

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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“TEACH ME, O LORD”

Our theme for this school year is based on the bible verse found in Psalms 25:4. *“Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.”* As I read this verse and other verses in scripture, I am reminded that the ways of the Lord do not just come by themselves naturally. By nature we are sinful and separated from God since the fall of Adam and Eve. Left to our own way of thinking we would continue to separate ourselves from God because He is Holy. The Psalmist, David, knew this and we find him asking God to show him the ways of the Lord and to teach him the paths that he should take in his life. As we begin a new school year we thank you for the opportunity to teach your children the ways of the Lord on a daily basis and weekly in chapel. Thank you for your commitment to help you in your role as a Christian parent to teach the ways of the Lord to your children. Not only do we want to teach the ways to your children, but also unto you and all of your family. This is accomplished by being in the Word, worshiping each and every weekend where the Word of God is proclaimed in the preaching of the Word and receiving of the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. We hope to offer more possibilities for individuals to be involved in weekly bible studies so that they may grow in their faith relationship with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that this school year we will all be committed to our theme of **“Teach Me, O Lord”** as we become more engaged in being a disciple and discipling others.

A NEW BEGINNING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH

This year, in place of the Opening being at the weekend services of the 18th & 19th, we will have a light supper followed by a visit to your child's classroom on **Monday, August 20th**. We will offer a light supper beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the gym. We will need some help with this as we hope to offer something like sub sandwiches, chips, vegetables, and refreshments followed by a visit to your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher and pick up information about the first day of school, which is on Wednesday, August 22nd for the 4K through 8th graders. The 3K begins on Thursday, August 23rd. You will also have an opportunity to meet our new 6th grade teacher, Miss Danielle Jackson. Miss Jackson is a graduate of St. Paul's school and a member of St. Paul's. She has been teaching for a few years and has coached volleyball for us previously. We welcome her as the newest member of our staff.

On that evening of August 20th we hope to have our color shirts available for each child and teacher. For the parents of this year's 4K children, they should know that throughout the school year we have various activities for our students placed into color groups such as blue, red, etc. The children in 4K through 8th grade are divided up into groups of 14 or 15 students. They work together with the older students helping and encouraging the younger children. This year when our color groups meet for special activities, including Panther Palooza, we will ask the students to wear their color group shirts. Everyone has been assigned a color and a group that they will be a part of during the school year. We hope to have these shirts ready to distribute on Monday, August 20th. More information will be shared with parents as we proceed throughout the school year.

COMMUNICATIONS IS AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION

We encourage parents to read our weekly school newsletter which is sent out 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 school. The newsletter is e-mailed out to parents each Thursday and can also be found on our website at www.splcwa.org. Again this year each family will receive a hard copy of the school newsletter. Do we have your correct e-mail address? Please inform the school of any e-mail address changes.

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. Due to the orange peel surface, which prevents sliding on the floor, it also makes it a little more difficult to remove the black marks made by shoes. Please make sure that the gym shoes are **non-marking**. A suggestion of placing the student's initials inside the gym shoes would be helpful in case the shoes end up in the lost and found.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2012 CONCERNING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

- Mrs. Pat Graf will be teaching 5th grade math.
- The 7th & 8th grade classes will be going to Outdoor Education in Burlington, Wisconsin Tuesday, Sept. 4th through Friday, Sept. 7th.
- This year is the year that we perform a Fall musical for the 6th through 8th graders who are interested in such an experience. It will be performed on **Friday, October 26th during the afternoon and in the evening**.
- The faculty will be attending a Fall teacher's conference on November 8th & 9th.
- The girls' basketball tournament will move back to the weekend before Thanksgiving, **November 16th & 17th**.
- **The 4th through 8th grade special Christmas service will be held on Wednesday, December 19th.**
- **Grandparent's Day will be held on Monday, March 4th.**
- Spring Break will be during Holy Week, March 23rd through April 1st.
- **The 4K through 3rd grade special service will be held on Saturday, April 20th.**
- **Our chapel offerings will be gathered for a Lutheran school in the Dominican Republic, Lutheran Special School, and the Guatemala Team mission trip.**

EARLY ARRIVAL BEFORE THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS

The school and staff have a responsibility to provide a safe and supervised environment while children are at school. This includes the very time that they are dropped off at our school doors. Students are discouraged from arriving at school earlier than needed.

Lincoln Building Rules

- The doors are open at 7:20 a.m.
- Students who arrive before 7:45 a.m. will need to go directly to the Fellowship hall, where a member of the teaching staff will supervise them.
- Students who arrive early will be seated in the Fellowship Hall, and this time will be a time to read a book or bring homework to work on before they are dismissed to their classrooms at 7:45 a.m.

Grant Street Building Rules

- The doors are open at 7:20 a.m.
- Children who arrive before 7:30 a.m. will need to go directly to the After School Care room 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.
- Children who arrive between 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. will meet in the lobby area where 8th grade cadets will be on duty.

We will be using 8th grade cadets to assist us in directing students to the designated area at both buildings on a daily basis.

There are a few parents who have to have their children at school early because they need to get to work before 8:00 a.m. and they may drop their child off at school as early as 7:20 a.m. Students who are dropped off early at the Lincoln Building will be able to enter the building on 79th Street. Students must go directly to the Fellowship hall at Lincoln when they enter the building. Failure to go directly in the Fellowship Hall could jeopardize the student from being able to enter the building prior to 7:45 a.m.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We have a great number of activities and events that we provide to benefit the students at St. Paul's. In order to offer these special activities and events it is necessary to have parental help and involvement. To help us spread out the workload, we instituted a Service Hour Policy several years ago. The policy was established with minimum service hours, which are not enough to get everything done. Parents who are members of St. Paul's need to complete a minimum of 15 hours and non-members of St. Paul's must complete a minimum of 5 hours. Be sure and call Marla with your service hours after each activity, Board, committee, or event that you served.

7TH GRADE SPORT PHYSICALS

Just a reminder that any 7th grade students wishing to participate in a Fall sport must have a physical form turned in by September 1st.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

On the first day of classes, an emergency card will be sent home with each child. Please complete the card and return it the following day with your child. Your cooperation will provide necessary information so that the school can maintain current emergency phone numbers for your child. **We need a way to get a hold of you or your designated care person whenever a situation arises at school. Should information change during the school year, please notify the school office.**

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 because they are not at school on time. We appreciate all that parents do to teach their children including being on time.

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 Mrs. Heder 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.**

Once again this year, to discourage tardiness and to promote beginning the day with less disruption for the class, will be the following guidelines concerning repeated tardiness. If a student is tardy 5 times in a given quarter, they will receive a Detention. For every 3rd tardy thereafter, they will also be given Detentions. Detentions earned through tardiness will disqualify students from participating in the rewards program at the end of each quarter.

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. 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 always wait inside the building and parents of students at the Lincoln building should pick up the student leaving early at the 79th Street entrance ONLY.**

STUDENT PICK-UP AT THE END OF THEIR SCHOOL DAY

At the end of the school day, children need to be picked up within 10 minutes after being excused at 3:00 p.m. If parents have not picked up their children within 10 minutes at 3:10 p.m. after being excused, **the children are required to come back in to the building and notify the school office. The students will then be sent to AFTER SCHOOL CARE at the Grant Street Building where parents will pay the After School Care Fee and pick up their child.**

For the safety of the student as well as being considerate of the faculty and staff who need to attend faculty meetings or have other responsibilities after school we will **strictly enforce** the rule that if children are not picked up on time that they will be sent down to Grant Street to After School Care.

We have a lot of congestion at the end of the school day at both buildings. Parents and children should use the cross walks when crossing the street. The Grant Street teachers in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade walk their children outside at the end of the day. Parents of children in the 4-year-old program will need to come into the building to pick up their child.

We also have to try to be good neighbors. Parents who are waiting for their children should remember to wait on school property and not have their children running on our neighbor's property or doing anything that might offend our neighbors.

EXTENDED ABSENTEEISM

Once in awhile it happens that a student has an extended illness or is not in school for an extended period of time. It is helpful for parents, students, and teachers to know what the expectations and procedures are to be followed in such cases. These procedures are to be followed for these special cases, which are not the same or not intended for situations such as vacations or funerals. The procedures will be followed in cases where there are more than 15 days of absenteeism in a school year or in cases where a student has been absent for more than 5 consecutive school days.

- The school office will be notified as to the reason for the extended absenteeism in writing.
- A physicians report is required notifying the teacher and the school office of the circumstances involving the extended illness or absenteeism.
- In situations where emotional and psychological circumstances exist, a report is required from the professional caregiver.
- If necessary, the Principal will be given permission to contact the Physician or professional caregiver to give assistance or assist the professional for the benefit of the student.
- The student will meet with his/her teacher to determine what steps are necessary for the student to complete the work missed during the absence.

- The teacher will share the necessary educational information with the student's parents.
- A meeting will be held with the parents, teacher, Principal, and when needed with the student for the purpose of assisting the student with their studies and meeting the instructional needs and student responsibility to get assimilated back into the classroom. The student plan will be put in writing and signed by all parties involved.
- The School Committee of the Board of Christian Education will be made aware of the situation. Should the student plan not be completed according to the established timetable, the Principal will make a recommendation to the Board of Christian Education based on the information given by the teachers involved in the situation and information gathered from the steps in the process.
- Students who miss more than a quarter of the school year in most cases will not be allowed to proceed to the next grade for the upcoming year.

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE CHOIR START UP

Plans continue to be made to offer a music experience for 6th – 8th grade students. At the beginning of school more details should be available and a sign up sheet will be made available for students interested in joining the Jr. High Choir. Jr. High Choir will be held on Thursdays from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Volleyball for girls is held in the Fall and softball is in the Spring. Coaches will send home information the 1st week of school. 7th and 8th volleyball will have a flexible schedule because they will be at Outdoor Education the first week of September.

7th graders are reminded to turn in their Physical Forms to Mr. Burkee, which are mandatory before any student can participate in a sport. The Physical Form is good for two years.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Once again, all 4th and 5th graders will be in the Children's Choir. Mr. Gottschalk will direct the choir and practices will be held on Tuesdays from 2:10 – 2:50 p.m. This will not interrupt any after school activities or create any problems for parents who pick up their children at the end of the day, since school dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND

Classes will begin at 8:00 A.M. on **Wednesday, August 22nd**. A complete day of school will be conducted with dismissal at 3:00 P.M. for the 4K through 8th grade classes. The 3-year-old program has a shortened day on that Thursday, going from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to stay with their 3K child the first day.

USE OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Again this year throughout the school year various levels will be viewing educational TV programs or DVD's that apply to the curriculum. There will probably be numerous educational programs throughout this school year.

MATERIALS NEEDED BY STUDENTS

At the end of the school year a list of materials needed at the various grade levels was provided so that you could shop for the items during the Summer. If there are any additional items needed the teacher will discuss that with the students the first few days of school. In the case of primary children, the teachers will send a note home listing the materials needed. A supply list is enclosed.

INTERNET USAGE CAN MAGNIFY THE PROBLEM OF GOSSIP

Computer technology continues to grow at a rapid pace and it is difficult to stay up with the latest technology. There are many great blessings that the computer has provided and many of us would say that without our computers we probably could not function very well. Just as there are many blessings, there are also many problems and temptations that face children and adults. One of the misuses of the computer is to use it for gossip. People don't even consider it gossip and probably look at it as keeping others informed. I pray that others if receiving such messages on Facebook will do the right thing and remove those individuals as friends and seek others who are more Christian in their actions.

Throughout the school year we hear about incidents of gossip or cyber-bullying going on between students. Students have put things on various sites such as "Facebook" which are harmful about others. There are sites where students list comments about their school and teachers which are totally unchristian. Parents and teachers need to set the Christian example for their children when using the computer and make sure that there are proper guidelines and controls established for their children. Gossip only leads to negativity, and words and gossip can destroy an individual's reputation. In the past few years the things that children say on the computer about fellow classmates has really been quite hurtful. This school year we would like to continue to decrease the amount of gossip and misuse of the computer by students. Your assistance and Christian care will truly be appreciated.

EXTENDED CARE

At Registration in March, all parents were to have signed up for Extended Care Services with Robin Helinski, our director. If you did not send in a registration fee of \$10 and have not signed up but wish to use the Extended Care Program, please contact Mrs. Helinski at 541-6251 extension 3504. The cost for Day Care will be \$3.75 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 8:00 a.m. and continue after their school day with After School Care. These children need to bring a lunch with them.

After School Care will continue to be held at the Grant Street Building from 3:10 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. Parents are reminded to pay their fees the last day they have service each week.

CLASS AND GRADE LOCATIONS

To assist your child in locating their classroom, the following is provided. If your child is in Kindergarten, you may wish to rehearse the location of their classroom with them so that they do not have a problem on the first day. Teachers will do their best to assist on the first day.

Early Childhood Center (7835 West Grant Street)

3-year-olds	Room 2	Mrs. Ellen Van Dyke
4-year-olds	Room 1	Mrs. Ellen Van Dyke
Kindergarten	Room 3	Mrs. JoAnne Shemanske
First Grade	Room 24	Mrs. Sue Graf
Second Grade	Room 21	Mrs. Barb Heimsoth
Extended Care	Room 4	Mrs. Helinski/Mrs. Thomas

Lincoln Avenue Building (7821 W. Lincoln Avenue)

Third Grade	Room 103	Mrs. Jane Jahnke
Fourth Grade	Room 101	Mrs. Pat Graf
Fifth Grade	Room 101	Mrs. Pat Graf
Sixth Grade	Room 203	Miss Danielle Jackson
Seventh Grade	Room 202	Mr. Bob Woller
Eighth Grade	Room 201	Mr. Jack Burkee
Technology Coordinator	Room 204	Mr. Jim Dittman

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF CHILDREN

The doors of the school buildings will be open at 7:20 a.m., and children are **discouraged** from arriving prior to this time. The school doors will be locked at 8:00 a.m. and at 3:10 p.m. At the end of the day, all children are expected to be out of the building by 3:10 p.m. unless they are engaged in after school activities or require teacher assistance and guidance. In cases of inclement weather, children waiting for rides will be given permission to stay inside for a few minutes longer until their ride arrives. The administration thanks parents for their cooperation.

The 3-year-olds through 2nd grade should be dropped off at the Early Childhood Center. **Do not park in front of the Grant Street Building or in front of the 79th street doors on Lincoln avenue. These are NO PARKING ZONES AND PARENTS ARE SUBJECT TO BEING TICKETED.** The area across the street at the 79th Street doors is also a NO PARKING ZONE until after 4:00 p.m. Parents and children are to cross the street at the corners only!

BIBLES, CATECHISMS, GYM UNIFORMS, MATH COMPASSES

These items we sell to students from our school bookstore. We will have these items available on the 20th. Gym uniforms were ordered in the Spring for all current 5th through 8th graders and you received them before the last day of school. We only have a few left for those students who are new to our school in grades 4 through 8. 3rd graders will need an ESV bible which we have available in our bookstore for \$8.50 each. Class assignment books, which they need, are available for \$3.00 each for 2nd grade and \$4.00 each for 3rd – 8th grade.

LUNCH HOUR SCHEDULE

The daily classroom and subject time schedules will be developed during the last week of Faculty Orientation Workshop. 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.

Kindergarten	Lunch between 11:30-12:15
Grades 1 & 2	Lunch between 11:30 - 12:30
Grade 3	Lunch 11:45-12:10; Tues. 11:20
Grade 4-8	Lunch 11:45-12:10

Parents are reminded not to send lunches that need to be micro-waved. Teachers barely have enough time to eat their own lunch and do not have time to microwave student lunches. 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.

We continue to stress nutrition throughout the school year. We have always stressed nutritional snacks and nutritious lunches, but we plan to stress nutrition and physical fitness even more. Americans continue to be a nation of people who are overweight as well as obesity continues to be a concern.

Hot Lunch will once again be offered one time each month. We will be needing volunteers to help with the preparation and serving.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOLLOW UP PLAN FOR 2012-2013

Currently, St. Paul's has a program where parents who are members are to attend worship a minimum of 50% of the worship services in a given calendar year to receive the active member tuition rate. When the church attendance rate falls below 50%, the Board of Christian Education may change the rate to a member rate. The purpose of the Follow-Up Plan is not to receive more tuition but for members to see the need to worship each and every opportunity that they have, which helps parents and children grow in their faith relationship with their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a member of St. Paul's, parents receive a tuition break for being active in their worship. It is also hoped that members will also be good stewards of their gifts, times, and talents, and help support the total ministry of the congregation.

In addition to our current policy the Board will encourage worship by following up with families who are not meeting the minimum attendance numbers as well as encouraging those who can improve their overall attendance. For the 2012-2013 school year, the following Follow-Up Plan will be followed:

- Church attendance of all school families will be reviewed quarterly.
- A letter of encouragement and reminder about church attendance will be sent out after the first quarter.
- Those parents whose church attendance has not improved for the 2nd quarter in a row to 50% will be asked to attend a meeting with a Board representative, Pastor and Principal.
- For the following school year if attendance is very low, parents will be moved from the active file to member status and the tuition costs will be increased according to the fee schedule for a member.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The full 2012-2013 school calendar will be included in the St. Paul's Lutheran School Directory, which will be distributed in September. The following dates and events are listed for your convenience until you receive your directory.

August	15-21	Faculty Days
	20	Family Meal & Classroom visitation 5:45 p.m.
	22	First Full Day of Classes 3K-8
	28	PTL Open House 6:30 p.m. (parents only)
	29	Band Meeting 6:30 p.m.
September	4-7	7 th and 8 th Outdoor Education Week
	25	Picture Day (<i>All students</i>)

CHAPEL SERVICES

Chapel services are held every Wednesday at 8:10 a.m. This year we will be supporting three missions who rely on special gifts such as chapel offerings to support their ministry. We will support the Lutheran School in the Dominican Republic, Lutheran Special School and the Guatemalan Mission Team from St. Paul's.

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 report to the office the names of children absent each day. Please call us so that the secretary does not have to call you.

At the end of the school day if parents call the office in the morning, teachers will try to have the homework set aside to be picked up after school. Teachers will get the work together at the end of the day and not during the school day as they will be involved with teaching and not able to get the information together until the end of the school day. The upper grade classes put their homework assignments on the website under Fast Direct by 4:00 p.m. each day so that parents can check the daily assignments.

GIRL'S ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BACK TO NOVEMBER

Last year we tried moving the Girl's Basketball Tournament to December to get more help and to accommodate the volleyball schedule. After evaluating the trial, we have moved the Girl's tournament back to the traditional time of the weekend before Thanksgiving, which this year will be November 16 & 17. Watch for more information about how you can assist with this in the regular newsletters.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY SET FOR MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

Circle the date on your calendar and let the grandparents know about the date planned for them to visit our school and to participate. We will need assistance from you as well to help welcome our guests and to help with serving refreshments.

PAYMENT OF FEES THROUGH FACTS

Your school fee payments have been set up with FACTS. FACTS charges a fee of \$38 to manage your monthly payments. Payments are automatically withdrawn from your checking account on either the 5th or 20th of each month. We pray that parents will make payment of their fees a priority and not get behind in the payment of school fees. If a special situation arises, please contact Marla in plenty of time so that a late fee will not be assessed. Parents need to get back to their monthly payments and cannot get behind for lengthy amounts of time, as our bills do need to be paid.

SCHEDULE YOUR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Due to parent's busy schedules and both parents working, it is difficult to schedule all of the conferences without parental assistance. We will have a form available at the PTL Open House on August 28th. Parents are requested to sign-up for possible times to meet with their child's teacher the evening of November 1st. or during the day on November 2nd.

VACATIONS

The complete school calendar will be included in the PTL Directory. It was also sent out at the end of last school year. Please note the days we do not have school and plan any vacations accordingly. Please inform the school office and your child's teacher in advance if you plan to take your child on vacation on a regular school day. Remember that homework assignments are given out **after the vacation and not before**.

FIRST P.T.L. MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

The first P.T.L. meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m., which includes a short group meeting followed by a meeting in your child's classroom. This is a great time to find out how parents can assist with their child's learning, as well as find out information about what will be taught during the school year and teacher expectations.

This year during the school year, teachers will be planning a special meeting to be held with their parents on topics that will apply to their children. Parents will be able to give input into what they would like to discuss at that meeting to be held later in the school year.

ANNUAL NOTICE OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY

In accordance with the requirements set forth 40CFR763.93 (g) and 763.84 (c) of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), St. Paul's Lutheran School hereby notifies all interested parties that the asbestos management plan for St. Paul's is available for inspection and review in the school office. The management plan contains information regarding inspections, response actions and for post-response action activities such as periodic surveillance and reinspection which are planned or in progress.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In June, three members were elected to the Board of Christian Education: Michael Carson, Tina Mueller and Jennifer Ricard. The other eight members who will continue to serve with the newly elected are Jeff Reinhardt, Carlos Gonzalez, Marie Hoffman, Rachelle Novotny, Kelly Crist, Danielle Moravec, Gina Osell, and Neil Ullerich. We give thanks to these individuals who will give of their time to oversee the Christian Education agencies of our congregation. This year Jeff Reinhardt is chairman and Danielle Moravec is vice-chairman.

SOS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR 2012-2013

Mr. Tim Moravec will be overseeing the committee that works with our fundraising efforts. We hope that you will support our efforts as we seek to raise \$20,000 to support our educational needs and staff. We plan to use the money raised to purchase additional SMART BOARDS and computer updates. Curriculum updates and staffing needs are also being prepared for as we proceed throughout the school year.

This year we will not be working at the Bradley Center which raised \$8,000 this past year. Additional fundraisers are being planned to replace this funding. We are currently seeking help to work a few more weekends at Buy Seasons. We hope to work at 6 various dates this fall. We need your help and willingness to volunteer. Please help us out by volunteering to assist as well as supporting our various fundraisers throughout the school year.

CLOSING

We have a number of new families who will be joining our school family this year. Be sure to welcome them and be of assistance whenever possible to help assimilate them into our Christian community. May God bless each of our students, families, and teachers this school year as we grow in our relationship with Him.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

We have a dress code policy that we believe allows children to be individuals and yet promotes a positive learning environment. We ask that parents and children look over the policy before they buy clothes that might be considered an infraction. On Chapel days students dress up a little more than usual as they take time out of their educational learning to worship and praise their God. When we worship our Lord we prepare ourselves in mind, body, and spirit as we come together to praise Him for His grace, mercy, and love. The following is the procedure used to correct dress code infractions:

Procedures used to correct dress code infractions:

- 1. On first minor infraction, students will receive a warning.**
- 2. If the infraction is a major infraction or a second minor infraction, the principal may choose to suspend the student or parents will be called and proper clothing will need to be brought to school so that the student may change and return to class.**
- 3. Continued infractions with disregard for the dress code will result in removal from the classroom with possible suspension.**
- 4. Meeting to be held with principal and Board of Christian Education representative along with parents and the students to insure compliance, therefore avoiding expulsion.**
- 5. Expulsion from school by the Board of Christian Education.**

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

DRESS CODE

2012-2013

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.

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 and Board of Christian Education.

Chapel days are special days to worship as a school body. It is important that we present ourselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually ready to worship our God. We ask the older children to dress up for chapel. The 8th graders will set the example as the boys must wear a collared shirt, tie, and dress slacks (no jeans). The girls must wear dresses, skirts, or dress slacks (no jeans) from October 1st – May 1st. The 7th graders are encouraged to dress up for chapel as well. We realize that the younger children play outside for recess and are not asking them to wear dress slacks.

St. Paul students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade will be expected to conform to the following standards while at school or at any school sponsored function.

- All clothing must be neat, clean and in good repair, and must not detract from the Christian atmosphere of the school.
- Jeans, casual pants, and Capri-length pants are acceptable, but they may not be frayed or have holes in them, and may not drag on the floor. The baggy, oversized pants are not acceptable.
- Jackets and other outer apparel are not to be worn in the classroom during the school day. If a classroom teacher feels wearing a coat or jacket is necessary, it will be permissible only in that classroom.
- Students are to wear clothes that reflect a positive Christian attitude and behavior. Classroom teachers and the principal will have final authority in what is considered positive and acceptable. Shirts/sweatshirts with monogramming, manufacturer logos, team names and "St. Paul's Lutheran School" will be permissible. Shirts or other articles of clothing may have Christian/religious pictures or sayings as well as other pictures with a positive message. Shirts with tourist attractions (Wisconsin Dells, Grand Canyon, etc.) are also acceptable. Students may not wear shirts or clothing depicting anything offensive. This would include any clothing that pictures or suggests any connection to violence, race, sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, swearing, cursing, or vulgarity. All cartoons, book characters, or musical groups (such as rock bands) and pictures of skulls or skeletons are not acceptable. Clothing may not be worn inside out.
- The lower grade students, 4K through 2nd grade, may wear shirts which display book characters or cartoon characters, or portray and support positive Christian family values. No pictures of skulls or skeletons are permitted. Classroom teachers and the principal will have final authority in what is considered a positive book or cartoon character.
- Students are allowed to wear finished dress shorts to school from May 1st until September 30th. Only shorts similar in style to dress pants or jeans are acceptable. Athletic style shorts (soccer, tennis, etc.), sweatshorts, spandex, lycra, nylon, etc. may not be worn. Short length should be no shorter than the length of the fingertips when the arms are extended at the sides.

- All clothing should be appealing rather than revealing. The following items are not acceptable: different colored under garments that show through clothing, any low cut tops that expose cleavage, skin-tight clothing, sleeveless tops need straps equal to at least the width of the hand, and dresses, any tops exposing the midriff **and back**, any underclothing or inappropriate clothing that is visible. Dress/skirt length should be no shorter than the length of the fingertip when the arms are extended down at the sides. This length includes skirts worn with leggings. Skorts are acceptable throughout the year, but must meet the length requirement for skirts.
- Clothing that reflects a style too casual for the classroom is not acceptable, such as: athletic jerseys, current athletic uniforms (articles of clothing that are actually intended to be worn during an athletic contest), sweat/athletic pants, **yoga pants**, nylon/wind pants and military clothing. Any type of clothing made to look like camouflage is not allowed.
- Hair should be carefully groomed, combed, and kept neat and clean. Hair should not fall over the eye(s) as this tends to affect the direct eye contact needed with teachers. Extreme hairstyles and extreme coloring, i.e. goth black, blue green, yellow, which are not shades of a natural hair color, are prohibited. Extreme hairstyles or haircuts must be corrected immediately. Improper coloring of the hair must be dyed back to the normal color immediately. Girls may wear light make-up in moderation. Boys are not to wear earrings. Boys hair should not extend below the collar of a dress shirt or be in a pony tail. Hats/bandanas are not to be worn in the building. No tattoos or drawing with ink on the body.
- For health and safety, shoes must be worn at all times in school. No **slide**/flip-flop style shoes may be worn. In addition, “heelies” may not be worn with the wheels. At the Grant Street School, shoes must have a back strap to keep shoes, crocs, and sandals on your child’s feet. Students must have a separate gym shoe to be used on the gym floor at both buildings. The shoes should have non-marking soles that prevent black marks on the gym floor.

Classroom teachers and the principal will work for fairness and consistency and will have final authority in all dress code concerns or infractions. Before wearing any clothing that may be questionable, please confer with your classroom teacher. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in reprimand and punishment comparable to conduct situations. 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.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR 2012-2013

Grade

- 3K** Open school bag or tote bag (no backpacks), 1 pocket folder, 1 package napkins, 1 box tissue, 2 packages of 5-8 oz. cups, 1 large glue stick
- 4K** Open school bag or tote bag (no backpacks), 1 pocket folder, 1 roll paper towel, 1 box tissue, 2 packages of 5-8 oz. cups, 1 large glue stick, 4 oz. bottle of glue, plastic crayon/pencil box.
- K** Tote bag to carry home papers, should hold at least 12" x 18" paper. (**No backpacks please**); 1 package of brown paper lunch bags, 1 pocket folder with horizontal pockets; 1 **box type plastic** crayon/pencil case; 2 family size boxes of Kleenex; 2 containers of wet wipes; 2 rolls of paper towel, **No** paint smocks; they will be provided. Please put child's name on the tote bag, folder and crayon case. Pair of **velcro gym shoes with non-marking soles** to be kept at school and used only for P.E. (they don't have to be new, just clean)
- 1** **16 or 24 pack of Crayola crayons (no more than 24 please); Crayola 8 pan watercolors**, family size box of tissues to share; pencil eraser; 1 glue stick; **sturdy** school box or zippered pouch to hold crayons; 2 pocket folders (1 labeled **TAKE HOME**, one labeled **DESK**); **Fiskar's** rounded scissors; a backpack or school bag. Crayola Markers optional (if so, please have an extra pouch). Pair of velcro gym shoes with **non-marking soles** to be kept at school and used only for P.E. *Note: Please put child's name on all supplies.*
- 2** **24 crayons (no more than 24 please);** 2 large boxes of tissues; pointed **Fiskar** scissors; 2 pocket folders; 4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue All; 1 box of Broad Line Original Colored Crayola Markers; 1 box of Fine Line Original Colored Crayola Markers; eraser; glue stick; **Crayola 8 pan watercolors**; plastic box for pencils & markers (no larger than 5x8) or zippered bag; 2 rolls of paper towel. Pair of gym shoes with **non-marking soles** to be kept at school and used only for P.E. (they don't have to be new, just clean),
an assignment book and binder (about \$6) will be purchased from school in the classroom
- 3** Pack of **24 crayons**; colored pencils; Crayola markers, 12" standard/metric ruler, 2 large erasers; large glue stick; Elmer's Glue Bottle; pointed Fiskar scissors, supply of #2 pencils (not mechanical pencils); wide-lined paper, 2 pocket folders, NIV Bible, Small paperback catechism in NIV, 1 roll of paper towel, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, large container of Lysol/Clorox wipes, *assignment book purchased at school, pair of gym shoes (**non marking soles**) to be kept at school and used only for P.E.**
- 4** Pack of 24 crayons, colored pencils, Crayola markers, 12" standard/metric ruler, 2 large erasers, large glue stick, pointed Fiskar scissors, supply of #2 pencils (NOT mechanical pencils), wide lined paper, 5 pocket folders, NIV Bible, Small paperback catechism in NIV, 2 rolls of paper towels, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, large container of Lysol/Clorox wipes, *assignment book purchased at school, small bag for gym shoes and gym uniform, pair of gym shoes (**non marking soles**) to be kept at school and used only for P.E.**
- 5** Pack of 24 crayons, colored pencils, watercolor markers, 12" standard/metric ruler, 2 large erasers, large glue stick, pointed Fiskar scissors, supply of #2 pencils (NOT mechanical pencils), erasable black and blue pens, (NO Liquid White-Out), narrow lined paper, 5 pocket folders, NIV Bible, Small paperback catechism in NIV, basic calculator, 2 rolls of paper towels, 2 large boxes of Kleenex, large container of Lysol/Clorox wipes, *assignment book purchased at school, small bag for gym shoes and gym uniform, pair of gym shoes (**non-marking soles**) to be kept at school and used only for P.E.**

- 6 College ruled loose leaf paper; 5 pocket folders with center fasteners; 3 single subject spiral notebooks; *assignment notebook; 4 blue or black pens (**NO liquid white-out**); 2 red pens; supply of #2 pencils; 12" standard/metric ruler; protractor; compass purchased from bookstore; scissors; large glue stick; one small pack each of colored pencils, crayons, markers; a highlighter; NIV Bible; paperback Luther's Small Catechism; Texas Instrument Calculator Model TI-30Xa; 2 LARGE boxes Kleenex; 3 large containers anti-bacterial surface wipes; pair of gym shoes (**non marking soles**) kept at school and used only for P.E.**
- 7 College ruled loose leaf paper; 4 pocket folders with center fasteners; 4 single subject spiral notebooks (**no multi-subject**); supply of #2 pencils; black, blue and red pens; large glue stick; 1 white glue bottle; (**NO liquid white-out**); colored pencils; protractor; ***compass; non-permanent colored markers; 12" metric/standard ruler; highlighter; NIV Bible; blue hard cover Luther's Small Catechism; scissors; Texas Instrument Calculator Model TI-30Xa; *assignment notebook; 2 boxes Kleenex; gym uniform; pair of gym shoes (**non marking soles**) kept at school and used only for P.E.**
- 8 College ruled loose leaf paper; 3 pocket folders with center fasteners; 12" standard/metric ruler; 4 single subject spiral notebooks (**no multi-subject**); ¼" squares graph paper; 2 LARGE containers anti-bacterial surface wipes; 2 boxes of Kleenex; pencils; blue, black, red pens; scissors; clear protractor; compass purchased from bookstore; glue stick; colored pencils; highlighter; zippered pouch for pencils, etc; NIV Bible; hard cover Luther's Small Catechism; Texas Instrument Calculator Model TI-30Xa; *assignment notebook; **NO liquid white-out**; pair of gym shoes (**non marking soles**) to be kept at school and used only for P.E.**

*Assignment Notebooks to be purchased from the teacher.

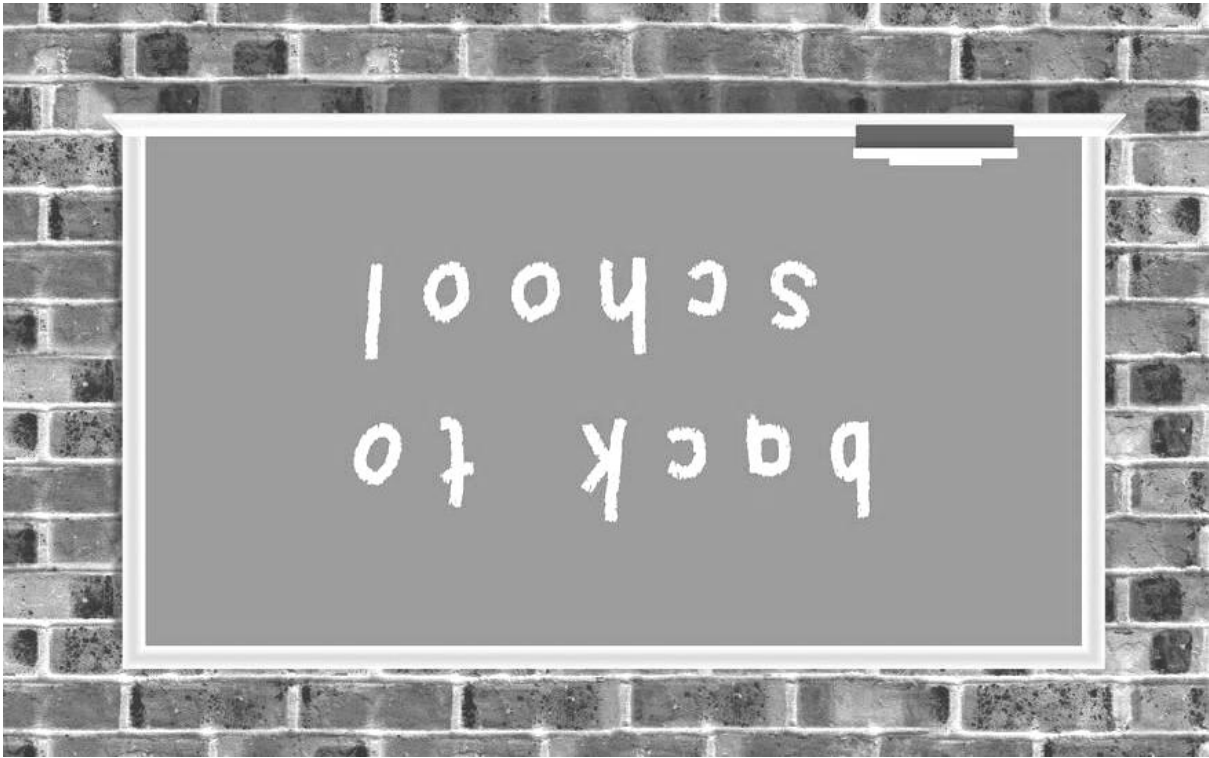
****NON-MARKING SOLES on Gym Shoes required by all Grades K - 8 (needed on gym days; not necessarily new, but in good condition worn only for P.E. with non-marking soles)**

*****Purchase from school bookstore**

Gym Uniforms required Grades 4 - 8 (Purchased at school).

All Gym Clothing should be properly marked with a **permanent marker** with child's name.

NIV Bible and Catechisms can be purchased from the school bookstore.



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