



EMBARGOED Media Advisory: Thursday, September 3, 2026, 5 p.m.

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(ATTENTION EDITORS: SURPRISE EVENT. Please do not broadcast details before Thursday, September 3 at 5 p.m.)

Monroe High School Football Team to be Surprised with Historic State Championship Rings

Who:

Returning members of the State Champion Monroe High School Football Team, parents accepting on behalf of graduated players, and the Monroe school community.

What:

Surprise State Championship Ring Presentation

When:

Thursday, September 3, 2026, 5 p.m. (full event runs from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

Where:

James Monroe High School (gymnasium)
164 Alexander Street
Rochester, NY 14607

Details:

Members of the Monroe High School football team will be presented with their state championship rings during a surprise ceremony at 5 p.m. inside the school’s gymnasium.

The Monroe Red Jackets completed an undefeated 12–0 season in December 2025 with a dominant 34–0 victory over Sleepy Hollow at the JMA Wireless Dome in Syracuse. The historic win made Monroe the first team in the Rochester City School District to capture a state football championship. Because the season concluded last winter, several players graduated and are away at college. Parents of those student-athletes will be in attendance to accept rings on their children’s behalf, along with current players returning for another season.

This surprise presentation is a highlight of the school’s annual “Welcome to the ‘Roe” back-to-school event, which runs from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event features haircuts and styling from cosmetology students, school tours, and opportunities for families to meet teachers ahead of the new school year.

The Red Jackets launch their 2026 season this Saturday, September 5, at Edison at noon. They host their home opener under newly installed lights on Friday, September 11, at 7 p.m. against McQuaid, marking the first night games in the school's history.