

# SCHOOL SPIRIT



## Monticello Community School District

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Hi everyone,

Take a look at this rendering of the front of the new elementary school! It really has some nice curb appeal! We have been working for several months to do the planning on the new elementary school and we are rapidly coming to an end on that phase of the project. The architects and engineers are finalizing several details and the project plans will be ready for the school board to consider approval of going out to bid at the September 22 board meeting. Then from September 23-October 23 contractors will prepare their bids to be opened publicly on October 23. Finally, on October 27, at the school board meeting, the school board will consider approval of the contractor for this project.



We started the pre-planning on this project in January of 2024 to better understand the financials, our bonding capacity, and the cost of a new building. The school board mobilized an Elementary School Project Committee that worked together during the spring of 2024 to explore the option of a new elementary school. With committee support, the school board called for a school district General Obligation Bond election in November of 2024. With the community support for a General Obligation Bond which passed with 60.5% of the community supporting this project. Following that we started the planning process which brings us up to today.

If a contractor is approved in October at the school board meeting, the ground will be broken this fall, the contractor will mobilize for the project, and the construction will begin. If everything goes as scheduled the new elementary school should be completed in March of 2027. That means this project from the very beginning stages to the end will have taken over three years to complete. That seems like a long time but the final product will be worth it. This school building will be an incredible addition to our community.



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

**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.

## September 2025

## NEWS & NOTES

### of the Monticello Community School District

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FREE BAND CAR WASH



The Monticello Bands will be hosting a Free Car Wash on **September 6** at various locations around town. Bring your car for our band members to wash between 9:00-2:00! Donations are accepted. If you are a business interested in sponsoring the band program, please contact Ellen Ellis or Tony Butterworth at their school emails. Businesses that donate will receive recognition in each concert program.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

- **High School** Pictures are on Thursday, August 28.
- **Middle School** Pictures are on Friday, August 29.
- **Elementary School** Pictures are on Friday, October 3.
- **All retakes** will be on Monday, November 3.



**YEARBOOKS:** 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!

## Homecoming 2025 Lineup of Events!



**September 8–13, 2025**

**Monday, 9/8** - Freshman/Sophomore Volleyball @ Beckman.

**Tuesday, 9/9** The Ironman Volleyball game will be at 6pm in the HS Gym. The Powder Puff game will be at 7:30pm at Dean Nelson Field.

**Wednesday, 9/10**—Homecoming Parade at 6pm, followed by the Coronation at 6:45pm (*if weather doesn't permit a parade, the coronation will be in the HS Gym at 6:30pm*).

**Thursday, 9/11** - 7th-Varsity Volleyball @ Anamosa.

**Friday, 9/12** - Mobile Pep Rally at Elementary Schools in the morning. Pep Rally for MS & HS in the HS Gym, time TBA. XC team running of the football from Cascade to Monticello with presentation of the game ball to officials at midfield. Football game vs Cascade, JV at 5:00, Varsity at 7:00 pm.

**Saturday, 9/13** - Cross Country Meet @ Home, 7th-Varsity, Junior Varsity volleyball tournament at home, Homecoming Dance from 8-11pm in the HS Commons.

More info to come soon! Please contact Student Council Sponsor Hanna Lake at [hanna.lake@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:hanna.lake@monticello.k12.ia.us) with any questions.

**GO PANTHERS!!!**

## PTO NEWS...The PTO is excited to get

another year started. Elementary parents be on the lookout for a form coming home in your child's folder after Labor Day. This form will can be returned to school so we can keep you up to date on meeting minutes and possible ways to get involved! Our first meeting of the year will be Monday, September 15th at 7pm in the Carpenter Library. We hope you will join us to share ideas and learn about new ideas we are going to try this year with the PTO!



## Monticello Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA): What's it all about?

At Monticello High School, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a voluntary, non-exclusive extracurricular organization for high school students who are actively pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ. Participants do not have to consider themselves Christians or be active in athletics to join. However, many of the lessons and discussions center around leading a Christian life as an athlete.

Good things are happening through this organization, and we want to encourage high school students to join us during the 2025-2026 school year. We plan to have a "kick-off" gathering Sunday, September 7, 6:30pm. Similar to the last couple of years, ultimate frisbee, food, music, and a guest speaker are on the agenda. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in weekly huddles as well as large group events about once a month. Students can get more information on the FCA in the high school announcements, from student leaders, and on flyers posted around the high school building.

# 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](mailto: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!



## **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](mailto:judy.hayen@monticello.k12.ia.us). Check it out!

## **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.

## **Be the First to Know!**

Are you signed up for texts & emails from your child's school?

**TEXTS:** Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can participate in this free service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587. SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

**EMAILS:** You automatically receive emails from School Messenger once your student is enrolled in our district. The email(s) you provide in Infinite Campus are the emails that these messages are sent to.



If you have any questions or problems with School Messenger or are not receiving our messages, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman, District Help Desk Personnel at 319-320-1132.

## **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!

**Good luck to all the Fall athletes and coaches!**

**GO PANTHERS!**





# IMPORTANT INFO

## CASHLESS GATE

Reminder: All schools in the River Valley Conference have moved to a cashless ticketing system for High School activities.

Middle School events will also be cashless this year

High School Events:  
\$7 per person (school aged & up)

Middle School Events:  
\$5 per adult  
FREE for students and senior citizens (65+)

- 3 options for tickets:
  - Purchase at the gate with Credit or Debit Card
  - Purchase online in advance  
<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello>
  - Purchase a virtual 10 pass 'punch' card to be used at home events

Monticello  
Community School  
District



SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE  
TICKETS OR PUNCH CARDS

Just a reminder, all schools in the River Valley Conference have switched to a cashless ticketing system this year for High School activities .

A virtual 10 pass 'punch' card can be used at home events. Old punch cards/ passes may be used from previous years.

[BOUND](https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello) is our new site for our calendar, ticket purchases, and the place to register your child.

<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello>

Contact Tim Lambert or Alyssa McNally at the HS Office with any questions.



## Thank You

- Thank you to **Marla Jacobs** for the donation of colored pencils to Carpenter Elementary.
- Thank you to **Samantha McElmeel, Trista DeShaw, and Echovision** for the donation of school supplies
- Thank you to **Welter Storage** for the donation of supplies for a cart at the middle school.
- Thank you **Citizens State Bank, Fareway, Jones Regional Medical Center, Ohnward Bank, Jones County Dairy Producers, F&M Bank, and United Church of Monticello** for providing food for our staff on their first few days back.
- Thank you to **Anne Strittmatter** for providing cookies for our staff.
- Thank you to **Advantage Home Medical, Scott Brighton, and Bo Kramer** for the use of wheelchairs!

Be sure to check  
out our website!



Click on the *New Elementary* button to keep updated on the progress of our new school!



Check out our website!  
[www.monticello.k12..ia.us](http://www.monticello.k12..ia.us)



Stay connected with us by visiting our school website.  
You'll find important updates, calendars, menus, newsletters, job opportunities, and much, much more!

# SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

**We need SUB TEACHERS!**

## Join Our Team as a Substitute Teacher!

Are you looking for a flexible, rewarding job that makes a difference?

We are hiring Substitute Teachers for all grade levels!

- Choose the days you work
- Make a positive impact in students' lives
- Great opportunity for retirees, college students, or anyone who loves kids and learning
- \$18.75 per hour

Find out more here: <https://www.gwaea.org/administrators/substitute-teaching/>

## Become a Substitute Teacher for Monticello CSD!

Join Our Education Team And  
Become A Substitute Teacher  
For Monticello!



### Benefits:

- \$18.75 per hour
- You decide the days you'd like to work
- Help your community when substitute teachers are needed the most!



### Substitute Teachers In Iowa Must Have:

- An Iowa teaching license // or substitute teacher license // or paraeducator certification.
- An associate's degree // or a baccalaureate degree // or 60 college credits through a regionally accredited college or university.
- Completed a substitute authorization course\*
- At least 18 years of age.

\*Those with a teaching license do not need to complete a substitute authorization course.



### How Do I Start?

Everything you need to become a substitute teacher can be found at [subcentral.vista-iowa.com](http://subcentral.vista-iowa.com)

# FOOD SERVICE NEWS

## BREAKFAST MENU



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**MILK served  
with all meals.**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <b>NO SCHOOL— Labor Day</b>	2 Mini donuts Fruit donuts Fruit juice	3 Pancake sausage bites Fruit Fruit juice	4 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	5 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
8 Long John Fruit Fruit juice	9 Breakfast bagel Fruit Fruit juice	10 Chocolate muffin Fruit Fruit juice	11 Sausage & egg sand- wich Fruit Fruit juice	12 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
15 Cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	16 Breakfast burrito Fruit Fruit juice	17 Donut Fruit Fruit juice	18 Pancake on a stick Fruit Fruit juice	19 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
22 Mini waffles Fruit Fruit juice	23 Mini donuts Fruit Fruit juice	24 Biscuit & gravy Fruit Fruit juice	25 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	26 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
29 Long John Fruit Fruit juice	30 Breakfast bagel Fruit Fruit juice			

## LUNCH MENU












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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <b>NO SCHOOL— Labor Day</b>	2 Meatball sub Potato wedges Corn Pears	3 Walking taco Seasoned rice Black bean & corn salsa Peaches	4 Breaded chicken sand- wich Sweet potato fries Steamed broccoli Strawberries & grapes	5 Personal pizza Salad w/romaine Baby carrots Apple wedges
8 Teriyaki chicken Seasoned rice Green beans Diced peaches Dinner roll	9 Bacon cheeseburger Smile fries Cherry tomatoes Watermelon	10 Chicken & noodles Peas & carrots Apple wedges Dinner roll	11 Breaded pork sandwich French fries Broccoli salad Mixed fruit	12 Pizza crunchers Lettuce salad w/ romaine Corn Applesauce
15 Philly beef Wedge fries Baked beans Pears	16 Stuffed cheese sticks w/ sauce Tossed salad w/ romaine Cucumber & cherry tomatoes Orange wedges	17 Cheesy hot dog Sweet potato fries Green beans Mixed fruit	18 Macaroni & cheese Roll ( <i>grades 6-12 only</i> ) Little smokies Steamed broccoli Baby carrots Grapes	19 Stuffed crust pizza Vegetable medley salad Celery sticks Watermelon
22 Breaded chicken drum- mies French fries Peas Apple wedges	23 Country fried steak w/ whole grain roll Mashed potatoes & gravy Green beans Peaches	24 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Steamed carrots Mixed fruit Roll & butter ( <i>grades 6-12 only</i> )	25 Chili w/ crackers String cheese Applesauce Whole grain cinnamon roll	26 Garlic cheese bread Tossed salad greens Cauliflower & cherry to- matoes Mandarin oranges
29 Chicken drumstick Mashed potatoes & gravy Corn Apple sauce Whole grain roll ( <i>grades 6-12 only</i> )	30 French toast sticks Sausage links Hash brown patty Strawberries & bananas			

*Choose a salad  
as an alternate  
lunch daily (HS &  
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# SEPTEMBER 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>No School— Labor Day</b>	2 9/10 VB vs Easton Valley— 5:00	3	4 7/8 VB vs Bellevue-4:00 JV/V XC –Bob Brown Invitational @ Iowa City Kickers Soccer Complex-4:00 9/10/JV/V VB vs Bellevue—5:45 & 7:00	5 JV/V FB @ Beckman—5:00 & 7:00	6 Band Car Wash – 9am-2pm  V VB Tournament @ Midland—8:30am
8  9/10 VB @ Beckman—5:00	9  7/8 FB vs West Branch-4:00 <b>Ironman Volleyball-6:00 @ HS Gym</b> <b>Powder Puff-7:30 @ Football Field</b>	10  <b>1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development</b> <b>Homecoming Parade @ 6:00</b> <b>Coronation-6:45 @ Football Field</b>	11  7/8 VB @ Anamosa-4:00 9/10/JV/V VB @ Anamosa-6:00 & 7:00	12  <b>Pep Rally in HS Gym—TBA</b> JV/V FB vs Cascade-5:00 & 7:00	13  7/8 XC–Home-8am JV XC –Home-9am V XC–Home-10am JV VB Tournament – Home—9am <b>Homecoming Dance– 8-11pm in HS Commons</b>
<b>← Homecoming Week →</b>					
15	16 7/8 FB @ Anamosa—4:00 	17 <b>1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development</b>	18 Ag Experience Day 7/8 VB vs Cascade-4:00 7/8 XC vs Cascade @ Fillmore Fairways-4:30 V XC vs Cascade @ Fillmore Fairways-5:30 9/10/JV/V VB vs Cascade—5:45 & 7:00	19 JV/V FB @ West Branch —5:00 & 7:30	20 V VB Tournament @ Springville— 8:00 
22 <b>Board Meeting—6:00</b>	23 7/8 FB vs Alburnett @ 4:00 7/8 VB vs Beckman-4:00 7/8 XC @ Center Point -Urbana—4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Beckman—5:45 & 7:00	24 <b>1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development</b>	25 7/8 VB @ Camanche-4:00 9/10/JV/V VB @ Camanche-5:45 & 7:00	26 JV/V FB vs Bellevue-5:00 & 7:00	27 V VB @ Marquette— 8:00 7/8 XC @ Anamosa-9am V XC @ Anamosa-9am 9/10 VB Tournament @ Cascade—9:00am
29	30 7/8 FB @ Tipton— 4:00  High School Fall Choir Concert—7:00				

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