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## **MCCC TO HOST ‘RUNNING FESTIVAL’ ON OCT. 5**

### ***Monroe Milers Invite, Great Pumpkin Pursuit, Color Dash All to be Held at MCCC***

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College will host what campus officials have dubbed a “Running Festival” on Saturday, Oct. 5, with six races slated for that morning.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-annual **Monroe Milers Invite** will include four races that are invitation-only. These include:

- 8:15 a.m.: K-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls (1 mile)
- 8:30 a.m.: K-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys (1 mile)
- 8:45 a.m.: 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls (2 miles)
- 9:10 a.m.: 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys (2 miles)

At 10 a.m., the college will host the **4<sup>th</sup>-annual Great Pumpkin Pursuit 5K**, a flat, cross-country race with no roads, sidewalks or water crossings that is run entirely on the MCCC Main Campus. Proceeds will support the creation of scholarships at Monroe County Community College.

The Great Pumpkin Pursuit will include six age categories each for male and female participants; 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and over. Registration is \$20 if received on or before Sept. 20. After this date, registration is \$25. Participants can register the day of the race. Participants

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will receive a T-shirt and refreshments, but T-shirts are not guaranteed for late registrants. Registration forms are available at [www.monroecc.edu/run](http://www.monroecc.edu/run). Race-day registration begins at 8 a.m.

The inaugural MCCC Color Dash follows at 11:15 a.m. The Color Dash is a 5K fun run/walk with an emphasis on fun. Participants should focus on getting bathed in the best rainbow of colors and laughing all the way to the finish line. Whoever has the most fun wins, meaning victories will be plentiful.

During the run, participants will get covered in non-toxic, 100 percent biodegradable powder thrown by volunteers who will be eager to use them as their personal canvas. Each kilometer completed will bring a new color to the mix. There will not be any physical obstacles on course.

The Color Dash will include music, raffles and food.

Registration is \$35 if received on or before Sept. 20. After Sept. 20 and through the day of the race, registration is \$40. Early registration for children ages 8-14 is \$10; late registration for this age group is \$15. Registration for children under 7 is free. Race day registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the race will be limited to the first 500 participants. Like the Great Pumpkin Pursuit, proceeds from the Color Dash will support the creation of scholarships at MCCC.

In the event of inclement weather such as rain or high winds, the Color Dash will be canceled. There will be no refunds. Race-day registration will begin at 9 a.m. in front of the Welch Health Education Building.

Entry forms are available online at [www.monroecc.edu/run](http://www.monroecc.edu/run).

For more information on the Monroe Milers Invite, contact Heath LaPrad at (734) 652-9167.

For more information on the Great Pumpkin Pursuit or the Color Dash, contact Josh Myers at (734) 384-4214 or [jmyers@monroecc.edu](mailto:jmyers@monroecc.edu).

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