



Detroit Waldorf School Hires Noemi Herzig as Administrator

Bringing a decade of experience leading a Steiner school, and as a Waldorf graduate herself, Ms. Herzig brings passion and expertise to lead the school.

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DETROIT – This fall, students at Detroit Waldorf School will welcome a new Administrator as they begin the school year.

Noemi Herzig commences this month to lead metro Detroit's only Waldorf school, which serves some 240 students in pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Most recently, Ms. Herzig was Director of Arts, Culture and Education at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit. In her nearly 10 years in that post, she managed, motivated and developed staff introduced innovative programming and implemented budgets and funding initiatives in nonprofit contexts. Prior to this position, Ms. Herzig led the Oakland Steiner School from 1992-2001.

Fluent in English, German and Portuguese, Ms. Herzig earned a Master of Science in Group Process and Group Psychotherapy from Hahnemann University. Currently a Royal Oak resident, she is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, where she graduated from the Escola Waldorf Rudolf Steiner (Sao Paulo Waldorf School K-12). She emigrated to the United States in 1982.

"Coming to Detroit Waldorf School is like coming home again," says Herzig, who has big development visions for the school's growth and future. "This feels like closing the circle. I started at Waldorf as a child, I worked at a Waldorf school when my children were students, and now I can spend this part of my life in a vibrant community, guiding its impact on children, families and our beautiful city. In this day and age, the power of human connection is ever more precious and important, and that's our guide in a Waldorf education, along with respect for people and for nature. It is truly a thrill to take this position."

"We are elated to welcome Noemi to the helm of our school," says Charis Calender-Suennick, Enrollment & Outreach Director. "Her personal and professional experience in the world of Waldorf education is expansive and impressive, and we know she will bring ingenuity, passion and talent to the leadership of Detroit Waldorf School."

Prior Administrator Linda Brooks led the school for 12 years. She retires this month.

About Detroit Waldorf School

The Detroit Waldorf School provides innovative teaching through the method developed more than a century ago by Rudolf Steiner. A Waldorf education is designed to cultivate children's inherent curiosity and love of learning. Its approach "brings forth" the gifts that children possess so that they will develop clear, creative thoughts, balance and compassion in their feelings, and initiative and conscience in their work.

Fully accredited by [ISACS](#) (Independent Schools of the Central States) and [AWSNA](#) (Association of Waldorf Schools of North America), Detroit Waldorf School offers a curriculum rich in academics, arts, music and physical education in an historic Albert Kahn building, erected in 1913. The school's aim is to graduate students who are capable of independent, critical and creative thinking and who will enter adult life with the confidence and knowledge needed to take on the next level of possibilities.

The mission of the Detroit Waldorf School, which was founded in 1966, is to provide a rich and dynamic preK-8th grade Waldorf education to a geographically, racially, and socio-economically diverse student body in Detroit and Southeast Michigan. The Detroit Waldorf School is a community dedicated to helping each child develop his or her full human potential: clear, creative thought and expression, balance and compassion in feeling, and conscience and initiative in action. Waldorf education fosters the development of free-thinking, moral, and self-confident individuals who lead successful and inspired lives.

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