

2022-2023 School Year *“Making Disciples for Life”*

Lutheran schools across the country will unite this year with the theme *“Making Disciples for Life.”* Lutheran schools are integral to “Making Disciples for Life”. The theme unites Lutheran schools in worship, witness, and life together.

The text, Matthew 28:19-20, first commissioned Jesus’ disciples to go and make **more** disciples. The theme and text together commission Lutheran schools to go and make disciples of children. In our school children hear and learn God’s Word to grow as disciples for life. Lutheran schools are also commissioned to make disciples of families and friends.

At St. Paul’s we will be “Making Disciples for Life” by sharing the Good News of Jesus that all who believe in Him will have eternal life. **Lutheran schools make an eternal difference.** “Making Disciples for Life” also emphasizes that every aspect of life in our school focuses on living as a disciple of Jesus. Discipleship conversations and actions are encouraged in the chapel setting, classroom, playground, and in every school context. Lutheran school disciples also follow Jesus from the school to the home and into the community.

Other notes:

- Church and School staff went on a three-day retreat to focus on team building and planning for the upcoming year.
- New staff (3) installations and existing staff rededications will take place **August 20 and 21**. This is also the weekend for **backpack blessings** and supply drop-off.
- School starts **August 24**
- The Lincoln Campus received a fresh coat of paint this summer and is looking great. This work was funded by Color Run profits from last year.
- Church member Janet Johnson relandscaped the ECC campus and it looks beautiful. Shelly Mueller and Judy Conrad are church volunteers that keep the Lincoln campus gardens looking beautiful. Our thanks go out to those ladies!
- Construction of the new playground has been delayed because the contractor is running behind on some other job sites. Once they can resume their work, construction and landscaping will only take a couple weeks. We WILL have a playground this year, it just won’t be ready for the start of school.
- We will be doing some long overdue updates and remodeling in the Lincoln kitchen this Fall. This work is being funded by our Read-a-Thon fundraiser from last year.

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for Life** 



Our dedicated staff is excited to begin another year. A glance at team St. Paul's:

- Principal-Jack Burkee
- Administrative Assistant-Tammy Evers
- Accountant-Bob Denkert
- Building and Grounds-Fred Folger, Frank Segura
- ECC Director-Amy Puechner
- 3K-Brooke Lunak
- 4K-Brooke Lunak
- K-Barb Heimsoth
- 1-Sarah Zellmer
- 2-Katie Scepanski
- 3-Katie Librizzi
- 4-Natalie Schulte
- 5- Jim Dittman
- 6-Danielle Jackson
- 7-Ben Balsman
- 8-Josiah Hahn
- Interventionist-Danielle Kosek
- Art-Kirsten Nickel
- Library-Nikki Lemberger
- SEL Instructor and aide-Erin Carson
- Aide-Julie Gutknecht
- Aide-Danielle Moravec
- Aide-Cathy Reinhardt



School Board	
Chair-Mike Carson	Justin Kosek
Lidia Brofka	LeAnn Rauter
Kristy Baars	

~WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS~

3K-4K

Mrs. Brooke Lunak

Husband: Robb

Children: Cato and Caius

Years of Experience: 6

2nd GRADE

Mrs. Katie Scepanski

Husband: Jake

Children: Danielle and Brandon

Years of Experience: 20

4th GRADE

Mrs. Natalie Schulte

Husband: Austin

Children: Zeke and Lilly

Years of Experience: 10



OPENING WORSHIP AND BACKPACK BLESSING

On Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st **all members of your family** are invited to attend worship at 5:00 or 9:00. **All students** are to bring their backpacks to one of the Opening Services to receive their backpack blessing.

SUPPLY DROP OFF

Student supplies can be dropped off in classrooms at the following times:

August 20th 4:15-4:45PM

August 21st 8:15-8:45AM

August 22nd by appointment only on [Sign Up Genius](#)

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

August 31 there will be a Back-to-School meeting at 6:00 for all **parents** to attend. At that meeting we will share important information and updates for the coming year. This meeting will be held in the Church.

BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This fun event will be held at McCarty Park on **August 26 from 6:00-7:00**. This will be a great way to wrap up the first week of school and reconnect with other SPWA families and staff.

CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSES

To better serve all our families, there will be a number of **Classroom Open Houses** for parents to attend. This is a time to meet with your child's teacher(s) and a time to share important classroom information concerning the school year. Watch for information from your teacher(s) regarding this. Please make sure to attend these important meetings and get to know your child's teacher(s)!

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 need a copy, please contact the school office or go online and print one.** Thank you for your cooperation.

MEDICATION FORM

If your child needs to take **prescription or non-prescription medication**, a form 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 Mrs. Evers in the school office.

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.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

This year students will again collect money 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 very soon. Our coaches for Fall sports are as follows:
Varsity volleyball- Danielle Jackson and Sam Reinhardt
Cross Country- Trisha Koble and Mike Brofka

Volleyball will be practicing on Tues and TH from 3:30-5:00. Cross Country practices are M, TH, F. There is a **\$30 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 Mr. Dittman.

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. They will be handed out the first day of school. These include the state mandated concussion forms.

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**.

LUNCH HOUR SCHEDULE

The daily classroom and subject time schedules will be developed during the last week of Faculty Orientation Workshops and refined once we 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 - 12:05

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

HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch will be offered twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is overseen by Chelsea Rudig, she **will need volunteers** to help. The lunches are provided through an outside vendor and all transactions are taken care of via their app. More information about the program will be shared soon.

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.

GRANDPARENTS' and SPECIAL GUESTS' DAY

Set aside the morning of Thursday, April 6th for our Special Guests' Day. **There will only be ½ day of school** that day so that Special Guests and students can leave and go out for lunch! Much more information will be coming your way about this once school starts.

ATTACHMENTS:

Dress Code

Supply List