



## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

### INTRODUCTION

The Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman is a non-profit Christian Montessori school dedicated to following Christ as well as the spiritual and academic development of the whole child through the Montessori method of education. Founded in 1995, the school is chartered and licensed under the law of North Carolina. The school adheres to a philosophy and method of education that is geared toward developing creative, independent children who have an enthusiasm for learning. The school also considers it a priority to introduce students to the graces and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Open to any child without regard to race, creed, color or national origin, the School supports a Christian school community and is committed to providing an excellent education for children from diverse backgrounds. Our child-centered school, with professionally trained staff and carefully prepared classrooms, promotes joy in learning and positive character development helping each child reach his or her true potential. Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman has a Toddler Community (ages of 18-36 months), a Primary Community (3-6 years of age), a Lower Elementary Program (6-9 years of age), and an Upper Elementary Program (9-12 years of age).

### MISSION STATEMENT

Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman's mission is to inspire academic excellence, nurture curiosity, creativity, and independence and to awaken the human spirit.

### FAITH STATEMENT

We strive to provide an enriched academic experience through the Montessori philosophy in an environment that teaches Christian principles and the love of Jesus Christ to all.

### PHILOSOPHY

Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman's curriculum implements the Montessori philosophy and methodology at the toddler, pre-school and elementary levels. The classroom environment stimulates intellectual, emotional, social, physical, spiritual and cultural growth. The school promotes the development of self-motivation, independence, curiosity, cooperation and respect for others within the framework of a strong academic and Christian program.

### LOCATION

Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman is located at 14101 Stumptown Road in Huntersville, North Carolina and is conveniently located twenty minutes north of Charlotte, just off of Interstate 77. The campus is housed on twenty acres of picturesque country farmland. The Pre-School building offers sky lit classrooms and serves children ages 18 months through 6 years. The Elementary and Middle School Village serves children ages 6 through 12 years of age as well as a planned expansion for grades up through High School.

**OFFICE HOURS** are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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## **PARENT PARTICIPATION**

An important part of your child's education is your participation in the parent education opportunities offered by Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman. These opportunities are designed to educate you to the purposes and methods of Montessori work and to offer support for conscientious child rearing. As a part of your continuing growth as a "Montessori Parent" and in order to know more fully what your child's daily activities include, you are expected to make a classroom observation at least once a year. Classrooms are open for observation from October through mid-May. Observation time begins at 9:00 a.m. and lasts 30 minutes to an hour. Please make appointments through the Administrative office and plan to spend a few minutes before and after to discuss procedures and the actual observation.

Parent involvement is essential and has a significant impact on our children's classrooms as well as the greater school community. We depend heavily on our talented parent population. Whatever your interests – cooking, gardening, writing, technology – we need your special abilities. Each family is required to volunteer 10 clock hours of service per year. These hours are tracked through our PTA. A variety of opportunities are available through the classroom, PTA, Administrative Offices and/or Special Events.

## **CONFERENCES**

Conferences are scheduled at least twice a year to acquaint you with your child's progress. Should you need a conference at any other time, contact the classroom and teachers will be glad to schedule a conference for you.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Christian Montessori School at Lake Norman feels it is important, as well as enjoyable, to include your students' families in special events such as: Parent Education Night, Thanksgiving Feast, United Nations/Peace Day, Celebration of the Light, New Family Reception, Family Fund Day and other fun-filled occasions throughout the year.