

Montessori News and Updates

December 15, 2022

WINTER CAMP

We will be closed from December 21, 2022 - January 3, 2023. School will resume on January 4, 2023. We will have childcare available during our closed days. If you would like to sign your child up for camp, [here is the link](#). **We will close the link on Friday, December 16th at noon** to ensure appropriate staffing and student placement.

There will be plenty of opportunities for crafts, baking, board games, and nature preserve activities, with Mrs. Maia for elementary students. Please message or call Anne Ditlevson if you have further questions.

QUICK SURVEY - ABSENCES AND CLOSING FOR WINTER BREAK

The trio of viruses running through the nation right now have made a hit on our students and staff too. We have seen an absentee rate of just above 30 percent for both of these groups. Optional masking has resumed for many staff and students. This is encouraged.

We are trying hard to remain staffed to keep our school open. We know that many families also count on us for reliable childcare. We have seen some families opting to start winter break early to avoid germs prior to winter gatherings. We respect that decision and will honor it as an excused absence.

It is hard to tell who is sick and who is being cautious. [Please take 60 seconds and let us know your plans and thoughts](#) so that we can plan while we work through staff absences too.

A final question is included for a quick poll on closing early for Winter Break. We get 5 calamity days from Ohio. We use these for things like weather, furnace/electrical issues, illness, and etc.

Mr. Joe is taking a position that we SHOULD BE OPEN as long as we can keep the building staffed. (Staffing is becoming an ever increasing concern) Do you support this position? Do you think we should close early (Dec 19 and 20) and let this virus pass? Voice your opinion and share your needs and concerns.

[LINK TO THE SURVEY - https://forms.gle/5PPv661yXoy4t36u5](https://forms.gle/5PPv661yXoy4t36u5)

LOGO CLOTHING

Montessori Logo Clothing is on sale now in our virtual store. The Virtual Store will close on December 19th. Merchandise will be at the school after Winter Break

https://shop.expert-ts.com/montessori_school_of_wooster/shop/home

DINNER AUCTION DATE SET

The dinner auction is our largest event of the year. It features a concert by all students, a dinner, auction, prizes, and more.

The event will be held at the Greystone Event Center on Sunday, March 26, 2023. Details will follow. Please save the date and have dinner with us that night.

WISHLISTS

Classroom Wishlists have been updated. Contact your teacher for their list or take a look at the shortcut links we have on the website.

Be a part of making your child's classroom awesome and making teacher's wishes come true: woomontessori.org/requests

ANNUAL FUND

It is that time of year we ask for your support. A mailing is being prepared. Every gift counts. These gifts are an important part of our budget.

Gifts can be sent to: Montessori School of Wooster, 1170 Akron Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.

More information and online payment options are available at:

<http://www.woomontessori.org/take-action>

MONTESSORI PARENT ORGANIZATION - MPO

We had a successful first meeting that involved forming subcommittees. Our second MPO meeting will be January 11, 2023. Childcare and food will be provided. We will meet at 5:15 for dinner and then have the meeting from 5:30-6:30. [Click here](#) to sign up for the next meeting

MPO also has a new email address. You can communicate with the officers directly at:
mpw@woomontessori.org