



**James Monroe High School**  
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August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome! It is with great excitement that I extend a warm welcome to every family and student to the new school year of 2019-2020. The leadership team and teachers look forward to a year full of great success.

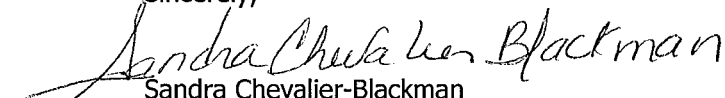
The first day of classes is Wednesday, September 4, 2019 and "Open House" will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Our staff is ready to welcome every student and offer him/her the best educational program and safe learning environment available in our district. In order to accomplish this, we are asking for your support. Please review all of the school processes and procedures that we have included in the information folder.

If you have any questions, please call the school. It is very important that you review them together. Students and parents should be aware of this information, so we can start right away in September on the path of success.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 232-1530.

Sincerely,

  
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**School Special Events 2019-2020**

## August

**Thursday, August 29, 2019**

Middle School Academy Orientation

Time: 4:00PM – 6:00PM

## September

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

Open House

Time: 11:00AM – 1:00PM

## October

**Thursday, October 3, 2019**

Senior Parent Night – Graduation

Information Night

Time: 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Freshman Parent Night – Academic  
Orientation

Time: 5:00PM – 6:00PM

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

Homecoming Game

Time: Approx. 1:00PM

**Thursday, October 17, 2019**

Parent/Teacher Conference

Time: 5:00PM – 7:00PM

## March

**Friday, March 19, 2020**

Parent/Teacher Conference

Time: 5:00PM – 7:00PM

## April

**Thursday, April 2, 2020 - Monday, April 6, 2020**

Senior Trip

Location: TBD

## May

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

Parent Appreciation Event

Time: 5:00PM – 6:30PM

**Friday, May 29, 2020**

Prom

Time: 7:00PM – 11:00PM

## June

**Thursday, June 4, 2020**

Awards Ceremony

Time: 4:30PM – 6:00PM

**Thursday, June 11, 2020**

Sports Banquet

Time: 3:45PM – 7:30PM

**Thursday, June 25, 2020**

Class of 2020 Graduation Ceremony

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Location: TBD



## James Monroe HS Personal Electronics Policy

James Monroe High School has a no cellphone and personal electronics policy. This includes but is not limited to:

- Cellphones
- MP3 players
- Ipods
- Tablets
- Smart watches
- Gaming devices

We suggest that students do not bring these items to school. However if a student does bring their cellphone and/or electronics to school, it will be collected and secured when the student enters the building. Students are given back their cellphones and electronics at the end of the day.

Failure for students to comply will result in progressive discipline.

## **Monroe High School Attendance Policy**

Student attendance each and every day is critical. A student is considered chronically absent if they miss a total of 10 school days in a school year. If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the house office to inform school personnel of the absence. The following are reasons for absence:

- Absent-Excused
- Students are considered to be Absent Excused for the following reasons:
- Illness
- Doctor's Appointment
- Sickness or death of an out of town family member for 3 days within NYS and 5 days outside of NYS
- Court Appearances
- Religious Observances
- Field Trips or other school related

The absence will only be considered excused if the parent or guardian submits a verbal or written excuse to school personnel.

- Absences which are not considered excused include:
- Oversleeping
- Issues with transportation
- Vacation or trips out of town

## **Tardy**

Students are recorded as tardy if they arrive to school or to a class late. Excessive tardies will be monitored and addressed by designated school staff.

## Monroe High School Community Partners

As a Community School, Monroe has cultivated relationships and created partnerships with local agencies to support our mission of learning, working, and contributing to our community. In addition to our partnerships with several agencies, we also have a food pantry and clothing closet on-site.



Ibero has several programs at James Monroe High School. The Family Services Assistance Program (FSA) works directly with families to provide supports that result in greater student achievement and parent participation.

The Project Ayuda Outreach program works with students and staff to provide substance abuse and prevention education. In addition to providing in class prevention education, PAO staff also offers one-on-one prevention counseling services.

Ibero Employment Services assists in job readiness training including resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search assistance.



Hillside offers both their Work-Scholarship Connection and Health Homes programs here at Monroe High school. HW-SC provides enrolled students with a youth advocate and employment training. Health Homes provides families with the coordination of youth medical, behavioral health, and social health needs.



Trillium Health is a community based health center located less than a block from Monroe High School. The partnership between Monroe and Trillium is focused on providing Monroe families with access to high-quality primary and specialty care.



Upward Bound is a college readiness program for Monroe High School students in grades 9-12. The program provides students with academic advising, tutoring, internship opportunities, and college visits.



SUNY Brockport provides students with the Educational Talent Search program which offers students college and career preparation. Students are provided assistance with homework, completing job applications, career exploration, and life skills workshops.



RIT Gear-up focuses on working with the Monroe Senior Class of 2020 to assist students to have a better understanding of technology and an awareness of its impact on their career choices in the 21st Century. Students enrolled experience college preparation, pre-college STEM education, and opportunities for career exploration



The YWCA supports Monroe students who are pregnant or currently parents through the Parent as Teachers program. Support focuses on creating a strong foundation in early childhood that leads to greater success. The YWCA continues to support teen parents through their child's entry into kindergarten,



The Center for Youth staff provide Monroe High School students with Crisis Intervention Prevention services. Staff focus on the implementation of restorative practices with both students and staff.



Excellus provides Monroe families with insurance navigation and options. They also are the benefactors of the Borinquen Dance Theater program here at Monroe, which allows for a cultural and artistic outlet for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

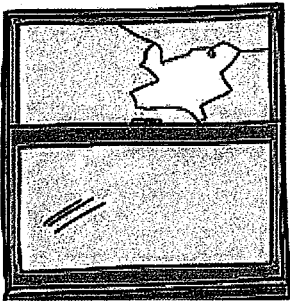


Flower City Arts Center provides Monroe students with the Expanding the Field program and the Studio 789 program. Expanding the Field allows for accepted applicants who are interested in pursuing a career in the arts access to free classes that allow them to explore their aptitude for visual arts.

Studio 789 focuses on our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and teaches them how to use a professional camera, develop film, use editing software and present their work in an exhibition. Students in their second and third year of the program have the opportunity to participate in a special project.

### **Community Engagement Team**

The Monroe Community Engagement Team is comprised of representatives from each stakeholder group. Community partners, administrators, teachers, students, community members and families come together to identify needs and align resources for increased student success. All are welcomed to attend CET meetings. Meeting dates and times are posted on the Monroe website: [rcsd12.org/Monroe](https://rcsd12.org/Monroe)



**Destruction/Thief of  
School Property will  
not be tolerated!**



Monroe High School Students and their parents will be held responsible for any destruction or thief of school property.

- Rochester City School District Property which is stolen or damaged by a student, the parent/guardian will be held responsible to assume the cost.
- District Incident Report will be completed by Administration and consequences may be assigned.
- Parent/Guardian will be notified of the incident and evidence of the damaged caused by the student.
- An Official quote will be provided with the required guidelines for payment established by the District Safety and Security Office.
- All damaged property will be reported to the RCSD Facility and Legal Department.