



## St. Paul Lutheran School

325 North Colfax Street  
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*Dear Parents & Guardians:*

It goes without saying that this past school year is unlike any other one that we have ever experienced! This has been a year full of change, adaptation, hard work and placing faith in God like never before. This year has taught us many lessons, but perhaps the most valuable one is that God is in control of all of our lives. As we look ahead and plan for the 2020-2021 school year we can be assured that God will keep us rooted in our faith and will continue to lead us through a new chapter at St. Paul Lutheran School.

The 2020-2021 staff and the Board of Education have been meeting regularly these past couple of months to determine how to best meet the needs of our students and their families in the year to come. Both the staff and the Board acknowledge the obstacles that our ministry has been faced with given these uncertain times of COVID-19, budget restrictions and a change in staffing. One thing that remains constant in our discussions is no matter the circumstance we are devoted to providing a high-quality Christian education for each and every student that walks through the doors of St. Paul Lutheran School. Rest assured, although some things may look different than they have in years' past, the students of St. Paul Lutheran School will continue to learn about how Jesus loves them each and every day, just as they have for the past 137 years!

*We are excited to announce the following staffing as we head into the 2020-2021 school year:*

**Head Teacher Duties:** Mrs. Tammy Schroeder & Mrs. Colleen Brockmann (under the direction and guidance of Bob Ziegler, NE LCMS Education Executive for Education and Youth Ministries & Superintendent of NDLCMS Schools)

**6,7,8 Grade Teacher:** Mrs. Colleen Brockmann

**4,5 Grade Teacher:** Mrs. Tammy Schroeder

**2,3 Grade Teacher:** Mrs. Rhonda Henschen

**K,1 Grade Teacher:** Ms. Emily Muench

**Early Childhood Director for Pre/TK:** Mrs. Morgan Jacobsen

**Early Childhood Aides:** Mrs. Tanya Fraser & Mrs. Jill Recker

**Music Teacher:** Mrs. Alicia Moyer

**Mark 10:14 Club Resource Teacher:** Ms. Emily Muench

**K-8 Grade Aide:** TBA

**School Secretary:** Mrs. Dana Meiergerd

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish staff that is leaving us at St. Paul Lutheran School the very best in their new adventures. We are thankful for their numerous contributions to the ministry of St. Paul Lutheran School over the years and will be truly missed. Our prayers continue to be with them and their families!

*More important information worth sharing at this time...*

**Mark 10:14 Club Resource:** Ms. Emily Muench, who holds a special education degree, will be our new Mark 10:14 Club Resource teacher. Ms. Muench will continue to manage student education plans and be the primary contact and liaison coordinating special services if needed in our local school district. Ms. Muench will also be working closely with the rest of the staff in making sure that all education plans are carried out for our students. Our K-8 grade aide will also be assisting in various ways throughout the day to meet the needs of our students in this area.

**Spanish Instruction:** The staff and the Board of Education value Spanish instruction and will continue to integrate it into the Pre-8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum throughout the year. The staff is currently researching numerous programs that are a good fit for SPLS and the best way to implement this curriculum into your student's academic learning this coming year.

**STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Lab:** Grades K-4 will continue to have STREAM as a part of their weekly schedule. Teachers will not only be integrating STREAM activities into their core classes, but they will be utilizing our STREAM lab for activities as well throughout the week. This program provides great small group collaboration as well as hands on activities that promote problem-solving skills that are essential to student growth. The kids love it!

**Parent Participation Program (PPP) & Christian Service Hours (grades 5-8)**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Board of Education decided that all PPP hours would be wiped out for the 2019-2020 school year. Any hours that are completed during the summer months can be applied to the 2020-2021 school year. Keep up the great work with this program!

## **Summer Tutoring**

If you are interested in having your child tutored by one of our teachers this summer, feel free to reach out to them. The terms of the tutoring service will need to be negotiated between yourself and the teacher agreeing to tutor your child. Please note: our teachers are not required to tutor over the summer months, but many are willing if asked.

## **Remote Learning / Reentrance Plans**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents and teachers for their hard work with remote learning. This is not how we foresaw the year ending when we began, but are fortunate to have such understanding students and parents to carry on the educational learning process from their homes. You did a great job!

The staff at St. Paul Lutheran School has already begun discussions and plans on what it may look like when students are allowed to return back to school in the Fall. Under guidance and direction from the Nebraska Department of Education as well as our local NE LCMS District we will be constructing a plan that will help the transition process and assessment of learning to run smoothly.

## **MAPS Testing**

Typically, we administer MAPS testing to our K-8 grade students twice a year. Due to COVID-19 we were unable to administer our Spring testing this year. Please know that we will be utilizing our MAPS testing when students come back to school in the Fall to assess their learning.

## **2020-2021 Yearly Calendar**

Attached you will find the 2020-2021 yearly school calendar. Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic that this may be subject to change.

## **2020-2021 Tuition Rates & Fees**

Attached you will also find the 2020-2021 Tuition Rates & Fees that have been approved by the Board of Education.

## **Congratulations to our Graduates & Confirmands!**

Have you seen the tribute to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates on St. Paul Ministries facebook page? If not, you need to check it out! We would like to congratulate all of our graduates and confirmands this year, we are so very proud of your accomplishments and wish that we were able to celebrate with you in the traditional way! Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and wish you nothing but the best!

## **2020-2021 School Theme**

Did you know that St. Paul Lutheran Church we will be celebrating 150 years of proclaiming Jesus as their Savior this year? As we partner in the celebration of our church we are proud to be:

“150 Years...Rooted in Christ”  
“And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”  
Colossians 1:17

### **Reenrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year**

May 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for our early registration drawing. Three names will be drawn for a \$50 discount towards their total tuition amount for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms can be found on our website [www.stpaulwp.org](http://www.stpaulwp.org) and can either be mailed to school or dropped off in the “drop zone” located in the entryway of school. Winners will be announced soon!

We would like to close this letter with a sense of encouragement, trust and peace of mind that as we move forward into the 2020-2021 school year that we are committed to serving the families of St. Paul Lutheran School. We truly value our families and know how important it is to you that we continue the partnership of providing a Christ-centered quality education to your children. Please remember that we are in this together, through Christ who strengthens us!

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff or Board of Education members if you should have any questions.

*Mrs. Kari Penrose, Principal/Head Teacher  
St. Paul Lutheran School Board of Education*