

# Our Lady's Montessori School

of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity



*Thank God...ahead of time!*

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## Upcoming Dates:

August 15th  
Beginning of Academic Year

August 25th  
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

August 26th  
NO SCHOOL  
Teacher In-Service

Dear Family & Friends,

Although we have dearly missed our familiar Sister faces around school each day, we have had much joy meeting all the new faces who've been called to visit and help at Our Lady's Montessori School!

Among those new faces have been the **Kansas City Catholic HEART** campers. We are thankful for these volunteers whom helped with kitchen renovations by supplying laborers, tools and paint supplies for the ceiling and walls.

It was fun to have both **Jay Coltrain** and our very own Little Saints teacher, **Miss Becky**, volunteer their time helping in the kitchen as well!

With their help, our kitchen continues to see progress; the tile has been laid and trim added. We look forward to the cabinetry and countertop installations very soon!

We could not have managed in the absence of our beloved Sisters without our summer help; **Miss Emily Mayfield**, **Ms. Beth Livingston** and **Sam Sharpe**.

### Did You Know



"...Television and junk food are linked to child obesity. The Center for Disease Control found the amount of TV that children watch directly correlates with measures of their body fat". –  
Richard Low,

*Last Child in the Woods*



We enjoyed a fieldtrip to American Royal!

We wish **Miss Emily** & **Ms. Beth** the best as they return to their classrooms for the upcoming school year and **Sam Sharpe** will head back to New York beginning his postulancy with the CFR's. We will be praying for each of them and look forward to hearing updates!

We never cease to be amazed by the countless individuals who come to Our Lady's school because of their love for Christ and their willingness to serve; it is through each volunteer, each benefactor, each teacher, each family that this school continues to grow as the body of Christ here in Kansas City.

In the midst of the laid back, relaxed summer schedule, it is nice to visit Our Lady's oratory, **thanking God... ahead of time** for the grace he continues to send and shower upon our school.

Peace & Love,

Laurel Sharpe, Program Director



Kansas City Catholic HEART volunteers



Jay Coltrain & Miss Becky

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## Little Angels

As summer comes to an end, we say goodbye to our “care-free” summer schedule and welcome back our simple and predictable academic schedule. We are aware that our children come to develop and internal awareness of what comes next and through this order children experience great independence, developmental success, and trust in the environment and adults. All activities that the children do, whether individual, in groups, or with an adult are called work. Often young children’s activity is seen as mere play, “in a Montessori context we view any activity that offers constructive and creative opportunities as the child’s work, worthy of dignity and respect.” Many of the activities in our classroom include everyday tasks the children see their parents do at home. These activities address how to care for things (washing dishes, washing tables, washing windows, gardening), personal care (brushing teeth, going potty, washing hands), as well as grace and courtesy. As we say goodbye to summer, we also say goodbye to **Sullivan Dee**, who will be transitioning into the Disciple’s classroom and **Alec Swint**, whom at the end of August will begin attending school with his older brother. Both were a special part of our classroom, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life!

Enthusiastic about learning,  
Miss Janelle & Ms. Carolyn



**“The child has his own laws of development, and if we want to help him grow, it is a question of following these, not imposing ourselves upon him.”**

**- Maria Montessori**

## August Birthday

**Rosa Villegas**



The children help paint in the kitchen

## Little Saints

There was a one eyed, one horned, flying PURPLE people eater... well... not really but our color this month is PURPLE and we will be talking about all the things that start with the letter “P”! For sensory, we will make popcorn and peanut butter! As for art, we will make pigs and paint with purple! Our shape this month is the PENTAGON.

We will miss **Frances Groves** as she has moved to the Disciple’s classroom. **Oscar Chamblin** will also transition down this month and will be missed.

Our saint this month is **Saint Philomena**, the patroness of Children of Mary, youth and babies.

We look forward to the start of the new school year, new work filling our shelves and new friends!

Love,  
Ms. Becky & Ms. Anita

## Disciples

The Disciples had a busy July with field trips to The American Royal & Deanna Rose Farmstead all in one week! The children enjoyed feeding goats, making ice cream and butter, and counting sheep.

Early in the mornings when it is not very hot, the children are able to choose Montessori work outside. They have had lessons on sink & float, scrubbing a chair, washing dishes and washing clothes on the wash board.

Speaking of outside, our last ‘Sprinkler Day’ will be on Thursday, August 11th.

We are happy to welcome a few of the Angels & Saints from upstairs; **Bryce Arnold, Oscar Chamblin, Sullivan Dee and Frances Groves!**

As we begin to prepare for the beginning of a new school year, look for new Montessori work to appear on our shelves and a few other changes in our room as well!

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending *Back to School Night on August 25th at 5:30 pm.*

With Gratitude,

Ms. Colleen & Miss Sarah

