



St. Paul Lutheran School

325 North Colfax Street
West Point, Nebraska 68788



Date: July 23, 2020



Dear Parents,

We hope you are enjoying the sunny summer days! As we prepare for the new school year, we want to give you some important information to help you plan for school. After feedback from other schools, health officials, the district office, and teachers, we have come up with a plan for a full return to school that acknowledges the concerns for student safety during this time of COVID-19.

The plan to fully open for all students comes with numerous safety measures and social distance initiatives. Many of the initiatives will take place in school, however, we are asking you to be our partners in order to keep a healthy environment for our students and staff.

- **Symptoms Check:** Parents must complete a symptoms check on their children each morning before school. (Please see attached flier that lists symptoms.) **Parents must keep their children home if they are sick. During the school day, if a child becomes ill, the school will check for symptoms and contact the parent. Parents must have a back-up plan for when or if their child becomes ill.**
- **Masks:** Students are required to have 2 masks (provided by the parents) in the event we move to wearing masks. At this time, we will not be expecting students to wear masks throughout the school day.
- **Hand Hygiene:** One of the first things we will do when school starts is teach proper handwashing for all students. We are happy to say our teachers have been teaching good hygiene for years. We will also be instructing students on when to wash, such as before entering the classroom in the morning, after breaks, before and after lunch/snack time and after recess/PE.

- **Social Distancing:** Students will social distance from other grades and classes, but not necessarily from kids in their grade or class. (i.e one classroom at a time moving through the hallway during PE, music, etc, they will sit apart from each other in lunchroom, set room arrangements in class in order to contact trace if needed.)
- **Visitors:** Parents visiting the school must wear a face mask.
Please do not come into the building if you are feeling ill.
Curbside drop off and pick-up should limit direct contact between parents and staff members and adhere to social distancing recommendations. If you'd prefer to take your small child directly into the classroom, as is often with preschool through kindergarten, please limit this to only one parent per child and adults are required to wear masks. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please feel free to come in with a mask. We don't want to miss an opportunity to speak with you about your child.
- **Classrooms:** In the classroom, student desks will be separated and desks will face the same direction. Students will assist in wiping down desks after morning recess, before leaving for lunch, and end of each school day.
- **Water Bottles:** Please send a water bottle with your child each day. Water fountains with filters will be used only to fill bottles. Directly drinking from the fountain will not be allowed.
- **Chapel:** There will be no chapel families this year unless health measures change. We will sit by class, to allow for social distancing.
- **Dismissal:** Students will be dismissed at the end of day by classroom. Parents are asked to stay in their car or stand on the sidewalk with social distance please. Please do not come into building to get them. Again if you'd like to speak with a teacher, please wear a mask if you come into the building. We are happy to talk or listen at any time.
- **Kingdom Kids:** Any student who attends Kingdom Kids will report with an aide to the Kingdom Kids room. They will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to having snack. All snacks will be served by an Kingdom Kids worker and social distancing will be used. (i.e spacing at tables, sitting on one side of table, etc)

St. Paul Families: We will continue to keep you informed as soon as possible. This new school year comes with many new changes. New changes can be scary, but with faith in Christ we are certain of our future and have renewed hope.

As we finalize these plans for the new school year and put the preparations in place, we will continue to keep you informed through our website, texts, and social media. **We are excited for new changes and the chance to grow together in Christ's love and healthy living. We are blessed to continue to provide the highest standard of Christian education for your children.** You are in our daily prayers as we work together to move forward firmly rooted in Christ.

Our School Theme for 2020-2021

Colossians 1:17

*"And He is before all things
and in Him all things hold together."*

A couple of important dates include:

- **Parent Work Day: Monday, July 27 9 am-6 pm.** You are welcome to come at anytime to help get ready for the new school year. Temperatures will be taken at arrival. There will be a variety of tasks to help with, PPP hours for helping.
- **Registration:** We are very excited for this new change! Online Registration. Most all information you need will be found on our school website. Watch for the new webpage link soon! Tuition Parent Meetings will be in-person, please watch for more information on scheduling these.
- **First Day: Tuesday, August 18th 8:00 am - 11:30 am.**

We are so excited to return to school and be with our students every day. We have missed their smiling faces. We are ready to make 2020-21 our best year yet. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at school.

God's blessings,

Mrs. Tammy Schroeder, Co-Head Teacher

Mrs. Colleen Brockmann, Co-Head Teacher

Healthy Eagles Habits



IT TAKES ALL OF US TO STAY HEALTHY

Parents,

We ask you to do your part to keep students and staff safe. If we work together, we will reduce the risk of spreading sickness at home and school.

Please Use Your "Eagle Eyes" To Watch & Do the Following:

PARENTS MORNING CHECK BEFORE GOING TO SCHOOL



1. Check Temperature.
If 100.4 F or above
= Stay at Home



2. On set of cough
or sore throat?
= Stay at Home



3. Chills? Headache?
Unusual muscle pain?
Loss of Taste or Smell?
= Stay at Home



4. Have you been
exposed to anyone
with COVID-19?
= Stay at Home

AT HOME GUIDELINES



1. Wash Hands
Regularly



2. Change Your
Clothes After School.



3. Make a
Homework Spot



4. Wash Your
Face Mask.

St. Paul Lutheran School Mission Statement



"St. Paul School is in **partnership with parents** in providing a **Christ-centered education** that will **equip children** in pre-school through eighth grade to **faithfully serve as witnessing Christians and productive citizens.**"

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