will start at 5pm in the HS Auditorium, the dance will be from 8-11pm at the Camp Courageous Durgin Pavilion, and Post Prom will follow at the High School from 11pm-2am. If we are unable to have Prom, the Post Prom Committee will decide on how to give out the t-shirts & post prom gifts. More details to come!



PARENTS OF NEXT FALL'S SENIORS

Senior (and baby) pictures for yearbook are due **Dec. 18** of senior year. Plan ahead to take them over summer break. This allows you to have it done ahead of time, avoiding the rush, and stress near the deadline. Senior year can be a very busy time. Plan now to make it easier. See guidelines below:

- head and shoulders only
- 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 or write name on back if submitting a hard copy.
- must be received by deadline (Dec. 18)

Of course, you are free to have any senior photo poses you wish for your own use. However, the senior portrait selected and submitted for use in the school yearbook must meet the above guidelines.

Baby photos are optional but must also be submitted by Dec. 18 if you wish one to be in the yearbook. Copies are preferred to be original heirloom photos. Baby pictures not submitted digitally should be labeled on the back with first and last name. Thanks!

IMPORTANT!

- ⇒ Before School starts in August all Kindergarten, 7th, and 12th grade students must have their respected immunizations per state law.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten and 9th grade students must have a current Dental screening certificate on file.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their pre-school shots and have received their 4-year-old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR, and Varicella.
- ⇒ All 7th grade and above students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.
- ⇒ All students in grades 7-12 interested in participating in sports must have a current physical and concussion form on file.
- ⇒ All 12th grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.



There are no extensions at this time, offices are still scheduling well visits so plan accordingly. Get them scheduled early!



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Join us for a FREE lunch!

- Open to all children and teens 1–18
- No registration or identification is required

The Grab-n-Go meals will continue through the summer!

On Mondays, two meals will be provided for Monday & Tuesday. On Wednesdays you can pick up three meals for Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday.

- Same times and locations as we have been distributing meals:

Pick up from 11:00 to 11:30am at the Middle School parking lot or the Carpenter parking lot on Mondays & Wednesdays.

For questions, contact:
Pat Kelly, Food Service Director, 319-465-3000 or
pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us

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High School Office Summer Hours

The High School office will be open from 8:00am—Noon Monday through Thursday. Closed Fridays.

Annual Notice-Reporting Child Abuse (Board Policy #403.0)

In compliance with state law and to provide protection to victims of child abuse, incidents of alleged child abuse should be reported to the proper authorities. All district employees are encouraged, and employees who constitute mandatory reporters pursuant to state law are required, to report alleged incidents of child abuse that they become aware of within the scope of their professional duties.

When an employee who is a mandatory reporter suspects that a student is the victim of abuse, the employee shall notify the Iowa Department of Human Services, orally or in writing. If the employee believes the child is in immediate danger, the local law enforcement agency shall also be notified. Within forty-eight (48) hours of an oral report, the employee shall file a written report with the Iowa Department of Human Services.

The district shall arrange for employees who are mandatory reporters to complete a two-hour training course relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of initial employment, unless the employee submits evidence that he/she has completed the required course within the previous five years. This course must be retaken at least every five years.

It is also the policy of the district that all employees are required to report to the level one investigator any suspected cases of physical or sexual abuse of students by district personnel.



Just a reminder, if you have any outstanding fees or a negative lunch account, please have them paid soon. Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2020. Thank you!

School Supply Lists for the 2020-21 School Year

If you need an elementary or middle school supply list for next year, they will be available on our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us or at the district office in the near future!



Tips for College

Freshmen

- Volunteer this summer to build your experience
- Continue to read throughout the summer
- Create a raise.me account at <https://www.raise.me/join/monticello-high-school-ia>
- Review your Navigator assessment results and make a list of colleges to research
- Participate in hobbies and volunteer activities related to your career interests

Sophomores

- Participate in summer camps
- Look for a summer job related to your interests to save for college
- Compare your favorite careers- education, tasks, and salary
- Continue reading from your summer reading list
- Talk to your parents about college expenses and how you will cover them

Juniors

- Narrow your college choices to five or fewer and apply to these colleges
- Find a summer job to save for college
- Engage in community service related to your interests
- Schedule campus visits for those you haven't seen yet
- Consider which teachers, employers, or other adults you'll ask for a letter of recommendation
- Prepare a list of your awards, honors, and activities for scholarship applications
- Write an essay about your education and career goals for scholarship applications

Seniors

- Finalize your summer job plans to save for college
- Attend orientation sessions to meet people, get familiar with campus, and register for classes
- Prepare a personal budget for college and review it with your parents
- Check out College Packing List at icansucceed.org/materials

Annual Notice—Use of Video Cameras on School Buses (Board Policy #702.11)

The Monticello Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district transportation. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on school transportation to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of video recordings may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of video recordings may be confidential student records and, if so, will be retained with other student records. Video recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view video recordings of their child if the video recordings are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.



Eighty-one students graduated ‘virtually’ on Sunday, May 24 from Monticello High School. For the second part of graduation we are hoping to hold a ceremony on the football field on July 19 at 7:00pm where the students will receive their diplomas.

Emma Brighton and Emily Schlarmann were recognized as Valedictorians and **Payton Jaeger** as Salutatorian. The following students will be recognized as high honor students for maintaining at least a 3.50 grade point average: **Sydney Ballou, Rylee Bauer, Kacie Bayne, Michael Blunt, Mya Boffeli, Emma Brighton, Jeffrey Carlson, Carter Cruise, Cole Cruise, Natalie First, Cade Folken, Kendra Foust, Carly Hayen, Sophie Hodge, Robby Holmes, Leah Holub, Payton Jaeger, Devin Kraus, Olivia Kremer, Anisa Krouse, Evelyn Krouse, Jordan Kuper, Ben Oswald, Elizabeth Petersen, Nicole Porter, Kristen Roher, Emily Schlarmann, Adam Schmitt, Gabrielle Steiner, Chase Sternhagen, Luke Weber, Micah Williams, Abigail Willson.**

The following students graduated with honors maintaining at least a 3.00 grade point average: **Reid Barnhart, Alex Britt, Jackson DeMean, Travis Heinrich, Shelby Hicks, Lauren Lambert, Michael Lang, Ethan Martensen, Jaison Monk, Jaydon Ray, Mason Reuter, Haley Shady, Ashlynn Sparks, Alaina Sunlin, Colten Thies, Madeline Tobiason, Adara Townsend, Reginald Welter, and Gabriel Wright.**

Congratulations to all of the 2020 Monticello High School Graduates!! The future is yours!



National Honor Society Induction

Congratulations to Senior Anisa Krouse who was inducted to the National Honor Society this year.

Farewell

The Monticello School District will say goodbye to a few employees this year. **Brent Meier** will be retiring after 7 years as Middle School Principal; **Sarah Waldorf** resigned as Middle School Special Education teacher; **Joe Steen** resigned as Alternative High School teacher, and **Kerry Jackson** resigned as 1st Grade teacher at Shannon Elementary. **Larissa Holub** and **Becca Harvey** have resigned as Special Education Associates. On behalf of the District, best wishes and a big thank you to these dedicated employees. We will miss all of you!

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on students.

→□ Please remember to log in to your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email addresses, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc.

→□ We will be sending out report cards in JUNE, so be sure your address is correct!!□

→□ If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-465-3000, ext. 2030.

THANK YOU TO:

- **Jamie Frye** for her donation of hats & mittens.
- **Ohnward Bank & Trust and Citizens State Bank** for their donation for state basketball and state bowling.
- **Monticello Carpet & Interiors** for their donation of carpet squares for the elementary reading program.
- The **Monticello School District Foundation** for granting the teacher wishes at the Foundation Pep Rally.
- **Mindy Eilers** for the donation of masks for our food service workers.
- **Mary Pederson, Lisa Freitas, and Katie Bronmenann** for their donation of masks for our employees.
- **Brenda Leonard with Jones County Emergency Management** for her donation of masks for our employees.
- The **Monticello Chamber of Commerce** and **Fareway Stores** for their generous donation of gift cards to help local families.



2020 Senior Honor Awards

Valedictorians: Emma Brighton and Emily Schlarmann **Salutatorian:** Payton Jaeger

Silver Service Awards: Sydney Ballou, Rylee Bauer, Kacie Bayne, Mya Boffeli, Emma Brighton, Carter Cruise, Kendra Foust, Carly Hayen, Robby Holmes, Leah Holub, Sophie Hodge, Payton Jaeger, Olivia Kremer, Anisa Krouse, Evelyn Krouse, Jordan Kuper, Ben Oswald, Elizabeth Petersen, Nicole Porter, Mason Reuter, Kristen Roher, Emily Schlarmann, and Micah Williams.

Anna Folkerts Husmann Scholarship Jeff Carlson, Jackson DeMean, Anisa Krouse, Evelyn Krouse, Elizabeth Petersen, Kristen Roher, Reggie Welter		Martin Luther Award Mason Reuter
Archdiocese Parish Award	Robby Holmes	MEA/Keith Lubbock Scholarship Ben Oswald
Begeman Fund for Excellence in Physics Scholarship	Jeff Carlson	M.F. Carpenter Scholarships Payton Jaeger, Evelyn Krouse, Gabrielle Steiner, Leah Holub, Olivia Kremer, Elizabeth Petersen, Cade Folken, Micah Williams, Mason Reuter
Bernie Saggau Award	Jeff Carlson	MinnTex Citrus Fundraising Endowment Scholarship Adam Schmitt, Gabrielle Steiner
Bessie & Lester Covington Hearts & Hands Scholarship	Gabrielle Steiner	Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Red Cord Sydney Ballou
Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity Scholarship—Nominee	Jeff Carlson	Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Impact Award Olivia Kremer
Bruce Novak Scholarship Award	Carter Cruise	Monticello Campfire Scholarship Kacie Bayne
	Jordan Kuper	Monticello Eagle Aerie #4466 & Monticello Ladies Auxiliary Kacie Bayne, Evelyn Krouse, Jordan Kuper, Emily Schlarmann
Byrdena Folkers Scholarship	Ben Oswald	Monticello Firefighters/Richmond Kromminga Memorial Scholarship Luke Weber
Carl Wanda Wehner Physics Scholarship	Jeff Carlson	Monticello Firefighters/Don McCarthy Memorial Scholarship Kacie Bayne
Catherine McAuley Scholarship	Haley Shady	Monticello Lions Club-Phillip Freese Scholarship Olivia Kremer
Citizens State Bank Scholarship Kacie Bayne, Elizabeth Petersen, Emma Brighton, Evelyn Krouse, Gabrielle Steiner, Mason Reuter		Monticello Lions Club Scholarship Payton Jaeger
DARE Role Model Certificates Kacie Bayne, Mya Boffeli, Emma Brighton, Jeff Carlson, Kendra Foust, Robby Holmes, Payton Jaeger, Evelyn Krouse, Jordan Kuper, Ben Oswald, Nicole Porter, Mason Reuter, Micah Williams		Monticello School Foundation/John McDonald Health Profession Scholarship Emma Brighton
David Greif Memorial Scholarship	Reggie Welter	Monticello Veterans Organizations Memorial Scholarship Emma Brighton
Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award	Carter Cruise	Mount Mercy University Academic Scholarship Evelyn Krouse
Des Moines Register Academic All-State Recognition	Emily Schlarmann	Mount Mercy University Dean's Scholarship Natalie First
Director's Competition Award Scholarship	Anisa Krouse	Mount Mercy University Distinguished Scholarship Robby Holmes
Director's Scholarship	Anisa Krouse	Mount Mercy University Grant Robby Holmes
Dr. John Randolph Memorial Scholarship	Carly Hayen	Mount Mercy University Soccer Athletic Scholarship Evelyn Krouse
Dr. Tim Dose Memorial Scholarship	Mason Reuter	Mount Mercy University Scholarship Day Scholarship Natalie First
Edwin H & Eloise Sutherland Helgens Memorial Scholarship	Robby Holmes	Mount Mercy University Legacy Scholarship Natalie First
Fidelity Bank & Trust Scholarship	Jordan Kuper	Music Scholarship Haley Shady
Fred Faust Memorial Scholarship	Mya Boffeli	Nate Dunn Business Scholarship Gabrielle Steiner
Governor's Scholar Recognition	Emma Brighton	National Guard Scholarship Rylee Bauer
Hannah First Memorial Scholarship	Natalie First	National Council on Youth Leadership Ambassador Scholarship Elizabeth Petersen, Emily Schlarmann
Helgens Family Memorial Scholarship		National Council on Youth Leadership Youth Salute Award Emily Schlarmann
Memory of Vernon Helgens	Mya Boffeli	Panther Impact UNI Award Elizabeth Petersen, Jeff Carlson, Carly Hayen
Memory of Mary Louise Helgens	Carly Hayen	PEO Award in Education Elizabeth Petersen
Memory of James Gordan Helgens	Jordan Kuper	Proctor & Gamble Scholarship Mya Boffeli
Horatio Alger Association State Scholar Scholarship	Micah Williams	Ray Schneider Living Endowment Scholarship Carly Hayen, Ben Oswald, Gabrielle Steiner
IMT Insurance Richard C. Keith Scholarship	Sydney Ballou	Robert Smiley Scholarship—Nominee Elizabeth Petersen
Iowa Bankers Association Student Athlete Achievement Award	Jeff Carlson	Rotary/Dale L. Greenawald Scholarship Evelyn Krouse
Iowa State Bar Association Citizenship Award	Carter Cruise	Rotary Business Scholarship Emily Schlarmann
Iowa State University True Scholar Award	Sydney Ballou	Sacred Heart Carpenter Scholarship Kacie Bayne, Jordan Kuper, Ben Oswald, Emma Brighton, Mya Boffeli, Robby Holmes, Emily Schlarmann, Carly Hayen, Nicole Porter
	Emily Schlarmann	Starlighters Theater Scholarship Robby Holmes
Jack Recker Scholarship	Kristen Roher	Theresa Grant Memorial Scholarship Nicole Porter
Jacque Lambert Memorial Scholarship	Natalie First	TrebleMakers Scholarship Robby Holmes
JAKS Scholarship	Anisa Krouse	Troop 66 Eagle Scout Scholarship Ben Oswald, Mason Reuter
Jones Co Community Foundation Scholarship	Nicole Porter	TTT Scholarship Abigail Willson
Jones County Dairy Promotion	Kristen Roher	United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award Carter Cruise
Jones Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship	Payton Jaeger	
John E Kortemeyer Scholarship	Cole Cruise	
Keith Dirks Memorial Scholarship	Kacie Bayne	Scholastic Excellence Award Payton Jaeger
Kirkwood Jones County Regional Scholarship Kendra Foust, Olivia Kremer, Gabrielle Steiner, Kristen Roher		Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence Micah Williams
Kirkwood Scholarships - Leaders For Tomorrow Cade Folken, Reggie Welter, Evelyn Krouse		University of Iowa Academic Success Scholarship Mya Boffeli, Micah Williams
Kitty Creek Scholarship Kacie Bayne, Ben Oswald		University of Iowa Forevermore Scholarship Mya Boffeli
KWWL Best of Class	Emma Brighton	University of Iowa Scholars Award Payton Jaeger, Emma Brighton
Laura Lehmann Hinrichs Scholarship	Evelyn Krouse	University of Northern Iowa Honors Scholarship Jeff Carlson
Lewis & Laura Zubler Scholarship	Gabrielle Steiner	University of Northern Iowa Presidential Scholarship Ben Oswald
Lloyd & Joyce Welter Endowed Scholarship	Kristen Roher	University of Sioux Falls Academic Scholarship Jordan Kuper
Locher Scholarship	Micah Williams	University of Sioux Falls Volleyball Scholarship Jordan Kuper
Lois L Shover & John C Shover Memorial Scholarship	Nicole Porter	University of Wisconsin-Platteville Merit Scholarship Kacie Bayne
Lucille Warner Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth Petersen	Vocal Music Scholarship Robby Holmes
Luther Grant	Mason Reuter	Wendt Character Scholarship (UD) Luke Weber



June 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LAST DAY of SCHOOL!	2	3 	4	5	6
8	9	10 Board Work Session—6:00	11	12	13
15 JV/V Baseball @ Wilton – 5:00 JV/V Softball @ Wilton— 5:00	16	17 9/10 Baseball DH vs West Delaware-10:00	18 JV/V Baseball @ Regina – 5:00 JV/V Softball @ Regina— 5:00	19 JV/V Baseball vs Anamosa–5:00 JV/V Softball @ Anamosa–5:00	20
22 9/10 DH Baseball @ Anamosa—10:00 9/10 DH Softball @ Anamosa-10:00 JV/V Baseball @ West Branch—5:00 JV/V Softball @ West Branch—5:00 Board Meeting—6:00	23 	24 9/10 Baseball DH vs Tipton—10:00	25 JV/V Baseball vs N. Cedar– 5:00 JV/V Softball vs N. Cedar– 5:00	26 JV/V Baseball vs Bellevue–5:00 JV/V Softball vs Bellevue –5:00	27
29 9/10 Softball DH vs Northeast JV/V Baseball vs Durant– 5:00 JV/V Softball vs Durant– 5:00	30 JV/V Baseball @ Anamosa –5:00 JV/V Softball vs Anamosa– 5:00				

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