

Opening Ceremony

The purpose of the 9th grade intersession is to help students chart their course through high school and on to successfully set up for their post-secondary goals. In order to do so, they must, in part, reflect on where they have come from (the path that has brought them to where they are today). The theme of the intersession "Charting Your Course" is accented with visual elements of charting a course by star navigation, allowing us to connect to the bigger Montessori concept of cosmic purpose.

The Opening Ceremony will begin by having the students revisit their elementary memories through the Great Lessons.

With students invited into the circle, present the First Great Lesson: The Beginning of the Universe and Earth.

Remind students of the messages of the other great lessons and the timelines they introduced.

Give students several minutes to reflect on their personal elementary and junior high paths, using a timeline themed page. They should include lessons, materials, and activities that brought them to where they are today. [Need to create timeline handout; think about some way to ceremoniously contribute it to the group - maybe use the same method as we did at the start of P.o.P.]

The Opening Ceremony will lead into the introduction of the intersession group project that will be used in the Closing Ceremony - group "Great Lesson" skits about their own paths.