

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Rejoice Always! 1 Thess. 5:16

St. Paul's Lutheran School is full of joys: the first day of school; the individual gifts and personalities at every grade level; the servant hearts of staff; the commitment of congregations; the involvement of parents; the excitement of a team victory or a school performance; ministry milestones and anniversaries; new students and staff; graduations; and many more.

But, the true fullness of joy lies in the Gospel-centered confession and proclamation of our Lutheran school. Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica begins by expressing the joy of Jesus: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 THESS. 5:16-18). The concluding verses of this epistle have been chosen as the theme for this school year and will permeate and direct the ministry and message of St. Paul's Lutheran School in 2019-20 and beyond. It is appropriate that the children and families at St. Paul's school join in the church-wide fullness of joy in Jesus.

While St. Paul's Lutheran school students experience joy in many different contexts, the most JOY-FULL time and place is in **worship together**. In weekly worship and in school chapel worship, the full joy through Jesus is proclaimed. Children are blessed to hear the message of joy to the shepherds of Bethlehem; the joy of the cross; and the joy of the resurrection.

May the Word of God be taught in St. Paul's school classrooms; read, modeled, sung, and shared in worship; lived in various school experiences and events; shared with families, and witnessed to the community.

We are joy-filled, thankful, and excited to welcome **Mr. Josiah Hahn** to our teaching staff this year. Mr. Hahn will have an 8th grade homeroom, and teach various Middle School subjects. We are also excited and thankful to be adding **Mrs. Katie Librizzi** to our staff. Mrs. Librizzi will be teaching 3rd grade this year. Both teachers will be installed on August 24.

Just more reasons for us all to **Rejoice Always!**



OPENING WORSHIP AND BACKPACK BLESSING

On Saturday, August 24th and Sunday, August 25th **all members of your family** are invited to attend worship at 5:00, 8:00, or 10:30. All students are to bring their backpacks to one of the Opening Services to receive their backpack blessing. There is a short "Meet and Greet" reception following the Saturday service and between services on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. **Textbooks will not be handed out until the first day of school.**

OPEN HOUSES

In an effort to better serve all of our families, there will be a number of **Open Houses** for parents to attend. This is a time to meet with your child's teacher and a time to share important information concerning the school year. The Open Houses are as follows:

3-4K August 19 4:00-6:00

5K August 21 6:00

1-5 August 27 6:00

6-8 Sept. 4 6:00

Please make sure to attend these important meetings!

BUILDING UPGRADES

Two significant upgrades have been made to our buildings:

Three new drinking fountain/water bottle filling stations.

Safety film on lower level windows and entrances @ Lincoln campus. Our goal is to raise funds to do the ECC campus next summer. Both of these projects were made possible through the donations of many individuals!

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

All students must have a Student Health Information form filled out and returned to the office **NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** This is important information that we need to be aware of in the case of an emergency. Forms were emailed to every family. If you are in need of a copy, please contact the school office or go online and print one. Thank you for your cooperation.

If your child needs to take prescription or non-prescription medication, a form also needs to be filled out and kept in the school office along with the medication in its original container. These forms can be picked up from the school office or found online and printed.

COMMUNICATIONS IS AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION

We encourage parents to read our weekly school newsletter which is sent out electronically each Thursday afternoon. We try to inform parents about school policies, activities, items of interest, student information, and other school news. We hope that the information provided keeps parents informed and current with what is happening in the church and school. The newsletter is e-mailed out to parents each Thursday and can also be found on our website at www.splswa.org. **Do we have your correct e-mail address?** Please inform the school of any e-mail address changes. If you need a hard copy of the newsletter please contact Tammy in the school office.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Due to our growth at the ECC campus, we have had to make changes to our Before and After School Care program. Students may be dropped off at **either** building beginning at 6:00a.m. **There will be a \$2.00/half-hour charge for care at BOTH campuses.** Students are discouraged from arriving at school earlier than actually needed.

LINCOLN CAMPUS

- Students in grades 1-8 who arrive **before 7:30 a.m.** will be buzzed in at the Lincoln Avenue doors and need to go directly to the **Fellowship Hall**, where they will be supervised by a staff member.

- Students who **arrive at 7:30 or later** should enter on 79th street where a staff member will let them in and proceed directly to the **Fellowship Hall**.

GRANT CAMPUS

- After 6:00a.m. students will be buzzed into the building and proceed to the designated room

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

The Achievement Testing results taken last Spring for students in grades 3-8 will be sent out as soon as we receive them. Please contact Mr. Burkee or your child's teacher with any questions.

GYM SHOES FOR THE GYM FLOOR AT LINCOLN & MULTIPURPOSE ROOM AT GRANT STREET

All students need to have a pair of non-marking sole gym shoes to be used at both buildings. Both floors are the same type of flooring and we are trying to do everything to keep the black marks that shoes make off the floors. Please make sure that the gym shoes are non-marking. Please initial your child's shoes in case they are misplaced.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS / FAST DIRECT UPDATES

All families are asked to log in to their Fast Direct account and update any information that needs to be changed. Please make sure to check emergency contacts, as well as updated phone numbers, etc. If you need log in information, please contact the school office.

MATERIALS NEEDED BY STUDENTS

A supply list was emailed home in July, it is also attached to this newsletter and posted on our website.

ST. PAUL'S SPIRIT WEAR

Students and staff are encouraged to wear St. Paul's gear and colors on **every Friday!**

All Spirit Wear will be ordered through our on-line stores. The link for those stores will be emailed to you within the next couple of days. Here's how it works...

- You go to the on-line store and look at available products
- Place your order by the deadline of **September 15**
- Order is delivered to school

More information about the on-line stores will be mailed home soon! Remember, the deadline for ordering is **September 15**.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

This year students will again receive Chapel envelopes each week. They will be sent home with your child(ren). Please use these envelopes each week to send offerings on **Chapel days (Wednesday)** for the different missions that we will be sponsoring. All offerings given will be used to help support various missions.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Fall sports will be starting up soon. Our coaches for Fall sports are as follows:

JV volleyball-Miss Petermann

Varsity volleyball- Miss Jackson

Cross Country- Mrs. Koble and Mr. Rauter

Practices start the second week of school. **JV will be practicing on M,W from 3:15-5:00. Varsity will be practicing on T 6:00-7:30 and TH from 3:15-5:00. Cross Country practice times are M, W, TH 3:15-4:30.**

There is a **\$25 fee for all sports**. If a child participates in both VB and XC, the XC fee is reduced to \$15. Those fees should be turned in to Mr. Dittman before the first practice, **no cash** please.

All Athletic questions and concerns should be directed to either Mr. Dittman or Mr. Rauter.

LATE ARRIVALS

Each year we continue to have children arriving at school late on a regular basis. Parents are asked to avoid this. **Parents who bring their children late create problems for the teacher and the rest of the class.** We need to teach children to be responsible and to be on time in getting to school, doing their homework, and developing their Christian character. Students should arrive between 7:45 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. to get themselves organized and be ready to start the day by 8:00 a.m.

Students who arrive late to school will need to check in at the school office at their respective buildings. Grant Street children need their parents to escort them into the building and parents need to speak with whoever is sitting at the front desk to receive a pass, which notifies the teacher that the child has checked in at the office. At the Lincoln Building the student needs to check in at the office first before going to their locker or classroom. Mrs. Evers will give them a pass, which notifies the teacher that the student has checked in at the office.

We discourage students from leaving the building during the day for doctors and dentist appointments, but realize that everyone can't have appointments during vacations or after school hours. Students who leave the building during the day need to notify the school office when they leave and stop back in the office when they return the same day. **Students must wait in the Office until a parent comes to get them.**

7th GRADE PHYSICALS

7th graders are reminded to turn in their Physical Forms to Mr. Dittman, **before practices begin.** The Physical Form was sent home last Spring and is good for two years. **Having a hard time getting an appointment with your pediatrician?** Check out the Walgreens clinic on 60th and Oklahoma.

5-8 SPORT FORMS

Athletic Forms packets must be turned in to **Mr. Dittman** before the first practice. **Packets were emailed home and can be picked up on the ledge outside room 204 on Backpack Blessing Day.** These include the state mandated concussion forms.

EXTENDED CARE – SEE ATTACHED MEMO ON IMPORTANT MEETING

Registration for Extended Care must take place prior to usage and a \$50.00 registration fee **per family** must accompany the registration paperwork. The cost for Day Care will be \$4.00 per hour for any of the programs to cover the cost of providing the service for parents. The **registration form** for Extended Care is attached to this email.

After School Care will be held at both buildings from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Parents must pay their fees as agreed upon with Tuition Express. Families must stay current with Child Care charges or child care service will be terminated until the bill is paid in full. Please direct all Extended Care questions to **Mrs. Puechner.**

NEW BAND STUDENT MEETING

There will be a band meeting on **September 3rd at 7:00 at Milwaukee Lutheran High School.** All **new** band students should attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Prince.

PLANNED ABSENCE FORM

Whenever you know your child is going to be absent for a vacation or appointment, please see that they pick up and complete a **Planned Absence Form from their teacher or online.** This will list all the work they will be missing and are expected to have complete upon their return.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

At the Early Childhood Center, do not park in front of the building. This is a NO PARKING ZONE AND PARENTS ARE SUBJECT TO BEING TICKETED. The areas by the 79th Street doors are also NO PARKING ZONES until after 4:00 p.m. Parents and children are to **cross the street at the corners** only!

BIBLES, CATECHISMS, GYM UNIFORMS

Bibles are provided for all 3rd graders and students new to St. Paul's. Replacements can be purchased from the office. ESV bibles are available for purchase for \$9.75. Gym uniforms can be purchased from the school office. Class assignment books are provided for all students.

LUNCH HOUR SCHEDULE

The daily classroom and subject time schedules will be developed during the last week of Faculty Orientation Workshop and refined once we actually see how they are working. The schedule will be shared with you or your child during the first week of school. In order to plan for the first day of school, we will use the following lunch hour schedule.

Grades 1 - 5 Lunch 11:30 - 11:50

Grades 6-8 Lunch 11:50 - 12:10

Parents are reminded to send lunches that are easy to open and ready to eat. **Students may not bring soda, carbonated, or caffeinated beverages to drink**, but should drink milk, water or a type of juice.

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch will be offered once a week, on Wednesdays. The program is overseen by Chelsea Rudig, she **will need volunteers** to help. Hot lunch will be offered on Wednesdays starting AUGUST 28th.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

All school families are invited to worship with us each weekend. We understand that it is in worship is where we draw closer to our God. In worship, God is present and we have the opportunity to give thanks, receive forgiveness, gather with fellow believers, listen to His Word, pray for others, and to be strengthened in our faith to go out into the world to share Christ and to meet the challenges in everyday living. Our worship life also demonstrates how important God is to us and our families. As we teach our children God's truth, we model how important God is to us and should be in our lives as He is so good. Make it a priority to worship regularly and spend time in His Word this school year.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All parents are to call the school office between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on **each day** their child is absent. Teachers will get the work missed together at the end of the day. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY HAVE A FEVER OR HAVE VOMITED WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS.**

HANDBELL CHOIR

5-8th graders are invited to join HANDBELL CHOIR beginning WEDNESDAY August 28th at 7:15 AM. We will practice each **Wednesday morning from 7:15-8:00 AM** in the church balcony. Mrs. Prince will have information forms in each classroom the first day of school. Hope to see many of you join us! michelle@splcwa.org

SCHOOL BOARD

In June, we added 2 new Board members to complete our Board for the 2019-20 school year. The new Board members are Lidia Brofka and Chelsea Rudig. Board members who continue to serve are Jeff Moravec (President), Doug Vogt, Susan Jacobsen and Katie Meinzen. We give thanks to these individuals who will give of their time to oversee the operation of our school.

NEW ECC PHONE NUMBER

If you need to contact anyone at the ECC please use the following phone number: 414-485-6000

WELCOME!!!

It is with great joy we welcome two new additions God has brought to our teaching staff this year. **Katie Librizzi** joins us as our 3rd grade teacher, and **Josiah Hahn** joins us as our new 8th grade teacher. Both teachers will be installed at Sunday services the weekend of August 25. You can learn more about them at that time. **Our God continues to bless us with talented and dedicated workers!**



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dress Code 2019-2020



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for this is the will of Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

St. Paul's Lutheran School is a place for instruction and learning. We dress for the occasion, in this case, school. The dress code is designed to help our students make a statement to others about the Christian character of our school and reduce the distractions that get in the way of learning. Clothing that reflects a style too casual for the classroom is not acceptable, such as: current athletic uniforms (including warm-up shirts), sweat/athletic pants, and nylon/wind pants.

It is your responsibility as parents to assist your children at home before coming to school so they will be dressed appropriately. Parents play a key role in enforcing the dress code, and we appreciate the support.

Any new styles, fads, apparel, or accessories that may be considered offensive or immodest for school dress will be considered inappropriate. Concerns that arise during the school year will be addressed by the faculty.

Classroom teachers and the principal will work for fairness and consistency and will have the final authority in all dress code concerns or infractions. Before wearing any clothing that may be questionable, please consult with your classroom teacher.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in consequences being given to correct the behavior. The first two infractions will result in a warning. Following infractions will result in in-school, after-school consequences, and/or meeting with parents. Your classroom teacher will provide details on this.

CHAPEL

Chapel days are special days to worship as a school body. It is important to present ourselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually ready to worship our God. All students are encouraged to wear dress clothes on chapel days (WEDNESDAY). The last Wednesday of each month, the students will be meeting with their Chapel Families following worship. On these Wednesdays, students will wear their special Chapel Family shirt which will be provided to them.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Fridays are St. Paul's spirit wear days. Students are encouraged to wear your favorite Panther spirit wear or our school colors (red, white, and black). All dress code guidelines still apply on these days.

SPIRIT WEEKS

We have a number of spirit weeks during the school year. We look forward to special dress-up days during these exciting weeks.

ST. PAUL'S STUDENTS IN 1ST THROUGH 8TH GRADES WILL BE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS WHILE AT SCHOOL:

All clothing must be neat, clean and in good repair, and must not detract from the **Christian atmosphere of the school.**

PANTS

Properly fitting jeans, khaki pants and capri-length pants are acceptable, but they may not be intentionally frayed or have holes in them. Students in lower grades (K-2) may wear stretch pants with elastic waist bands.

SHORTS

Shorts may be worn from May 1st until October 15th. Only shorts of the same style and fabric of acceptable pants may be worn. Short length should be mid-thigh or longer.

SKIRTS/DRESSES

Skirts and dresses should be mid-thigh or longer. Skorts are acceptable throughout the year, but must meet the length requirement for skirts.

LEGGINGS

Leggings may be worn with a coordinating top which falls to approximately pocket length or lower.

SHIRTS

Shirts with manufacturer logos, team names, and novelty t-shirts are acceptable. Students may not wear shirts deemed to be offensive by the faculty.

Hooded sweatshirts are acceptable.

Sleeveless tops must be no narrower all the way around than the entire width of the hand

HAIR

Hair should be carefully groomed, combed, and kept neat and clean. Hair should not fall over the eyes. Extreme hairstyles and coloring, which are not shades of a natural hair color, are not allowed. Improper coloring of the hair must be dyed back to its normal hair color immediately. Hats are not to be worn in the building except on special days.

SHOES

Shoes must be worn at all times during school. No slide or flip-flop style shoes may be worn. Students must have a separate gym shoe to be used on the gym floor. The shoes should have non-marking soles that prevent black marks on the gym floor.

MISCELLANEOUS

No temporary tattoos or drawing with ink on the body is allowed.

Clothing must have appropriate coverage during all activities including: standing, sitting, leaning over, and raising your hand.

2019-2020 CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST

3K

- School Bag (Tote or Backpack)
- 1 Pocket Folder
- 2 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Container Antibacterial Wipes
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 2 packages 6oz cups
- 1 package of napkins
- 1 box large ziplock baggies
- 1 package paper towels

4K

- School Bag (Tote or Backpack)
- 1 Pocket Folder
- 2 Large Glue Sticks
- Plastic Crayon/Pencil Box
- 1 Container Antibacterial Wipes
- Clean Gym Shoes (Velcro) - kept at school
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 2 packages 6oz cups
- 1 package paper towels(PM) 1 package napkins (AM)
- 1 bottle of Glue All

Kindergarten

- Back Pack
- 8 or 10 pack Crayola Original Markers
- 8 or 10 pack Crayola Original Thin Markers
- 24 pack Crayola **Twistable** Crayons
- Clean Gym Shoes (Velcro) - kept at school
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towel
- 2 Baby Wipe Refills
- 1 Crayola 8 Pan Watercolor Set
- 1 Pocket Folder

1st grade

- Back Pack or School Bag (label with name)
- Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
- 2 pink erasers
- 10 #2 Pencils
- Plastic Crayon/Pencil Box
- 2 Boxes of Markers
- 1 two pocket folder
- 1 spiral notebook
- 4 Glue Sticks
- Rounded Scissors
- Clean Gym Shoes - Velcro if your child cannot tie - kept at school
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Crayola 8 Pan Watercolor Set

2nd grade

- Backpack
- Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
- 2 highlighters
- Bottle of glue
- Scissors
- 1 Pocket Folder
- 2 Boxes Broadline **Original** Markers
- Eraser (Large)
- Plastic Crayon/Pencil Box

- 1 Crayola 8 pan Watercolor Set
- Clean Gym Shoes - kept at school
- 1 Antibacterial Wipes
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Elmers glue sticks
- 10 #2 pencils

3rd Grade

- Backpack
- Box of 24 crayola crayons
- 3 spiral wide ruled notebooks
- Bottle of glue
- 1 big glue stick
- 12" standard/metric ruler w/inches & cm
- 2 highlighters
- Box of Markers
- Eraser
- Box of colored pencils
- Scissors
- #2 Pencils
- Zipper Pencil bag to keep supplies
- 2 pocket folders
- Clean gym shoes (to be kept at school for P.E. class)
- 3 boxes Kleenex & 3 containers of antibacterial wipes
- 1 Crayola 8 pan water color set
- 1 small pencil sharpener to keep with pencils
- 1 box of gallon Ziplock bags

4th grade

- Backpack
- Box of 24 crayola crayons
- 6 spiral wide ruled notebooks
- Bottle of glue
- 1 big glue stick
- 12" standard/metric ruler
- 1 highlighter
- Box of Markers
- 4 dry erase markets
- 1 pack of red pens
- 2 antibacterial wipes
- Eraser
- Box of colored pencils
- Scissors
- #2 Pencils
- Zipper Pencil bag to keep supplies
- 1 pack loose leaf wide lined paper
- 2 pocket folders
- Clean gym shoes (to be kept at school for P.E. class)
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 1 Crayola 8 pan water color set
- 1 small pencil sharpener to keep with pencils

***ESV Bibles for students in grades 3 - 4 will be given on the first day of school to new students.**

****Assignment Notebooks will be provided to students in grades 2 - 4 on the first day of school.**

All 5th - 8th Grade Students Need the Following:

- Gym Uniform (shorts and shirt)
- Clean Gym Shoes - leave at school
- Ample supply College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- 2 Highlighters
- 12" Standard/Metric Ruler
- Scissors
- Colored Pencils
- 24 Box Crayola Crayons
- Markers
- TI - 30Xa (or higher) Calculator
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Antibacterial Surface Wipes
- Earbuds (Less than \$10.00)
- 1 Crayola 8 Pan Watercolor Set

5th grade

- Black, Blue, and Red Pens
- Zipper Bag for Pens & Pencils
- Dry Erase Eraser
- 5 Pocket Folders
- 4 Pocket Folder with Center Fasteners
- 5 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Protractor

6th grade

- Black, Blue, and Red Pens (Non-Click)
- Zipper Bag for Pens & Pencils
- Eraser or Eraser Caps
- 5 Pocket Folders with Center Fasteners
- 2 Pocket Folders
- 1 - ½" or 1" binder
- 4 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Protractor (Clear)
- 2 Glue Sticks

7th Grade

- Folder for **each** class plus a home folder suggested
- Notebook for each class
- 2 - ½" or 1" binders
- Ruler
- Black, Blue, and Red Pens
- Zipper Bag for Pens & Pencils
- ¼ " Square Graph Paper
- Compass
- Protractor

8th Grade

- Black, Blue, and Red Pens
- Zipper Bag for Pens & Pencils
- 4 Pocket Folders with Center Fasteners
- 4 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- ¼ " Square Graph Paper
- Compass
- Protractor
- 1 - ½" or 1" binder

Algebra Students-it is strongly suggested that you get a graphing calculator (TI-84 Plus recommended). Contact Mr. Balsman with any questions.

*** ESV Bibles for students in grades 5 - 8 will be given to them on the first day of school if they have already received one from school. There will be a cost for replacement if needed.**

**** Soft-covered Catechisms (Gr. 5 & 6) and Hard-covered Catechisms (Gr. 7 & 8) will be given on the first day of school if the student has not already received one from school. There will be a cost for replacement if needed.**

*****Assignment Notebooks will be provided to students in grades 5 - 8 on the first day of school.**