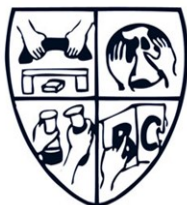


Charlotte Montessori
School



Established in 1971

Parent Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

**Dec: 17: 1/2 Day
School Closes at Noon**

**Dec 18: Teacher Workday
School Closed**

**Dec 21 to Jan 1: Winter
Break School Closed**

January

Jan 4: School Resumes

**Jan 18: Teacher Workday
School Closed**

**Jan 28: Parent Ed.
Workshop**



Dear Families,

As we conclude a year like no other, I would like to reiterate our thanks and appreciation to all of you for your partnership, flexibility and grace as we navigated the past 9+ months of the year. We are so pleased to be healthy, open and that we continue to see you and your children each day. Having a sense of normalcy during such uncertain times has been positive for all of us.

As COVID-policies continue to evolve, we are regularly updating ours, in an effort to keep everyone in our community safe. One significant change: **the State now requires all five-year-old children (and older) to wear masks while at school.** We have spoken with our Childcare Consultant and have the following to share with our community:

- This new requirement will officially go into effect at our school on Monday, January 4th. If you wish to start earlier, please contact your child's teacher ahead of sending them to school with a mask.
- Each child 5 and up will need a clean mask each day, and at least one backup in their box. Non-disposable masks should be laundered following daily use.
- If you believe your child may qualify for an exception (medical or otherwise), please consult with your child's doctor or other medical professional as well as the teacher/admin team at CharMont.
- Children will not wear masks at rest or when they eat and will be able to take a "mask break" anytime they are outside on the playgrounds.
- We ask for your partnership here again: if you have an older child, please practice mask-wearing with your children over the break and consult with your teacher if you have specific expectations about your own child wearing a mask at school.
- We have added a section on **masks** along with the following to our Parent Portal: charlottemontessori.com/parents, (password: Charmont1971)
 1. Safety Tips
 2. How Can I Help Children Successfully Wear a Face Covering?
 3. Tips to Help Children Adapt

Thank you all—we are here to support and partner as we work together to navigate the many COVID-related changes and policy updates aimed at helping to mitigate the risks.

Celebrate the Holidays Safely

Take steps to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

PRACTICE THE 3 WS



WEAR a mask
over your nose
and mouth



WAIT
6 feet
apart



WASH
your
hands

**Avoid holiday travel and limit physical contact
with people who do not live with you.**

If you choose to travel or gather with people who live outside of your household, follow these recommendations.



Get tested for COVID-19 three to four days before traveling or attending gatherings.



Live together? Sit together.
If not, stay 6 feet apart.



Do not host or attend a gathering if you've been exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms.



Use single-serve options or have one person serve food so that multiple people are not handling items.



Guests who are high risk for complications from COVID-19 should attend events virtually.



Clean and disinfect commonly-touched surfaces such as door handles and sink faucets.



Keep the guest list small.



Host your gathering outdoors.
If that's not possible, make sure the room is well-ventilated by opening windows and doors.



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School Cancellations



As a reminder:

1. We follow the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools closures.
2. If and when they confirm a closing or delay, we will send a text message out through School Cues.
3. You can also monitor closures directly on WSOC's website or station. If you would like to sign up for automatic texts from WSOC-TV about closings, please go to wsoctv.com, go to the weather tab, click "Sign up! Closing alerts." From there it will prompt you to fill out your phone number and select Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools as the choice to opt in for alerts.

We may return at a different time than the Mecklenburg Catholic Schools. The return time will be texted to you.

QUESTIONS?

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Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

Click on the link below to view a holiday message from the children, teachers, and staff at Charlotte Montessori.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kUSvIng6-GlsORrtLkazak0T3qTDriu/view?usp=sharing>

CharMont Return-to-School-COVID-Testing-Event

We are pleased to announce that we have had enough families express interest for the optional COVID Testing to run the event on the 30th of December. The event is open to our community only and will be held in our Kingston parking lot (220 Kingston Avenue). Please enter school via Kingston Ave (remember, to turn in from S.Blvd as the intersection is closed at Cleveland). Once your test is complete, you will exit out the gravel drive which will put you onto Cleveland Ave.

All those interested in the test (even if you did not complete the survey) must register ahead of time on the StarMed website. If you forget to register you can on the day of, but it will not be as expedient as the process takes several minutes/registrant (see below).

Event Details:

Date/Time: 12/30 from 9am-12:30pm

To Register:

Visit: www.starmed.care starting on **12/26-12/29** to register (you can register day of but recommend in advance)

1. The process takes 2-5 min to complete/person
2. A few additional tips:
 - a. select "No" to the question asking if you are at the testing location
 - b. The next box will drop down and ask for the date and location of the test: **12/30/2020** and select **Mecklenburg county**.

The test is only open to our community, but the url is for all test registrations. To avoid outsiders from coming to our event, there will be no mention of our school as the location. As long as you select the date and county, you will be registered for our event.



Updated 11/23 per continued COVID-19 restrictions. The calendar is subject to change.

January

Dec 21 to January 1 - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

4 - School Re-Opens - WELCOME BACK!

12- PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP 8:00-9:00 PM *Holiday Recovery: Easing into 2021 with Peace in our Hearts,*
Presented by Ms. Molloy/W (virtual)

18 - MLK Holiday - Teacher Workday - SCHOOL CLOSED

28 - PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP 8:00-9:00 PM: *Routines w/ Covid in Mind*, Presented by Ms. Maggie & Ms. Marsh
(virtual)

February

9- PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP 8:00-9:00 PM, *Kindergarten Year @ CharMont*, presented by Ms. Ana Rivera
(virtual)

25-26 - Parent Teacher Conferences-SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

March

1- Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED

2 - Re-Enrollment Deadline

4 - PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP 8:00-9:00pm, *Transitions of our Lives: How to Navigate Life's Big Changes*, Present-
ed by Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stacy (virtual)

April-August: items in **red** are still tentative:

April

2 - Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED

5-9-SPRING BREAK-SCHOOL CLOSED

13 Parent Education Workshop 8:00-9:00 PM: *Self-Love Night: Teaching your child Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, and
Self-Love* Presented by Ms. Marsh & Ms. Stacy

17 - Morning of Montessori 9:00-10:30 -Bring your Parents to School Day!

30 - Peace Day 2021-Friday evening

May

7 - Mother's Day Tea @ 4pm

11- Parent Education Event: Details TBD

TBD - Family Night at BB&T Ballpark/Charlotte Knights

27- Kindergarten Graduation 3pm. End of Nine Month Program

28 - Teacher Workday, SCHOOL CLOSED

31- Memorial Day Holiday, SCHOOL CLOSED

June

1- Beginning of Summer Semester

18- Father's Day Breakfast (For Primary classrooms only.)

18- Fire station visit 4pm (Toddler classrooms only.) TO BE CONFIRMED

July

5-SCHOOL CLOSED - Happy July 4th

August

6 - Last Day of School 2020-2021.

9-13- Teacher Work Week, SCHOOL CLOSED

12- Wine & Cheese Reception - New & Rising Parent Orientation 5pm - 6:30pm

16-New & Rising Student Orientation 8.30am - 11am SCHOOL OPEN FOR REST OF STUDENTS

17- New & Rising Student Orientation 8.30am - 2:30pm

18-Normal Day for all students.

For the 2020 - 2021 School Year:

School Open _226_ days - Closed: 34 days - of which 13 are Teacher Workdays