

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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**REAL.PRESENT.GOD.**

Our theme for the 2018-2019 school year is short and sweet. **“Real. Present. God.”** These three simple words will also be the focus of hundreds of thousands of other preschool, elementary, junior high and high school students as they gather in Lutheran schools across the country this year.

**“Real. Present. God.”** summarizes the Psalm of the Reformation, Psalm 46. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1). The only **real** God, the Triune God, is truly present in the person of Jesus. The only **real** God, the Triune God, entered the real world to save us from sin. The only **real** God, the Triune God, is present and powerful in the troubles of life.

**“Real. Present. God.”** is not only historic, it is also contemporary. Let’s face it, in reality our lives are often — broken, messy, sinful, challenging — and yet, a real God is still **present** in Word and Sacrament. Our God is not only **present**, but He is personal and powerful.

Throughout the year, students and teachers will hear about our **Real. Present. God.** In chapel, the themes shared each week will explore and unpack ways and means in which we have a Real. Present. God. During daily instruction in all classrooms, students will hear from our **incredible teachers and pastors** about the love that God has for all of us, a love that endures forever. As we hear about our **Real. Present. God.**, we all will be given opportunities to give thanks to the Lord in many different ways. Take time this year to watch for signs, symbols, songs, words and actions that reinforce that we have a **Real. Present. God.** and how we reflect our thankfulness to Him. Praise be to God for the many blessings He gives to us.

God be with us all as we begin the 2018-19 school year **together!**

## **OPENING WORSHIP AND BACKPACK BLESSING**

On Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> all members of your family are invited to attend worship at 5:00pm on Saturday or 9:00am on Sunday. All students are to bring their backpacks to one of the Opening Services on the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> to receive their backpack blessing. Students can drop off supplies in their classroom before each service. There is a short “Meet and Greet” reception following each service in the Parish Hall. **Textbooks will not be handed out until the first day of school.**

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> is PTL OPEN HOUSE for grades 1-8. This is a time to meet with your child's teacher and a time to share important information concerning the school year. The Open House will begin at 6:30 in your child's classroom. Two half-hour sessions are being planned, so that parents of more than one child in our school can have the opportunity to meet with each of their children's teachers.

## **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](http://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.

## **EARLY ARRIVAL BEFORE THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS**

Students in grades 1-8 may be dropped off at the Lincoln building (gym) beginning at 7:00 a.m.; 3K-K students can be dropped off at the ECC starting at 6:00am. Students are discouraged from arriving at school earlier than needed.

- Students in grades 1-8 who arrive before 7:45 a.m. will need to go directly to the gym, where Mrs. Rauter will supervise them.
- Students who arrive early will read a book or bring homework to work on before they are dismissed to their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. This is not a social opportunity.

### **Grant Street Building Rules**

- Children who arrive before 7:00 a.m. will need to go directly to the Gym located on the lower level, where a member of the teaching staff will supervise the children.
- Children should bring something to work on or read while they wait to be dismissed to their classroom at 7:45 a.m.

## **ACHIEVEMENT TESTING**

The Achievement Testing results taken last Spring for students in grades 3-8 will be sent out this week. 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 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 a box of Chapel offering envelopes. 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- Mrs. Ploetz

Cross Country- Mrs. Koble and Mr. Rauter

Practices start the second week of school. **JV will be practicing on M, W from 3:15-4:45. Varsity will be practicing on T, TH from 3:15-4:45. Cross Country practice times have yet to be determined.** 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. As more schedules become available we will be sharing them with you.

**All Athletic questions and concerns this year 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. 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. Parents who bring their children late create problems for the teacher and the rest of the class.

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.**

## **7<sup>th</sup> GRADE PHYSICALS**

7<sup>th</sup> 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**

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.

3-year-olds and 4-year-olds are able to receive Day Care beginning at 6:00 a.m., provided the schedule has been submitted. These children need to bring a lunch with them.

After School Care will continue to be held at the Grant Street Building 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.

## **NEW BAND STUDENT MEETING**

There will be a band meeting on **September 4th 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 79<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and students new to St. Paul's. Replacements can be purchased from the office. ESV bibles are available for purchase for \$9.75. A link to order gym uniforms was sent home in July. 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 - 4            Lunch 11:30 - 11:50

Grades 5-8            Lunch 11:36-11:55

Parents are reminded to send lunches that are easy to open and ready to eat. Students **may not bring soda to drink**, but should drink milk or a type of juice. **No carbonated or caffeinated beverages please.**

## **HOT LUNCH**

This year Hot Lunch will be offered once a week, on a trial basis. The program is overseen by Chelsea Rudig, she will need volunteers to help. Additional information was emailed out the first week of August. Hot lunch will be offered on Wednesdays starting **SEPTEMBER 5**.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

All school families are invited to worship with us each weekend. As we focus on our theme of "**Real. Present. God.**" this school year, 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.**

Assignments are also posted on Fast Direct.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

**5-8th graders are invited to join HANDBELL CHOIR beginning WEDNESDAY August 29th 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](mailto:michelle@splcwa.org)

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

In June, we added 2 new Board members to complete our Board for the 2018-19 school year. The new Board members are Katie Meinzen and Susan Jacobsen. Board members who continue to serve are Jeff Moravec (President), Doug Vogt, and Julie Avila. We give thanks to these individuals who will give of their time to oversee the operation of our school.





# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## Dress Code 2018-2019



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### **Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10**

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 two spirit weeks during the school year, one in November and the other in February. Look forward to special dress-up days during these exciting weeks.

St. Paul's students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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” or corduroy style, and capri-length pants are acceptable, but they may not be intentionally frayed or have holes in them.

**SHORTS**

Shorts may be worn from May 1<sup>st</sup> until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Only shorts of the same style and fabric of acceptable pants may be worn. Short length may be no shorter than two-inches above the knee.

**SKIRTS/DRESSES**

Skirts and dresses may be no shorter than mid-thigh. 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 the mid-thigh 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

**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.

# 2018-19 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 pkgs 6oz cups
- 1 pkg of napkins

## 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 pkgs 6oz cups
- 1 pkg of napkins
- 1 glue bottle

## Kindergarten

- Back Pack
- 8 pack Crayola Original Markers
- 8 pack Crayola Original Thin Markers
- 24 pack Crayola Twistable Crayons
- Clean Gym Shoes (Velcro) - kept at school
- 1 Box Kleenex
- 1 Roll of Paper Towel
- 1 Baby Wipes Refill
- 1 Crayola 8 Pan Watercolor Set
- 1 Pocket Folder

## 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- 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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

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

- Clean Gym Shoes - kept at school
- Antibacterial Wipes
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 2 Elmers glue sticks

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- Backpack
- Box of 24 crayola crayons
- 5 spiral wide ruled notebooks
- Bottle of glue
- 1 big glue stick
- 12" standard/metric ruler
- 2 highlighters
- Box of Markers
- Eraser
- Box of colored pencils
- Scissors
- #2 Pencils
- Zipper Pencil bag to keep supplies
- 1 pack loose leaf wide lined paper
- 2 1" Three ring binder or trapper keeper to keep loose leaf 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
- 1 box of gallon Ziplock bags

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade

- Backpack
- Box of 24 crayola crayons
- 5 spiral wide ruled notebooks
- Bottle of glue
- 1 big glue stick
- 12" standard/metric ruler
- 1 highlighter
- Box of Markers
- Eraser
- Box of colored pencils
- Scissors
- #2 Pencils
- Zipper Pencil bag to keep supplies
- 1 pack loose leaf wide lined paper
- 1" three ring binder to keep loose leaf 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.**

## 2018-19 CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST

### 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

### 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- Black, Blue, and Red Pens
- Zipper Bag for Pens & Pencils
- 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
- 6 Pocket Folders with Center Fasteners
- 1 Pocket Folder
- 4 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Protractor (Clear)
- 2 Glue Sticks

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

- 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

**\* 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.**

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

