



Coulee Montessori

Welcome Back Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

August 17-Open House 5:00-6:30

August 19-FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 15-Picture Day

October 15-Fall Conferences

October 19-Fall Conferences

October 22-Picture Retake Day

School Hours

Office Hours: Summer/8:00am-1:00pm

School Year/7:00am-3:30pm

School Starts: Wednesday, August 19th

School Hours for Students: 7:45am-2:25pm

Breakfast Served From 7:20am-7:40am

*What time should my
child arrive at school?*



**THE PLAYGROUND WILL NOT BE OPEN BEFORE
THE SCHOOL DAY STARTS!**

Breakfast supervision begins at 7:20am in the cafeteria. Please do not drop your child off before 7:20am unless your child is enrolled in the YMCA Surround Care program. Students will come directly to the cafeteria where breakfast will be served from 7:20-7:45am. The day officially begins at 7:45am.

All outside doors are locked at 7:45am. If your child arrives late (after 7:45am), 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" that lets the teacher know the student has checked in at the office, and allows the student to make a lunch choice so our cooks can prepare enough food.

Parent Teacher Conference Schedule

Fall:

Thursday, October 15th from
3:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, October 19th from
12:00pm-7:00pm

Spring:

Thursday, March 4th from
3:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, March 8th from
12:00pm-7:00pm

IMPORTANT

Children are not allowed in the building prior to 7:20. We also ask that they not be dropped off before 7:20 as there is **no adult supervision** outside prior to 7:20. If you need care before 7:20, please enroll in the YMCA Surround Care Program.

The playground WILL NOT be open before the school day starts!

Dear Families,

Welcome from our Principal

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope you all are having a wonderful, relaxing summer filled with sunshine, laughter, and special memories. As your principal, it is always a joy to look ahead to a brand-new year of learning, growth, and community. The quiet hallways of our school are waking up, and our teachers and staff are diving deep into preparations to welcome your children back.

Every year, our school embraces a special theme to help unify our community and inspire our students. This year, we are thrilled to announce that we are going **Under the Sea!**

OUR THEME: "WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT. BUT OUR SCHOOL SWIMS TOGETHER!"

The ocean is a vast, magical world filled with wonder, unique creatures, and endless mysteries waiting to be explored. Just like the ocean, education is an adventure. This year, we want our students to be curious explorers, courageous divers, and supportive members of our school ecosystem. Whether we are discovering new concepts in math, exploring historical depths in social studies, or unleashing creativity in the arts, we are ready to make a splash!

Our school-wide goals for this year include:

- **Swimming in a School of Kindness:** Fostering a positive school culture where every student and adult feels safe, included, and valued.
- **Diving into Learning:** Creating an environment where all students can be challenged and learn at high levels.
- **Making Waves with Resilience:** Teaching our students to navigate challenges and celebrate mistakes as opportunities to grow.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Please take a moment to review these upcoming dates to help your family prepare for the launch of the new school year:

Friday, August 7th – Teacher Assignments Released on Skyward

Monday, August 17th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Back to School Open House

Wednesday, August 19th, 7:45 a.m. – First Day of School for K – 5th Grade! ***THIS IS A DAY EARLIER THAN THE REST OF THE DISTRICT, SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are honored to partner with you to provide an enriching, safe, and joyful elementary experience. Enjoy the remaining days of summer break, keep reading together, and get ready for an ocean of possibilities!

Proud to Swim in this School,
Mrs. Bradle

Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off

For the safety of ALL children at Northside Elementary/Coulee Montessori, please be mindful that **parking directly in front of the school and by the playground on Kane Street and Charles Street from 7:30am-4:30pm on school days 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.

DO NOT PARK IN STAFF PARKING LOT to drop off before school (7:20-7:45am) or to pick up students after school (2:15-2:45pm). This lot is also used by our buses and when parents use that lot it becomes congested and difficult for busses to enter.



After School Options

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater La Crosse will continue to offer after school activities & programs in Academics, Character & Leadership, and Healthy lifestyles at Erickson Boys & Girls Club. If your child is not a current member, parents should go online, stop by the Boys & Girls Club for a membership form, or call them: (608) 782-3926.

YMCA Surround Care: The YMCA of La Crosse will provide affordable quality childcare and academic programming after school only at the Northside/Coulee Montessori. 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 2:25-6:00pm, 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, for more information, including the start date.

Medications

- Questions about medication procedures and health concerns can be directed to Northside/CM's Health Assistant, Isabelle Sadergaski.
- 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/over the counter medications ONLY require a parent signature. Forms are available from the health office, on the school District's website, and at most clinics in the area.
- All medications must be in its original container with the dosage clearly marked.
- All medication will be administered and recorded in the health office.



REMEMBER!!

If your child has a fever of 100* or greater OR has vomited/diarrhea within the last 24 hours, they should stay home from school.

Don't forget to call the school office at (608) 789-7970 by 8:30am to let us know your child will not be in school.

The Northside/CM health Assistant is Isabelle Sadergaski and can be reached at: (608) 789-6703

Our School District nurse is Shelley Johnson. Her schedule at Northside/CM is 7:45am-2:30pm Monday through Friday.

Absences, Tardiness, Leaving Early & Vacations

Parents/Guardians are asked to please call the school office at: (608) 789-7970 (choose option for attendance) before 7:45am if your child is ill or has an appointment **even if you've already contacted your child's teacher**. You are also encouraged to bring/send a note from the doctor to excuse the absence.

Your child will be marked absent or tardy if they are not in their classroom, ready to learn by 7:45am.

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."

If a student leaves prior to 12:30pm is considered a half day absence. Parents should also communicate with their child's teacher about early pick-ups when possible.

For planned absences (vacations, special events, etc.) please fill out the Excused Absence Request form we have 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.



Nutrition Information

All students enrolled at Northside and Coulee Montessori are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **NO CHARGE** each day of the 2025-2026 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.

Lunch Pricing

2026-2027 Lunch Pricing

Students at Coulee Montessori will receive FREE breakfast and lunch. However, adults may join their students at lunch for a small fee:

Adult Pricing:

\$2.95/breakfast

\$5.00/Lunch

\$0.50/Milk



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

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 personal belongings of our students. Students are asked not to bring personal items to school.

The school district offers voluntary iPad insurance for families to purchase at the beginning of the year. iPad insurance is \$20 per student for the year and covers accidental damage to iPads.

If your child's device is damaged and insurance has been declined, the parent/guardian is fully responsible to repair or replace the iPad.



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.

Volunteers

Anyone volunteering in the classroom or chaperoning a field trip is required to complete an online Volunteer Application.

Please plan ahead and fill out a Volunteer 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.



Picture Day

School Pictures will be taken Wednesday, September 15th. Order forms will be sent home 1-2 weeks prior. Please make sure 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.

Picture retake day is October 22.



For Bus Questions call
Riteway Bus Company
at:
(608) 881-6370

After Hours/
Emergency
(608) 317-3986

School Supply Help

Fill out an application at www.cclse.org or by calling Catholic Charities at (608)782-0710, Monday–Thursday between 9:00am–4:00pm.

There are a few events that will be held to pick up supplies. The event can only serve 250 students, so it is important to register as soon as possible!



Welcome to the Team

Ms. Pratt – NS/CM School Counselor
Ms. Mossholder – NS Kindergarten
Ms. Koepke – NS 2nd Grade
Ms. Swenson – 4th Grade
Mr. Stevens – NS/CM Art
Ms. Wolter Reinders – CM Art
Ms. Wolfgram – CM Music
Mr. Attwood – CM PE
Ms. Kleba – Title I
Ms. Arnemann – SPED Teacher
Ms. Hellerud – SPED Teacher
Ms. Nieman – Student Success Coach
Ms. Harman – Speech TA
Mr. Rodriguez – ELL TA

Plus a few other positions waiting to be filled

Trinity Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet at Trinity Church will be open on Mondays during the school year from 4–6pm 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.

IMPORTANT

Have you completed the **Student Info Update** on Skyward yet? If not, log on and complete that, please.

Please **fill out and return** the **YELLOW**, **GREEN**, and **PURPLE** forms in this packet. You can bring them at Open House or on the first day of school!

THANK YOU!!!

**DONT
FORGET!**