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Monroe Football Team Heads to State Championship with Schoolwide Parade

Who:

Members of the boys football team from James Monroe High School

What:

School parade and send-off

When:

Friday, December 5, 2025, 3:10 p.m.

Where:

James Monroe High School
Room 323
164 Alexander Street
Rochester, NY 14607

Details:

For the first time since the state tournament was established in 1993, an RCSD team will play in a New York State football championship game. The undefeated James Monroe High School Red Jackets (11-0), tied for first in Class B statewide by the New York State Sportswriters Association, will face Westchester County’s Sleepy Hollow in the Class B title game on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the JMA Wireless Dome in Syracuse.

To celebrate, Monroe will host a schoolwide parade and send-off. The team will begin on the third floor and walk down the halls, passing each classroom as students and staff cheer them on ahead of their final practice.

The Red Jackets are led by Section V Class B Coach of the Year Terrell Cunningham and his son, Section V Class B Player of the Year Terrell Cunningham Jr., the team’s quarterback, along with standout wide receiver Messiah Hampton, who has officially signed to play at the University of Oregon and set the all-time Section V career receiving record this season.