



Montessori School of Durham 2026-27

FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD & ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY, INCLUDING AFTER SCHOOL (see separate Infant/Toddler Calendars) *More details regarding all of these dates will be shared in announcement newsletters

Age Group	Class Hours	Drop-Off Windows	Pick-Up Windows	After School Pick Up Windows
		after end of "windows", students are considered late for school or pick-up		

Before School Care (BSC) is available for all students beginning at 7:45am. Families can contract BSC or use it on a drop-in basis.

Early Childhood	8:30 am-12:00 pm	8:15-8:30 am	12:00-12:10pm	3:00-3:10/4:00-4:15/6:00 pm
Kindergarten	8:30 am-3:00 pm	8:15-8:30 am	3:00-3:10 pm	4:00-4:15/6:00 pm
Elementary	8:20 am-3:00 pm	8:10-8:20 am	3:00-3:10 pm	4:00-4:15/6:00 pm

Date	Important Events prior to student Orientation weeks	Notes
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Tues, August 11th	New Parent/Guardian Orientation	From 4:00-5:00 pm held in MSD's Multi-Purpose Room; This is for adults who are new to MSD
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Thurs, Aug. 13th- Fri, Aug. 14th	New Early Childhood Student Introduction Session (this includes students rising from Toddler to Early Childhood)	Attendance is required (child and parent/guardian); We will contact you this summer to schedule this half-hour classroom visit.
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Fri, Aug. 14th	Lower and Upper Elementary Open House	12:30-1:30 pm (for students and parents/guardians)
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Fri, Aug. 21st	Early Childhood After School Open House	10:00-10:30 am for parents/guardians & Early Childhood students new to After School
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Fri, Aug. 21st	Elementary After School Open House	12:00-12:30 pm for parents/guardians & Elementary students new to After School
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Mon, Aug. 17th- Fri, Aug. 21st	Orientation for New Early Childhood Students (including those rising from Toddler and new-to-MSD Kindergarten students)	8:30-10:00 am (drop-off 8:15-8:30 am; pick-up 10:00-10:10 am)
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Mon, Aug. 17th- Fri, Aug. 21st	Orientation for all 1st graders (and any 1st-3rd graders new to MSD)	8:20 am-12:00 pm (drop-off 8:10-8:20 am; pick-up 12:00-12:10 pm)
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Mon, Aug. 17th- Fri, Aug. 21st	Orientation for all 4th graders (and any 4th-6th graders new to MSD)	8:20 am-12:00 pm (drop-off 8:10-8:20 am; pick-up 12:00-12:10 pm)
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Mon, Aug. 24th	Regular Schedule Begins for Early Childhood & Elementary Students	See drop-off & pick-up windows above; Before & After School begin for Early Childhood and Elem
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Mon, Sept. 7th	No School – Labor Day	MSD & After School closed
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Tues, Sept. 8th	Upper Elementary Back to School Gathering	4:30-5:30pm
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Wed, Sept. 9th	Lower Elementary Back to School Gathering	4:30-5:30pm
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Thurs, Sept. 10th	Early Childhood Back to School Gathering	4:30-5:30pm
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Mon, Sept. 21st	No School – Teacher Workday	MSD closed; “School’s Out” Camp available with registration by the deadline
Mon, Oct. 19th	No School – Teacher Workday	MSD & After School closed
Wed, Oct 28th	Fall Conference sign-up available online	Schedule your Fall Conference
Wed, Nov. 11th- Fri, Nov. 13th	No School – Fall Conferences	MSD closed; “School’s Out” Camp available with registration by the deadline
Mon, Nov. 23rd - Fri, Nov. 27th	No School - Thanksgiving Break	MSD & After School closed
Mon, Dec. 21st 2026 -Fri, Jan. 1st 2027	No School – Winter Break	MSD & After School closed
Mon, Jan. 4th 2027	No School – Teacher Workday	MSD closed; “School’s Out” Camp available with registration by the deadline
Tues, Jan. 5th	Financial Aid and sibling admission applications due for 2027-28 school year	Available online. Contact the office with questions.
Mon, Jan. 18th	No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	MSD & After School closed
Wed, Jan. 20th	Curriculum Talk Events	MSD Parents/Guardians encouraged to attend; Details forthcoming
Wed, Jan. 27th	Re-Enrollment contracts offered to current families	Log in to MSD Family Portal for re-enrollment materials.
Wed, Feb. 10th	Re-Enrollment contracts due by 6:00pm	Log in to MSD Family Portal for re-enrollment materials.
Mon, Feb. 15th	No School – Teacher Workday	MSD closed; “School’s Out” Camp available with registration by the deadline
Mon, Feb. 15th- Fri, Feb. 19th	Staff Appreciation Week	Parents’ Association will share more details about Staff Appreciation Week events/activities
Mon, March 15th	No School – Teacher Workday	MSD & After School closed
Wed, March 24th	Spring Conference sign-up available online	Schedule your Spring Conference
Mon, March 29th- Fri, April 2nd	No School – Spring Break	MSD closed; “School’s Out” Camp available with registration by the deadline
Mon, April 5th	No School – Teacher Workday	MSD closed; “School’s Out” Camp available with registration by the deadline
Wed, April 28th- Fri, April 30th	No School – Spring Conferences	MSD closed; “School’s Out” Camp available with registration by the deadline
Mon, May 31st	No School – Memorial Day	MSD & After School closed
Fri, June 4th	Last Day of School Early Childhood/Kindergarten: 12:00pm dismissal Elementary: 12:15pm dismissal	No After School