



St. Paul Lutheran School

325 North Colfax Street
West Point, Nebraska 68788



March 24, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians:

The following has been communicated to all ESU 2 schools by the local health departments:

“Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department (EVLPHD) and the Three Rivers Public Health Department (3RPHD) have been in consultation with state and local partners regarding the expanding COVID-19 pandemic. It is our joint recommendation that public and parochial schools in the EVLPHD and 3RPHD health districts do not plan on returning to school for the 2019-2020 school year.”

This information also follows the recommendation of Matthew Blomstedt, the Nebraska Commissioner of Education.

Sadly, at this time St. Paul Lutheran School plans on being closed to students for the remainder of this school year. If the public health departments recommendations should change at any time during the closure, St. Paul Lutheran School will reevaluate the situation and possibly reopen its doors.

Even though the doors of the school may be closed, the teachers at St. Paul Lutheran School are dedicated to providing you with an alternate learning environment. We hope that by continuing the remote learning plan that has been put in place that students will continue their education. It is our goal that these temporary actions will help support the normal learning that once took place with the classroom setting. We ask that you do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need help or additional resources.

Please also note the following:

- *Teachers will continue with the “office hours” of Monday-Friday 8:00-12:00 p.m.*
- *Teachers will continue to be in contact with their parents and students in the week’s that lay ahead.*

- *If your child is need of a “packet” or hard copies they will be available for pick-up from the entryway “drop zone” of school on the following dates:*

Packet Distribution Schedule

Monday, March 30 - Packet ready to pick up **8:00 am** (week of April 1-8)

Monday, April 14 - Packet Ready to Pick Up **8:00 am** (week of April 14-24)

Monday, April 27 - Packet Ready to Pick Up **8:00 am** (week April 27-May 8)

- *Teachers will not include “work” for previously scheduled days off (i.e. Easter Break). St. Paul Lutheran School’s academic calendar has not changed; last day of school is scheduled for May 13, 2020.*
- *Students are asked to provide proof of their completed assignments to teachers throughout the coming weeks per teacher instructions. There will not be a grade given on assignments completed, however, feedback and documentation of the assignment being completed will be recorded by the teacher.*
- *As reminder a “drop zone” has been set up in the entryway of the school in which papers or other items can be dropped off or picked up during our school closing. Teachers will be notified of any assignments or other items that have been “dropped off” by Mrs. Penrose on a daily basis.*
- *We ask that each of you do your part to help stop the spread of the coronavirus and practice “social distancing”.*

Finally, thank-you again for your support during this unprecedented time! We really are blessed to have such supportive families here at St. Paul Lutheran School. I look forward to seeing your children again when we can open the doors of St. Paul Lutheran School!

*“Cast all anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)
You can certainly count on that!*

Stay Well and God’s Blessings!

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