

Coming soon: ParentSquare

The Moniteau School District is excited to announce the rollout of a new parent communication tool for the 2025-2026 school year, ParentSquare.

ParentSquare is a one-stop shop for school communication and engagement between home and the community. Moniteau teachers will be able to use two-way messaging via the web, email, and text message. The dashboard allows school personnel to ask for items, request volunteers, fill out forms, and many other features.

For Dassa McKinney parents, ParentSquare adoption will provide one app for communication replacing ClassDojo and our all-call system (Skylert) while allowing for expanded features including electronic submittal of absence excuses and access to school reminders. Events are integrated into the school calendar, making it easy to view school happenings at a glance.

More information will follow in the coming weeks!



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UPCOMING:

5/7—HS Choral Concert, 7:00 pm
5/12—Spring Keystone Exams start
5/12—Finance Committee Mtg., 5:00 pm
5/12—Board Work Session, 7:00 pm
5/13—Elementary Choral and Band Concert, 1:00 pm
5/13—Operations Committee Mtg., 4:00 pm
5/15—Dassa Dash
5/19—Educational Planning Mtg., 3:15 pm
5/19—Board Voting Mtg., 7:00 pm
5/21—HS Band Concert, 7:00 pm
5/26—No School: Memorial Day, Offices Closed



Sports Schedules:

#warriorpride

SPORTS RECAP

5/1—JH Baseball v. Pine-Richland, 4pm

5/2—Varsity Softball v. Keystone, 3:30pm

5/6—JH Softball v. Johnsonburg, 4:15pm

5/8—JH Softball v. Karns City, 4pm

5/8—Varsity Baseball v. Punxsutawney, 4:30pm

5/9—Varsity Softball v. Saegertown, 4pm

5/12—Varsity Baseball v. Karns City, 7pm

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5/14—Ashley Hasychak Memorial JH Track Invitational, 3:30pm

5/14—Varsity Softball v. Dubois, 4:30pm

5/15—JH Softball v. Hickory, 4pm

5/19—JH Softball v. Mercer, 4pm

NOTE: All home varsity baseball games for the 2024-2025 school year will be played at the Jack Critchfield Park, located on the Slippery Rock University campus.

This game **only will be played at Kasnevich Field at Slippery Rock University.

The boys (2-2) and girls (3-1) varsity track and field teams have found early season success despite the rainy spring weather. Among all of the individual accomplishments on the track and field team this year, none is more impressive than senior Ashton Grossman breaking the school pole vault record not once, but twice!

The boys varsity baseball team sits atop the KSAC at the midpoint of the season. After a slow start, the boys have battled back to a 5-5 overall record, but more importantly remain undefeated in conference play. They will look to remain perfect in conference play on Wednesday night when they take on Redbank Valley on the road.

The girls varsity softball team sits in 2nd place in the KSAC as they approach the halfway mark. They will look to stave off 4th place Redbank Valley on Wednesday evening in a road matchup against the Bulldogs.

Junior high volleyball season has come and gone as the Warriors capped off their season with two wins at home against the Forest Area Fires! The home victory vs. Forest was a fitting end to a successful season that included a win at the Redbank Valley Junior High Tournament for the second year in a row!

Rainy weather has held the junior high baseball (2-2) and junior high softball (3-3) teams off of the field for a large part of their early season. The softball team is looking to build off of their doubleheader victory against Pine-Richland as they near the halfway point of their season. The boys junior high baseball team is now playing their home games at Moniteau High School.

For the most up-to-date schedules, please check the athletics page on the school website at: <https://moniteauwarriors.com/main/athletics/>

-OR-

Click on the QR code to your right...

To view our home game livestreams, visit our HUDL Fan page at: <https://fan.hudl.com/usa/pa/west-sunbury/organization/40801/moniteau-junior-high-school>

To pre-purchase mobile tickets, visit us at: <https://fans.s2pass.com/location-selection>

GO WARRIORS!



Fall Sports Physicals

Students interested in participating on a fall sports team will have the opportunity to complete their sports physical on Tuesday, May 13th. Physicals will begin at 8:30am in the high school nurse's office.

Paperwork packets must be completed and brought on the day of your physical. Packets are available from Mrs. McEwen or from the high school office.



Spring Concert Information

High School Choral Concert: Wednesday, May 7th @ 7pm (HS Auditorium)

Dassa Choral and Band Concert: Tuesday, May 13th @ 1pm (Dassa gym)

Shuttles will be available at the Catholic Church in West Sunbury

High School Band Concert: Wednesday, May 21st @ 7pm (HS Auditorium)



Science Curriculum Updated to New STEELS Standards

Teachers and administrators at both Dassa McKinney Elementary School and Moniteau Jr./Sr. High School are working together to change the current science curriculum. The new standards are called STEELS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability). Schools across the state of Pennsylvania are aligning their curriculum and instructional practices with these new standards in grades K-8.

The Pennsylvania STEELS standards represent a comprehensive, integrated approach to science education in Pennsylvania, designed to be implemented fully by the 2025-2026 school year. These standards aim to shift from memorization to engaging students in real-world problem-solving and investigations, fostering deeper understanding of science and its applications.

Key aspects of the STEELS curriculum include:

Integration:

- ♦ The standards integrate science, technology, engineering, environmental literacy and sustainability into a cohesive framework.

Real-world Focus:

- ♦ The curriculum emphasizes hands-on, inquiry-based learning, and authentic problem-solving to connect scientific concepts to real-world scenarios.

Three Dimensions:

- ♦ The standards are built around three dimensions: science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting concepts.

Environmental Literacy and Sustainability:

- ♦ A new domain focusing on environmental literacy and sustainability is integrated throughout the curriculum.

Shifting from Information to Sensemaking:

- ♦ The standards encourage students to take on the role of scientists and engineers, making sense of phenomena and designing solutions.

Alignment with NGSS:

- ♦ The STEELS standards are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which are used by multiple states.

REGISTRATION

When you're ready to enroll your child, for any grade level, please come to our central registration location:

Moniteau School District
C. Foster McGarvey
Administration Center
1810 West Sunbury Rd.
West Sunbury, PA 16061

Be sure to bring the following documents:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- Picture ID

Registration appointments can be made during the school year from 8am-1pm by calling Mrs. Becky Kristufek, (724) 637-2117 x2004 or emailing bkristufek@moniteau.org.

Kindergarten Registration

Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1st of the current school year in order to register for kindergarten.

In addition to the registration documents (listed above) the Department of Health mandates that each new student complete a physical and dental exam before attending school. We will accept exams completed up to six months prior to registration.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

Moniteau School District is working with ABC Transit, Inc. for transportation services.

Please remember the default stop for ALL students at the start of the year is their home address, as listed in Skyward unless the Google Form has been submitted with an update (can be found on the Transportation page on the district website).

Students will only be permitted one (1) stop in the AM and one (1) stop in the PM.

Information regarding transportation updates will be conveyed to all students, parents and guardians via Skyward.

For more specific information please reference Board Policy 810: Transportation, which can be found on the district website.

PLEASE NOTE: Bus passes will only be permitted for emergency situations and not on a day-to-day basis.

For transportation questions please contact:

Mr. Jeff Campbell
Transportation Director
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(724) 637-2117 x 2000



Harvest of the Month: Beets



- Beets have the highest sugar content of any vegetable and roasting brings out the natural sweetness.
- Beet juice is widely used as a natural dye to give pink or red coloring to processed foods.
- Beet juice was used as a cheek and lip stain by women during the 19th century, a practice that inspired the saying "red as a beet."
- People originally ate beet greens but not the roots. They occasionally used the roots medicinally.
- Colonists brought beets to America in the 19th century.



Did you know...

- Cyber schools do not have a set cost per student. Costs can range between \$12,000-\$40,000 per student per year depending on the student's individual needs.
- To date, for the 2024-2025 school year Moniteau has spent over \$700,000 to pay for students who enroll in cyber programs.
- The graduation rates from cyber schools are as follows: Agora= 55.67%, Commonwealth Connections=64.88%, PA Cyber=59.37%, Reach=76.20. In comparison Moniteau's graduation rate=88.68.*
- Testing data from the 2023-2024 school year indicates the following number of students score proficient and/or advanced on the PSSA math test (average of grades 3-8): Commonwealth=19.33%, PA Cyber=16.38%, Reach=8.13%. In comparison, Moniteau students have an average of 41.65%.*
- Testing data from the 2023-2024 school year indicates the following number of students score proficient and/or advanced on the PSSA ELA test (average of grades 3-8): Commonwealth=41.43%, PA Cyber=35.42%, Reach=19.53%. In comparison, Moniteau students have an average of 53.5%.*

*-Data taken from the PA Department of Education website.

Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, Moniteau School District will run its own cyber program for students in grades 6-12 only. For more information please contact Dr. Jeremy Borkowski at jborkowski@moniteau.org or (724) 637-2091.



Kids Heart Challenge

The students of Dassa McKinney Elementary School have been participating in the Kids Heart Challenge. The kick-off assembly was held on March 13th, where the students learned about developing healthy habits, such as drinking water instead of soda pop. The students were also taught about the importance of learning Hands-Only CPR.

Throughout March and April the students of Dassa McKinney Elementary School raised funds through the Kids Heart Challenge to help support the American Heart Association Students in the 3rd through 6th grades who raised funds were invited to compete in a "March Madness" style basketball tournament. Over the course of two weeks, ten teams played basketball games and now they are down to the final two teams. The final two teams will play the championship game at the end of the year assembly.

After the conclusion of the game, the students will play a fun exhibition game against the teachers!



At left:

Team 5 (Blue) vs. Team 7 (Red)
playing a second round game.

Chromebook Collection

High School Seniors

- ⇒ Chromebooks and chargers will be collected on **Friday, May 30th**
- ⇒ Carrying cases do not need to be returned.

Grades 7-11

- ⇒ Chromebooks and chargers will be collected on **Monday, June 2nd**.
- ⇒ Student are to keep their carrying cases over the summer so they may used next school year.
- ⇒ Chromebooks and chargers will be returned to the same students in the next school year.

Grades K-6

- ⇒ Chromebooks, chargers, and carrying cases will stay at school starting on **Thursday, May 22nd**.
- ⇒ Chromebooks, chargers, and carrying cases will be returned to the same students next school year.
- ⇒ Students who will enter 7th grade in the 25-26 SY will receive new devices.

Any devices or changers that are not returned or are significantly damaged may be subject to restitution, based on the schedule of fines for uninsured devices. More information is available at www.moniteau.org/Technology

Grand March

Join us on Saturday, May 10th for the Grand March. Doors open at 4pm and announcing of participants will begin at 4:30pm. The price of admission is \$5 per person, which is used as a fundraiser for next year's prom. The prom court will be introduced at the end of the ceremony with the crowning of the prince, princess, king, and queen as the culmination of the event. Hope to see you there!



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Dassa McKinney Elementary School

Student Hours:

8:50am—3:30pm

Staff Hours:

8:15am—3:45pm

Moniteau Jr./Sr. High School

Student Hours:

7:15am—2:25pm

Staff Hours:

7:05am—2:35pm

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