

## Panda Kitchen & Bath

### Dream Kitchens To Fit Every Budget

**Y**ou can't turn on the TV these days without seeing them...home makeovers. And which room renovation gives you the greatest return on your investment? The kitchen.

If you've ever envisioned the kitchen of your dreams but thought it would stretch your pocketbook too far, Panda Kitchen and Bath on West W.T. Harris Boulevard can turn your dream into a reality.

Panda Kitchen and Bath's custom cabinetry and countertops can spice up your tired kitchen. The diverse selection of solid wood cabinets and top quality countertops are all in stock saving you both time and money.

One customer says, "Panda Kitchen and Bath installed my granite and they are by far the least expensive and I love it. They are on time, very dependable and good quality. They certainly know their business."

Call it high style on a budget. When you buy direct, you save and Panda Kitchen and Bath stocks the hottest trends in kitchen design today – quality birch and maple and beautiful granite -- but at a fraction of their competitor's prices.

Since opening three years ago, Panda Kitchen and Bath has been local builders' best kept secret but the word is getting out with many of their newest customers having been referred by satisfied friends.

Owner Sophia Zhang says, "We provide the best for less – quality workmanship, excellent service and trained professional installers. Our customers aren't skimping on quality, just price."

As residents of the Lexington neighborhood in University City, the owners of Panda Kitchen and Bath often see their handiwork in their own community.

Still worried about starting your kitchen makeover? Panda Kitchen and Bath provides a written warranty for materials and installation giving homeowners peace of mind.

So don't be afraid...upgrade!



#### Panda Kitchen & Bath

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## Nona's Sweets

### Sweet Traditions Start Here

**A**fter winning the "best bakery" category in University City Magazine's 2007 "Best of" issue, getting a "best desserts" nod in two other publications is just icing on the cake for Nona's Sweets.

So, is it lonely at the top? Not according to Dominica Clementi. She operates Nona's Sweets with her parents, Jo-Ann and Nick Morlando. Baking has been a family tradition for generations. "Nonna" actually means "grandmother" in Italian and Jo-Ann learned the art of baking in her grandmother's kitchen. When Jo-Ann's grandchildren were learning how to write, they kept leaving out an "n." It stuck and she's been Nona ever since.

Jo-Ann and Dominica are masters of Italian baked goods including cannoli, napoleon, cookies, pastries, and pasticciotti. The mother-daughter team also creates dazzling wedding cakes and cakes for any occasion, fudge, cookies and sinfully delicious chocolates.

The pair also enjoys sharing their love for baking and decorating with the youngest bakers-in-training. Offering birthday parties for children as young as 6-years-old, each child gets to decorate and take home their own mini-cake masterpiece. The birthday child also receives an autograph apron and group photo.

Nona's Sweets has become so good at parties and party cakes they now sell balloons and candles for added customer convenience.

Located in the Terraces at University Place since 2004, Nona's Sweets recognizes the need to get involved in the University City community. In addition to participating in the University City Race Taste on September 27 for the third year in a row, Nona's Sweets is baking a batch of goodwill with their pink ribbon cookies in October, which is breast cancer awareness month. All proceeds from the cookie sales will aid breast cancer research. And stop by Nona's Sweets October 15 – 21 for Cupcakes for a Cause to raise awareness and money for children's cancer research.

"We're so grateful to our customers for letting us be a part of their celebrations," says Dominica. "Seeing our goodies bring happiness to their faces really brings us joy!"



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## Countryside Montessori High School

### Countryside Montessori School Expands to High School

**F**or more than 27 years, Countryside Montessori School has provided children in the University City area with a nurturing environment in which to learn and now, high school students can enjoy that same Montessori experience.

Countryside began as a preschool and now consists of toddler classes, preschool, Kindergarten and grades 1-9.

The new Countryside Community High School, with grade 9, will hold classes this fall on the current Mallard Creek campus, before moving to its permanent home on the Johnston-Oehler Road campus for the 2008-09 school year. The school will be an independent school, with a Montessori approach to learning and will add an additional grade each year.

Heide Putt will be the principal of Countryside Community High School and Nick Nichols will be the Athletic Director. Both have been part of the Countryside staff for many years. Putt was the lead middle school teacher for Countryside Montessori School from 1993-2003. She earned her MA of Environmental Education at Montclair State and her BS of Zoology at the University of Maryland. Nichols has been with Countryside for nine years and has been key in developing athletic

programs for the school. He earned his BA of Education from Mississippi State University and has served as administrator, athletic director and activities director for the school.

Over the next five years, plans for Countryside Community High School include additional academic, cafeteria, performance and athletic facilities, as well as administration buildings on the seventeen acre Johnston-Oehler site. For more information about Countryside Montessori and the new Countryside Community High School, please contact us at 704-549-4253 or visit our website at [www.countrysidemontessorischools.org](http://www.countrysidemontessorischools.org).



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