

Need Help with School Supplies?
 Start by filling out an application at www.closet.org or by calling Catholic Charities at 608-782-0710, Monday through Friday between 9am and 4pm.

There are a few events that will be held to pick up supplies. The event can only

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE STUDENT INFO UPDATE YET? PLEASE RETURN THE PINK AND GREEN FORMS TO SCHOOL. THANK YOU.



Trinity Clothes Closet
 Stop by the...
 * The Clothes Closet will be open on Mondays during the school year from 4:00 – 6:00PM starting in September!

* If you need items this summer, please call the Trinity Clothes Closet to make an appointment at 608-782-6200.



* The Clothes Closet's mission is to provide gently used and new clothes and shoes for students in need.



Coulee Montessori
Welcome Back Newsletter
 1611 Kane Street, La Crosse, WI 54603
 T: 608-789-7970 F: 608-789-0035

<https://www.lacrosseschools.org/coulee-montessori>

Dates to Remember

- ★ August 30 - Open House 5:30-6:30pm
- ★ September 1 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- ★ September 4 - No School
- ★ September 28 - Picture Day
- ★ November 8 - Picture Retake Day
- ★ October 12 - Fall Conferences
- ★ October 16 - Fall Conferences

School Hours

- 🔔 Office Hours: Summer / 8:00am - 1:00pm
School Year / 7:30am - 3:30pm
- 🔔 School Starts: Friday, September 1st
- 🔔 School Day Hours for Students:
8:15am - 2:55pm
- 🔔 Breakfast is served from 8:00am - 8:15am

The School District of La Crosse does not discriminate against students based on sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, emotional, learning disability or handicap in its education program or activities.

Parents/Guardians/Visitors

- ⚙ For safety reasons anyone visiting the school needs to use the main doors and report to the office to sign in.
- ⚙ All visitors/volunteers must stop in the office to sign in. You will need to bring your ID/Driver's License with you.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ⚙ Anyone volunteering in the classroom or chaperoning a field trip is **required** to complete an on-line Volunteer Service Application.
- ⚙ Please plan and fill out a Volunteer Service Application at the beginning of the year to ensure that you are approved when your child has a field trip you want to attend. You can apply on the district website.

Processing an application can take up to 14 days. Applicants will receive an e-mail verification upon approval.



Important Announcement



All visitors/volunteers must stop in the office to sign in via the visitor/volunteer iPad. You will need to bring your ID/Driver's License with you.
Thank you.

Student Insurance Coverage

The school district does not carry student medical insurance or student accident insurance. As a convenience, student medical coverage is offered through Student Assurance, Inc. Please stop by the office and pick up the forms to fill out.

IMPORTANT: If a coat, backpack, cell phone, clothing, or any other personal items are lost or stolen, the district will not be responsible for recovery or repayment for these items. We do **not** have insurance coverage for the personal belongings of our students. Students are asked not to bring personal items to school.

Picture Day

School pictures will be Thursday, Sept 28th! Order forms will be sent home one to two weeks prior. Please make sure that you have the order form filled out and the exact amount inside. We are not able to make change for parents/guardians. You also have the option to pay for pictures online!

Welcome New Staff - Volunteering - Student Insurance - Picture Day

See back for Community Resources

* Welcome to the Team *

We are so happy to welcome new staff members!!! Additional staff will be joining our school team for next year... so watch for the names of those hires in upcoming notifications.

Madie Adams - E1 Teacher
Rachel Lysne - LMC Director
John Arnost - EL Teacher Northside
Mary Zong - EL Teacher Northside and Coulee Montessori
Marcos Cecenas - 4th Grade Teacher
Shaila Swenson - Preschool Teacher
Lisbeth Novak - Preschool Teacher Assistant
Heather Stern - Special Education Coordinator
Tyler Leadholm - Special Education Teacher
Jeremy Johnson - Special Education Teacher
Kadie Koepke - Special Education Teacher
Kyle Norman - Special Education Teacher Assistant
Cassie Hynek - School Psychologist
Tim Besl - Building Engineer



Hello!

My name is Sarah Bradle and I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal of Northside Elementary and Coulee Montessori. I may be a familiar face to some of you, as I taught 3rd grade at Northside for 7 years and served as the Academic Student Success Coach at Northside and Coulee Montessori for one year. During that time, I had the privilege of working closely with students, families, fellow teachers, and the community to provide engaging learning opportunities for the students at Northside and Coulee Montessori. I am honored to be back and serve the schools in a new capacity. As a school leader, I am committed to fostering a school culture that honors every student as an individual and encourages personal and academic growth, so all students reach their full potential. I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and meeting new ones as we embark on this educational journey together. Please know that my door is always open, and I welcome your ideas and feedback. I hope you are having an amazing summer break and I will see you in September!



Mrs. Bradle, Principal, Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori, Phone: 608.789.6700

Welcome from our new principal - Dates to Remember - Office Hours

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

2023–2024

Fall:

📖 Thursday, October 12th from 3:30 - 7:30PM

📖 Monday, October 16th from 12:00 - 7:30PM

Spring:

📖 Thursday, February 29th from 3:30 - 7:30PM

📖 Monday, March 4th from 12:00 - 7:30PM

Watch for more information on conference times and scheduling.

Child Absences, Tardiness, Leaving Early, & Vacations

- ① Parents/guardians are asked to please call the school office at 789-7970 (choose option for attendance) before 9:00AM if your child is ill or has an appointment - even if you have contacted your student's teacher. You are also encouraged to bring/send in a note from the doctor to excuse the absence.
- ① Your child will be marked absent or tardy if they are not in their classroom, ready to learn by 8:15AM. We want to make sure that everyone arrives safely and on time!
- ① Students leaving during regular school hours must be picked up in the office and a parent/guardian/emergency contact will need to sign them out. We will only release your child to you or those people you have designated as "Emergency Contacts". Leaving prior to 1:00PM is considered a half day absence. Parents should also communicate with their child's teacher about early pick-ups, when possible.
- ① For planned absences (vacations, special events, etc.) please fill out the Excused Absence Request form we have located in the office and return it to school at least 5 days before the absence. State law 118.15(3)(c) states that a child may not be excused for more than 10 days in a school year. Please keep this in consideration when planning absences for your child, including medical appointments.



Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off

- ★ For the safety of ALL children at Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori, please be reminded that **parking directly in front of the school on Kane Street and Charles Street from 7:30AM to 4:30PM on school days by the playground is illegal**. The street is clearly marked with road signs for “no parking during school days” and “no stopping or standing during school days”. This regulation is in effect for the safety of ALL children before and after school.
- ★ Please help us keep traffic controlled by following the parking regulations and crossing with the staff supervision, crossing guards, and in the crosswalks.
- ★ Please **do not park in the staff parking lot** to drop off before school (7:45 – 8:15AM) or to pick up students after school (2:45 – 3:15PM).

What time should my child arrive at school?

Playground supervision begins at 7:45AM. Please do not drop your child off before 7:45AM unless your child is enrolled in the YMCA Surround Care program. Students will play on the playground until 8:00AM. The bell to enter the building rings at 8:00AM. This bell brings students in to have breakfast. The official day begins at 8:15AM.

All outside doors are locked at 8:15AM. If your child arrives late (after 8:15AM), please bring them to the main office doors on Kane Street to enter the building and ensure they enter safely before you leave. All late students are required to stop in the office for a “Pass to Class” – if the teacher has marked them absent, the “Pass to Class” lets the teacher know the student has checked in at the office.

Breakfast is served from 8:00 – 8:15AM.

In case of inclement weather, the children will enter the building before the 8:00AM bell and go to the gym for supervised activities until breakfast time.

IMPORTANT: **Children are not allowed in the building prior to 8:00AM.** We also ask that they not be dropped off before 7:45 AM as there is no adult supervision outside prior to 7:45AM. If you need care before 7:45AM, please enroll in the YMCA Surround Care Program (Information below).

After School Options for Families

- ☞ The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse will continue to offer after school activities & programs in Academics, Character & Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles. If your child is not a current member, parents should go online or stop by the Boys & Girls Club for a membership form (608) 782-3926.
- ☞ YMCA Surround Care: The YMCA of La Crosse will provide affordable quality childcare and academic programming after school at the Northside/Coulee Montessori Campus beginning September 1st. All children in grades K-5 will be accepted. No child will be turned away due to financial need. This program will take place between 2:55pm and 6:00pm Monday thru Friday. Students will participate in a combination of recreational activities, homework help, academic enrichment, academic tutoring, wellness education and arts and crafts as appropriate for each child. Parents can contact the YMCA of La Crosse at 608-782-9622, Ext. 275 for more information.

Drop off & Pick Up Information - After School Care Options

Medications

- ↪ Questions about medication procedures and health concerns can be directed to Northside/CM's Health Assistant, Alexis Klatt.
- ↪ Written, signed permission must be on file at school before any medication can be administered to a child.
- ↪ Prescription drugs require a doctor's and parent's signature; non-prescription drugs require a parent signature. Forms are available from the health office, on the School District's website, www.lacrosseschools.org, and at most clinics in the area.
- ↪ All medication must be in its original container with the dosage clearly marked.
- ↪ All medication will be administered and recorded in the health office.
- ↪ Our School District nurse is Shelley Johnson. Her schedule at Northside/CM is 7:45PM - 3:15PM, Monday through Friday.

Remember, if your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater or has vomited/diarrhea within the last 24 hours, he/she should stay home from school.

Do not forget to call the school office at 789-7970 by 9:00AM to let us know your child will not be in school.

The Northside/CM Health Assistant is Alexis Klatt. Her phone number is 608-789-6703!



Nutrition Information

ALL students enrolled at Coulee Montessori are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **NO CHARGE** each day of the 2023-2024 school year.

IMPORTANT: It is still necessary for each family to complete a Free/Reduced Application so that if you have children in other schools in our district, they may still be evaluated to receive free/reduced meals at those schools. Completing the Free/Reduced Application is also necessary for Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori to qualify for other funding that will enhance educational opportunities for students. In addition, completing the form assures that your child will be evaluated for free/reduced status if you should move to another district school sometime during the year. The Free/Reduced Application will be mailed to your home mid-summer. Families may also complete this application online.



2023-2024 Lunch Pricing

Students at Coulee Montessori will receive FREE breakfast and lunch.

However, we will still need parents/guardians to fill out the Free/Reduced Meal Application! You can do this online or by hard copy that will be sent to you this summer.

Adult Pricing

\$4.25/Lunch

\$2.65/Breakfast

\$.50/Milk





COULEE MONTESSORI 4K-6 OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 30, 2023 • 5:30–6:30 PM

Please review the forms in this mailing and turn them in at Open House!

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE STUDENT INFO UPDATE?

Save time at Open House; do it today!

- Please complete the Student Info Update **BEFORE** the Open House on August 30.
- If the update is not completed by August 30, you can complete it at Open House. Computers and assistance will be available.
- **Need computer access?** You can find access at all La Crosse public libraries, Boys & Girls Clubs, and Black River Beach Community Center.
- **For assistance over the phone or in person,** call the school's Main Office at 608-789-7970.

For step-by-step directions, visit the Student Info Update page:

[www.lacrosseschools.org/enrollment/
student-info-update/](http://www.lacrosseschools.org/enrollment/student-info-update/)

STUDENT INFO UPDATE QUICK START GUIDE

- 1 Open a web browser and go to the School District of La Crosse website:
www.lacrosseschools.org
- 2 Click the blue “Skyward Family Access” button in the left column.
- 3 Enter your login and password and sign in
- 4 Click on “Go to Student Info Update for [STUDENT NAME]” in center column.

COULEE MONTESSORI



Coulee Montessori
A CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LACROSSE

Important Dates 2023-2024

- Open House (5:30pm-6:30pm) August 30
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** September 1
- Picture Day September 28
- Picture Retake Day November 8

- Fall Conferences (3:30-7:30pm) October 12
- Fall Conference (12:00-7:30pm) October 16

- Spring Conferences (3:30-7:30pm) February 29
- Spring Conferences (12:00-7:30pm) March 4

- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** June 5

Sarah Bradle, Principal

1611 Kane Street

La Crosse, WI 5603

Phone: 608-789-7970; Fax: 608-789-0035

School Dismissal/After School Plan 2023-2024 School Year



- ❖ The end of the school day is a hectic and sometimes confusing time. Please help us keep your child safe by preparing a plan that you/they will **follow each school day!** Unless we have received a note, or you have notified your child's classroom teacher, this is the plan we will follow on a daily basis.
- ❖ Children are **NOT** allowed to make phone calls after school because they want to change their plans (i.e., go to a friend's, walk home, etc.). ***We ask that you stick to the choice you make below unless there is a necessary need for change.***
- ❖ **Please limit calling the office on a regular basis to change your child's plan at the end of the day. The office is very busy and last-minute phone calls to change your child's plan may not reach them before the bell rings. THANK YOU!**

Please indicate below what your child's daily after school plan is.

My child, _____, _____, will do one of the following:
Name *Grade*

- _____ My child should walk home from school
- _____ My child will be picked up by an adult at Northside Elementary/CM
- _____ My child will attend the Boys & Girls Club
- _____ My child will attend the YMCA Surround Care Program after school
- _____ My Coulee Montessori child will ride the bus to their designated drop-off place

(Please check ONE of the options above!)

Teacher Copy

Emergency School Closing Information/2023-2024

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

In case of an emergency/unexpected early school closing my child/children should (CHECK ONE):

_____ Walk Home

_____ Walk to _____'s house at _____
Name Address

_____ Stay at school, I will pick them up shortly.

_____ Stay at school and _____ will pick them up shortly.
Name/Relationship

_____ Other (please specify): _____



Normal School Day – After School Plan/2023-2024

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

After school, my child/children should (CHECK ONE):

_____ My child should walk home from school

_____ My child will be picked up by an adult at Northside Elementary/CM

_____ My child will attend the Boys & Girls Club

_____ My child will attend the YMCA Surround Care Program after school

_____ My Coulee Montessori child will ride the bus to their designated drop-off place.

_____ **I have discussed the above plans with my child.**

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Daytime Phone

❖ *If there is any change in the above information, the parent/guardian is responsible for notifying the school immediately and contacting your child's teacher.*

❖ *Please note that children are **NOT** allowed to use the school phones after school to change their above plan. If you want your child's daily plan to change, please send a note to the classroom teacher, or call the office.*

THANK YOU!

2023-2024 Traditional School Year Calendar

Coulee Montessori

July 2023						
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Principal, Sarah Bradle 
 807 East Avenue South
 La Crosse, WI 54601
 (608) 789-7600

Start & End
 September 1 First Day of School
 June 5 Last Day of School
 Total Student Days: 175

No School

- Aug. 28-30 (Flex Day is 8/30) Staff Development - No School
- September 4 Labor Day - No School
- September 22 Staff Development - No School
- October 16 Family Conferences - No School
- October 27 No School
- November 3 Staff Development - No School
- November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School
- Dec 25-Jan 1 Winter Break - No School
- January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- January 22 Staff Development - No School
- February 9 Staff Development - No School
- March 4 Family Conferences - No School
- March 28 - April 2 Spring Break - No School
- April 19 Staff Development - No School
- May 27 Memorial Day - No School

Family/Teacher Conferences

Fall: October 12 (3:30 - 7:30) and October 16 (12:00 - 7:30)
 Spring: February 29 (3:30 - 7:30) and March 4 (12:00 - 7:30)

Semesters/Quarters

- Quarter 1: September 1 - November 2
- Quarter 2: November 6 - January 19
- Quarter 3: January 23 - March 27
- Quarter 4: April 3 - June 5



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June 2024						
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Emergency Closing Info

Should more than one school day be lost due to an emergency closing, students and teachers will follow the schedule below:

1st Day Missed = Waived
 2nd Day Missed = Waived
 After 2 Missed = Minutes will be added to the daily schedule to extend the day at each level

Calendar Key

- No School
- First & Last Day
- End of Quarter



**COULEE MONTESSORI
SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST 2023-2024**

CHILDREN'S HOUSE (K4 & KG)

Community Materials

(Do NOT label with your name)

- 2 Pkg. of 5-oz plastic cups
- 1 Pkg. of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- 2 Boxes of crackers, pretzels, goldfish, or graham crackers*
- 2 Pkg. cupcake liners
- 1 Container of disinfectant wipes
- 1 4K: Pkg. of napkins
- 1 KG: Box of tissues

Personal Items

(Please Label Clearly)

- 1 Pencil box to house the following
- 1 Large Glue Stick
- 1 Bottle Elmer's School Glue
- 1 Box of Washable Markers
- 1 Box of 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Extra change of clothing for accidents or spills (underwear, socks, pants, shirt)

For Art Class

- 4-6 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pkg. of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils

* Some items may need to be replenished during the school year.

** Please consider reusing any binders/notebooks/recipe boxes still in good condition.

**ALL STUDENTS NEED:
BACKPACKS WITHOUT WHEELS,
LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME**

**KG-6TH GRADE NEED:
TENNIS SHOES FOR P.E.**

E1 Classrooms (Grades 1, 2, & 3)

Community Materials

(Do NOT label with your name)

- 1 Container of disinfectant wipes
- 1 Pkg. of Paper Products *
 - 1st Grade: Small Paper Plates
 - 2nd Grade: Napkins
 - 3rd Grade: Napkins and/or Small Plates
- 1 Box of Ziploc Baggies *
 - 1st Grade: Snack Size
 - 2nd Grade: Sandwich/Quart size
 - 3rd Grade: Snack or Gallon size
- 1 Large or Family-sized boxes of crackers or other snack *

Personal Items

(Please Label Clearly)

- 1 Backpack with name on it
- 2 Pkg. of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 1 Box of Washable Markers
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils (including these colors: light blue, dark blue, brown, and purple)
- 4-6 Glue Sticks
- 1-3 Large Pink or Green Eraser(s)
- 4 Wide-lined Composition Notebooks (sewn bindings, w/black & white marbled covers - NOT spiral bound)
- 1 Pkg. of Index Cards
- 1 Index Card/Recipe Box
- 4 2-Pocket Folders (3 pronged, plain cover, plastic)
- 3 Boxes of Tissues
- For Art Class**
- 1 Pkg. Regular Black Sharpies
- 1 Bottle Elmer's School Glue
- 1 Pkg. of Fine Tip Black Sharpies

E2 Classrooms (Grades 4, 5, & 6)

Community Materials

(Do NOT label with your name)

- 1 Pkg. of Loose-Leaf Wide Ruled Paper
- 25 Snack food - Individually wrapped snacks (enough to serve 25)*
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Pkg. Index Cards

Personal Items

(Please Label Clearly)

- 2 Glue Sticks
- 2 Black Sharpies
- 4 Wide-lined Composition Notebooks (sewn bindings, w/black & white marbled covers - NOT spiral bound)
- 1 Graph Paper Notebook (bound)
- 3 2-Pocket Folders (plain cover)
- 2 Pkg. of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 1 Hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 Eraser
- 1 Pkg. of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pkg. of Markers
- 1 Index Card Box for Spelling **
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Metal Helix Compass
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Rigid Ruler (with both centimeter and inch markings)
- 2 Nylon Zippered Pencil Cases (that fits compass, protractor, and pencils)
- 1 Set of Ear-bud Style Headphones
- For Art Class**
- 1 Pkg. of Thin Markers
- 1 Pkg. Large Pink or Green Erasers
- 1 Pkg. of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils