

### Calendar Highlights

#### Sun. - Wed., April 23rd - 26th

Accreditation Team Visit

#### Fri. - Sat., April 28th - 29th

Parent Network sponsored  
Student Sleepover

#### Wednesday, May 3rd

9:00 am Admissions Informational  
Tour

#### Thursday, May 4th

8:45 am Student Services Parent  
Coffee

#### Friday, May 5th

12:30 - 2:00 pm Staff/Faculty  
Appreciation Luncheon

#### Mon. - Fri., May 8th - 12th

Montessori Academy's Annual Book  
Fair

#### Thursday, May 11th

10:15 am Toddler/Early Childhood  
Mother's Day Tea

4th year trip to South Bend Museum of  
Art for the Civil War Presentation

#### Friday, May 12th

8:45 - 11:30 am Lower Elementary  
trip to Lerner Theatre for *Singing In The  
Rain*

#### Tues. & Wed., May 16th & 17th

Hearing and Speech Screening - More  
info will be sent home soon

#### Tuesday, May 16th

7:00 pm Parent Network Mom's Night  
Out

#### Wednesday, May 17th

8:45 am Parent Network Meeting

#### Thursday, May 18th

9:00 am All School Assembly -  
featuring Upper Elementary

#### Friday, May 19th

9:00 am International Festival

### PARENT NETWORK NEWS

**Parent Network sponsored Student Sleepover** - Join us on April 28th and 29th for our 10th annual Sleepover! It's always a great time. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

**Spring Flower Sale** - Get your gorgeous spring flowers, sponsored by Silverstone Gardens, owned by the Schilling family. We will be selling flowers at the school on May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is NO pre-order this year. The form that was attached last week was included by mistake.**

**Staff/Faculty Appreciation Luncheon** - We are looking for volunteers to help on May 5th at our annual Staff/Faculty Appreciation Luncheon. Look for an email soon with the specifics.

Questions? Please contact Kristi Gouker, Parent Network Chair, at 574-309-2897 or [klgouker1@att.net](mailto:klgouker1@att.net).

### STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

Please plan to join us on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. for our *Student Services Parent Coffee*. Erin Tracy, Director of Education Student Services and Deborah Drendall, Head of School, will describe Erin's role in our school, and define what "Intervention" looks like at Montessori Academy in comparison to public schools, what an IEP/ISP is, and how you can get support for your child if you're concerned. Hope to see you there!

### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Please come to our annual International Festival in the gym on Friday, May 19th, at 9:00 a.m. The International Festival is one of our community events that celebrates all of our families and the many combinations of cultures that we find in our school family. We are requesting that each family share an artifact and/or food from the different cultures that you know. This event is truly a celebration of all cultures. Emely Poloche, Montessori Academy's Spanish teacher, is organizing this event. Please email her at [epoloche@tma-el.org](mailto:epoloche@tma-el.org) with the information about what you will be sharing. Please do not feel limited to your culture of origin! We are open to all ideas and in the end we want to help our students familiarize themselves with the global cultures of our ever-shrinking world.

### DEVELOPMENT NEWS

**DANCING WITH OUR STARS:** The Infinite 8 Montessori Academy team is participating in the South Bend Center for the Homeless Dancing with our Stars event to raise money for the Montessori Academy classroom at the Center. Vote for our team [here](#). Each \$41 vote represents the cost of housing one guest at the Center for a night.

Questions? Please contact Tanya Hagen, Development Events Coordinator, at 574.256.5313 ext. 215 or [thagen@tma-el.org](mailto:thagen@tma-el.org).



## SPORTS NEWS

### TRACK & FIELD

#### UPPER ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH

##### PRACTICES

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. except for Friday's with Meets

##### MEETS

Fri.	4/28	TBD
Fri.	5/5	at Discovery Middle School
Fri.	5/12	at St. Joseph High School
Fri.	5/19	TBD

### SPORTS BANQUET

Please plan to join us on Monday, May 22nd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for our Annual Sports Banquet! [Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.

[Click here](#) to check out the calendar on our website for up-to-date sports schedules.



## OUR SHINING STARS

The Montessori Academy Class of 2013 is going places!!

**PHILLIP YANG** is a National Merit Scholar **Winner** and will be attending Brown University in the fall.

St. Joseph High School has announced **LEO ROMANETZ** as this year's **Salutatorian**. Leo has also been named a **St. Joe Scholar**, along with **ANNALENA BELLM**. St. Joe Scholars are students who have maintained a GPA of 4.0 or higher for all four years of high school.

Congratulations to all of our High School Graduates - TMA Class of 2013 and High School Class of 2017! Go Mustangs!



## MONTESSORI ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS 2017



### EARLY CHILDHOOD

### SUMMER SUNSHINE

Camp Dates: June 19 - August 11

### ELEMENTARY CAMPS

#### SPORTS AND MORE

Camp Dates: June 19 - July 20

#### ART AND STORYTELLING

Camp Dates: July 24 - August 11

#### CAMP HEART

Camp Dates: June 19th - 23rd

More information and registration forms are available at [www.AnEducationForLife.com](http://www.AnEducationForLife.com) and in the Montessori Academy office!

Spaces fill quickly so register today!

### SUMMER TEEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AT IUSB

Attention Junior High Parents: Are you looking for a fun summer learning experience for your teen? Check out the Summer Teen Enrichment Programs (STEP) being offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at IU South Bend. We are offering camps in computer programming, fiction writing, film, archaeology and more! Get more information [here](#)!

### AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

#### CHESS CLUB

**Dates have changed - now being held on  
Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays**

- Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Mr. Todd Baldwin will facilitate  
[Click here](#) for more information.

#### GRAPHIC NOVELS

- Back by popular demand!
- Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Facilitated by Ms. Jayme Russell, Librarian  
[Click here](#) for more information.

#### SOCCER SHOTS

- For Early Childhood and Lower Elementary students
- Fridays 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. (May 19th - 11:30 to 12:00 due to early dismissal)  
Click [here](#) for more information  
and [here](#) to register.