

Family and Community Financial Education Series

The Moniteau School District will be hosting four Financial Education Nights from February through May 2024. A light dinner will be provided at the end of each of these events, as well as, door prizes. In order to prepare enough materials and food for each of these presentations, we will be sending out a registration link via a Skylert email message and a flier with a QR code for easy access to this registration form. Below you will find the title, content summary, location and time of each event. We hope to see you there! This series is open to families of our students as well as community members.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

When: Tuesday, February 27th at 6-7 PM

Where: LGI Classroom (Room 607) at Moniteau High School

What: Erik Fuhr, Dollar Bank Branch Manager, will be sharing budgeting tips and talking about starting a savings account for a rainy day, a special project or retirement.

MANAGING STRESS IN OUR HOMES

When: Tuesday, March 26th at 6-7 PM

Where: MHS Auditorium

What: Dr. Sheffield, author of *Practice Makes Perfect—Not!* Will be sharing strategies to remove stress from our homes. He will teach how to build a positive attitude in your child.

HEALTH IS WEALTH

When: Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30-7:30 PM

Where: MHS Family Consumer Science Classroom

What: Dr. Joseph Robare, Associate Professor & MPH Program Director at SRU, will be presenting how to eat healthy and nutritious meals while keeping a budget in mind. Participants will prepare and eat a meal together.

SAVING FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

When: Tuesday, May 14th at 6-7 PM

Where: Dassa McKinney Cafeteria

What: Mr. George Pry, of Horace Mann, will be discussing what a 529 plan is and why you may want to consider starting one for your child's post-secondary education.



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Upcoming:

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| 2/5—Extracurricular Committee Mtg., 3:30pm |
| 2/6—Operations Committee Mtg., 4:00pm |
| 2/12—Board Work Session, 7:00pm |
| 2/16—Act 80 Day; NO SCHOOL for students |
| 2/19—Makeup day for Snow day on January 9th |
| 2/26—Finance Committee Mtg., 5:00pm |
| 2/26—Board Voting Mtg., 7pm |
| 2/27—Family Education Night: Financial Literacy, 6:00pm |



Academic Decathlon

The Moniteau High School Academic Decathlon Team's season is in full swing. The team recently competed in a scrimmage competition at Northwest Collegiate Academy in Erie, Pennsylvania. The scrimmage provided the team with the opportunity to inventory their readiness for future events, and focus their many study hours to improve and prepare for success. Moniteau's next event will be the Regional Competition at Seneca Valley School District on February 1, 2, and 3. A successful performance at Regionals will qualify Moniteau to compete in the Pennsylvania Academic Decathlon State Competition. The members of the Academic Decathlon Team are Gavin Collard, Ireland Connor, Damen Devore, Natalie Fedorchak, Joktan Hartle, Karolina Karner, Jillian Milich, Veronica Miller, Zane Rott, Logan Ryan, Heath Shaner, Grace Smith, and Taylor Voloch.



"Our mission is to prepare Moniteau students to achieve their fullest potential as they face the challenges of life."

February Home Events:

2/3—Boys Basketball v. Punxsy, 1pm

2/6— Boys JH Basketball v. North Clarion, 3:45pm

2/7— Bocce Match v. Mars, 3:30pm

2/9— Boys Basketball v. North Clarion, 6pm

2/13— Boys JH Basketball v. Clarion-Limestone, 3:45pm

2/19— Boys JH Basketball v. Forest, 3:45pm

2/21— Boys JH Basketball v. Karns City, 3:45pm

2/26— Boys JH Basketball v. Keystone, 3:45pm

2/28— Boys JH Basketball v. Cranberry, 3:45pm

INTERIM ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

Lance Fox-District Contact
Dustin Thompson-Game Coverage



SPORTS RECAP

The boys varsity basketball team heads toward the end of January with a 5-8 record. The team has a 4-4 record in the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference (KSAC) and will have a favorable schedule for the remainder of the season with many of their games at home.

The girls varsity basketball team's record sits at 12-5 after their victory over Portersville Christian on January 22, 2024. The girls are 3-3 in the KSAC and will play their final five games away to close out their season. Seven senior athletes were honored at the January 22, 2024 game. Isabella Osborne, Kendall Sankey, Davina Pry, Cheyenne Curl, Alexandra Pry, Catherine Kelly and Abigail Jewart took center court before the game and received gifts and an ovation from the crowd.

On January 18th, the Moniteau Unified Sports Bocce Team took two out of three frames against Knoch High School to win their second match in a row. The team is now 2-0 and has outscored their opponents by a score of 24-14. The next home Bocce match is February 7, 2024 at 3:30pm versus Mars High School.

The junior high boys basketball team began their schedule on January 11, 2024 when they traveled to Clarion-Limestone. The team will play throughout the month of February with home games versus Karns City on February 21st, Keystone on February 26th and Cranberry on February 28th.



#warriorpride

Dassa McKinney Students Compete in Academic Games



Last month, 20 students from Dassa McKinney competed in the Academic Games LinguistIK competition. The team included: Trent Glenn, Mackenzie Negley, Makayla Negley, John Traggiai, Veronica Brinkley, Ryder Carter, Belle DeVore, Delaney Eury, Reid Harris, Kallie Litzenberg, Easton Stephens, Avery Van Gorder, Ben Baptiste, Logan Diaz, Keith Eckenrode, Kyle Fend, Xavier Klinger, Noah Regis, Ben Scott, and Chase Williams.

The team of Belle DeVore, Kallie Litzenberg, Delaney Eury, Logan Diaz, and Ben Baptiste placed for this event. In addition, three 6th graders went undefeated and qualified for Tri-Bowl in late February at Grove City College. These students are Kyle Fend, Logan Diaz, and Ben Baptiste. The team's next competition will be Equations on February 7th at Slippery Rock University.



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:

With the school year well underway, we ask that all families please convey any changes in transportation needs and child care arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have moved please be sure to communicate your new address to our District Registrar, Mrs. Becky Kristufek. She can be reached at: bkristufek@moniteau.org or (724) 637-2117 x 2004

For more specific transportation information please reference School Board Policies:

- ♦ 810: Transportation
- ♦ 810.2: Bus Passes

These policies can be found on the Board of Directors page on the district website.

Please note that the Moniteau School District will NOT be issuing bus passes for the following elementary buses: C283 (Bus X) and C310 (Bus C) as well as the following high school bus: C302. These buses are at capacity and we will NOT honor bus pass requests.

For all transportation related information and questions please contact:

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Harvest of the Month: Mushrooms



Did you know?

- ♦ Hieroglyphics found in Egyptian tombs showed that Pharaohs considered mushrooms “the plant of immortality.”
- ♦ Unlike plants, mushrooms do not need light to grow.
- ♦ While commonly placed in the vegetable category, mushrooms are technically not vegetables or fruits. They are considered a fungus.
- ♦ Mushrooms are made up of 90% water.
- ♦ Pennsylvania leads the United States in mushroom production with more than 50 farms growing nearly 557 million pounds of mushrooms each year.



District Jazz Band

Congratulations to Senior Jaycee Relihan and Sophomores Halle Beatty and Jade Shaffer who successfully auditioned for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 5 Jazz Band

Festival on January 8th. This festival is composed of band students from Butler, Beaver, Mercer and Lawrence Counties. They will be performing in the concert at Slippery Rock University on February 17th at 2:00 pm in Miller Auditorium. Great job!



Mock Trial

The Moniteau High School Mock Trial Competition Team recently competed at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral Classic Invitational Tournament. This young team used this tournament as a chance to get their feet wet and learn what competition is like. The Cathedral Classic is the largest single tournament in the state and Moniteau was able to hold their own against Mount Lebanon, Ringold, and Springdale. Moniteau placed 32nd out of nearly 80 teams. The team is now preparing for the statewide tournament put on by the Pennsylvania Bar Association to be held this month. The members of the Mock Trial Team are: Danicka Barger, Mason Confer, Sydney DeMatteis, River Gavinski, Kameron Hershey, Hayden Hilliard, Jocelyn Mack, Emma McAnallen, Miles Mershimer, Isabella Osborne, Madilyn Prorok, Graysen Rottman, Cara Roxberry, Isaak Sarnese, Jordana Shepard, Beau Stewart, Kaitlyn Thompson, Alexis Vogel, Nevaeh Wilson, and Jessica Young. They are led by advisors Mr. Sean Morrow and Mr. Jeremy Borkowski.

MONITEAU FFA

The Moniteau High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) made their annual pilgrimage to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Hershey, Pennsylvania on January 8, 9, and 10. The field trip included tours of several agriculture-related facilities, in addition to the PA Farm Show. While at the Farm Show, Moniteau competed in the Pennsylvania State FFA Demonstration Competition. All three Moniteau demonstration teams performed exceptionally well, earning 4th, 5th, and 6th place finishes.

Earning 6th place with their demonstration on *Grain Bin Safety* was the team of Collin Lunn, Nick Kohlmeyer, Carter Sutton, Kurt Gindhardt, and alternate Logan Hughes. 5th Place Team Dylan McMurdy, Madison Anderson, Sydnee Brunst, Easton Snow, and alternates Alex Stewart and Zetta Stroup presented information on agricultural safety in their demonstration entitled *Avoiding Farm Hazards*. Riley McGuire, Sydney Bayless, Brock Beachem, Levi LaCava, and alternates Peyton Kohlmeyer and C.J. Wells earned a 4th place finish by sharing their knowledge of fishing knots with their demonstration *It's Knot That Hard*. The Moniteau FFA is led by advisor Mr. Bryan Dean.



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8:45am—3:35pm

Staff Hours:

8:20am—3:50pm

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7:05am—2:35pm

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