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Canton Montessori School Announces New Middle School Program Beginning Fall 2024

New Program Will Fill the Void Left by Portage Collaborative Montessori School's Sunsetted Middle School Program

CANTON, OH—Canton Montessori School is proud to announce a new Middle School program beginning in Fall 2024, allowing seventh- and eighth-grade students to receive a Montessori education in Stark County.

“When we heard Portage Collaborative Montessori School was eliminating their middle school program, we knew we had to step up and fill the void,” Head of School Dr. Emily Ramos said. “Our new Middle School program will allow local students to learn in a Montessori environment that will be better suited to their specific needs.”

The new Middle School Montessori program will allow students to learn at their own pace and partake in educational opportunities designed to prepare them for high school and everyday life.

Students will engage in a well-rounded curriculum focusing on experiential learning and collaboration with peers and adults. Montessori programs teach the whole child and help them grow into thoughtful and impactful members of society.

Canton Montessori School’s new Middle School program will feature:

- Foreign language options
- Community service experiences
- Collaborative class overnight field trips
- Small class sizes

“The beauty of a Montessori education is that students can join throughout their educational journey. As students grow, they learn more about their own learning styles and want to engage in self-paced learning. You don’t have to start at Canton Montessori School as a toddler to experience the elementary and middle school program - we welcome students from public, private or homeschool students.” Dr. Ramos said.

Thanks to the recent expansion of the Ohio Department of Education EdChoice Scholarship Program, every CMS student (K-8) now qualifies for a state tuition scholarship of up to \$6,165 annually. Awards are based on a sliding scale, but every family can receive a scholarship regardless of income.

“This makes a private education, such as CMS, affordable for many more families,” said Dr. Ramos.

Families interested in visiting Canton Montessori School or learning more about our admissions process should contact the school at 330-452-0148 or visit cantonmontessori.org.

“We look forward to offering a Middle School Montessori experience to students in and around Canton,” Dr. Ramos said. “We expect to make a lasting positive impact on our students’ lives and community.”

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About Canton Montessori School

Serving Greater Canton, Stark County and the surrounding area since 1968, Canton Montessori School (CMS) provides quality programming to children 18 months through Grade 8 based upon the education philosophies

and principles of the Montessori method. CMS's purpose is to meet the developmental needs of children of all economic backgrounds through an enriching and nurturing environment. CMS also strives to support and assist parents and staff in the development of their roles and to share its experiences and expertise with the wider community.