

Dear Students and Parents,

July, 2011

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time a fresh start for students. Enthusiasm and expectations are high. Parents, students, and teachers all share the hope that this year will bring outstanding achievement, community spirit, and continued growth in our faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The theme for our congregation and school this year is: Building a Family of Followers Upon our Lord Jesus Christ. Our goal will be to provide opportunities for families to grow and feel a part of His family. Look for events and experiences throughout the year that will involve children and families in the church family. We want to help school families build relationships and become more involved in congregational activities. The theme of Lutheran Schools Week (March 4th-10th with an Open House on Sunday, March 11th) this school year, "Securing Each Child's Future - equipped", (based on 2 Timothy 3:16-17) "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

Spring and Summer Updates: Mrs. Jamie Corsetti has retired from full-time teaching to be with her recently arrived baby girl (Anna Maria Corsetti). Miss Courtney Wahl has accepted a call to teach 2nd grade. The accreditation process continues with completion in the Spring of 2012. At that time, the NLSA Commission will select a team to visit our school with the purpose of validation of our school's compliance with the required standards and indicators of success for accreditation approval. Five lunch tables that seat 12 at each table have been purchased and will be used in the gym for our two lunch periods. New floor mats will be placed at each door entrance. Cameras and Buzzer Systems will be installed at the Southeast and Northeast entrance doors. A projector and Interactive Mimeo Board System will be installed in the 5th/6th grade classroom. A projector will also be installed in the Music room, and new wall hangings will adorn our gym (American and Christian Flag, and banners from each school in our athletic league.)

We are continuing with our full-time Preschool Program again this year. We are encouraged by our great enrollment last year. In fact, our overall enrollment looks positive for this coming year. If you have not enrolled in preschool as yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Our Preschool Program is available for children ages 3 and 4.

The teachers have worked out a schedule to properly use the talents and abilities of our teaching staff to best benefit your children and the quality of their education. Mrs. Bierwirth will continue to direct our preschool program along with several aides. The Kindergarten class will be taught by Mrs. Barb Costakes. Returning to 1st grade and resource room responsibility will be Mrs. Tina Eising. Miss Courtney Wahl will be teaching 2nd grade. Mrs. Rita McClatchey will continue teaching 3rd and 4th grade. Ms. Valerie Winston will teach 5th and 6th grades and 7th and 8th grade literature, and history. Ms. Winston will also be our Athletic Director. Mr. Terry Hoeft will teach 7th and 8th grade math and English, 5th and 6th grade Math and English, and share religion teaching responsibilities with Pastor Schultz. Mr. Greg Paul will teach 5th \* 8th grade science and continue to direct our choirs and band. Mr. Richard Mahler will be here teaching part-time in the afternoons. He will teach several p.e. and computer classes. A Ferndale teacher will teach Spanish and art to grades 5-8.

#### **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:**

**Clean and Shine Day:** On Saturday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m - Noon we will have a Clean and Shine Day. Please bring your buckets and sponges and other cleaning supplies and help us to scrub up St. Paul School. This is a great way to begin to add up those Time and Talent Hours.

**Final Registration:** Everyone is required to attend our final Registration Day, even if you have pre-registered. Various fees are to be paid at this time, and important forms need to be completed. Look for registration forms on our website in August. You can download some of the forms and have them completed when you attend. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed if registration is not completed before the first day of school. Make an appointment with the office if you cannot attend the August 18th registration day.

**School Dismissal Time:** School starts at 8:15 a.m. and will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m.

**Preschool Program:** We continue to enroll students in our full-time 3 and 4 year old program. Contact the school office or Ms. Bierwirth for registration materials. Reminder: Preschool parents will also need to attend our registration day on August 18th.

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Costakes will be calling you to schedule a time for screening new kindergarten students in early August.

**Classroom Visits:** Our teachers will be available on August 24-25 for classroom visits. At registration there will be a sign-up sheet with time slots for your classroom visit. Each student and parent will be required to select a day and time.

**Church Attendance Policy:** Your commitment to the congregation, which supports our school, is expected with at least 50% worship attendance year-round. There is no "grace period". If you fall below 50% in any 13 week quarter ie. July-September, you will be placed on tuition status the following quarter. I pray that worship has been part of your regular summer schedule.

**Athletic Physicals:** If your child is planning to play sports this year, remember to get your physicals to the school office before practices begin. Your physical must be dated after April 15, 2011 to be good for the 2011-2012 school year. A Sports Activity Fee (\$25 per family) is assessed if your children would like to play in interscholastic sports to offset uniform costs etc...

**Hot Lunch Program:** The hot lunch program will start Tuesday, August 30. Lunches/Milks can be purchased in the school office when school starts. Lunches (\$2.25) and Milk (50 cents) can be purchased in quantities of 5,10,23. Quantities under 5 will be charged \$2.50 for hot lunch and 50 cents for milk. Our lunch program is self-supporting and has held the same prices for many years. Please do not expect lunches on credit.

**The Extended Care Program:** Emergency cards and physicals must be on file in the latchkey room for registered children using this program. Please note: Morning latchkey will be by appointment only. A minimum of 3 children is required.

Yours in Christ,

Terry L. Hoeft  
Principal

**Dates to Remember**

Saturday, August 13 (9:00 a.m.- Noon) -Clean & Shine Day  
Thursday, August 18 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) (6-9:00 p.m.) - Registration  
(Church Lounge) - Preschool through Eighth Grade  
Wednesday, August 24-Thursday, August 25 - Classroom Visits  
Preschool through Eighth Grade  
Monday, August 29 - First Day of School (8:15 a.m. - Noon)  
Friday, September 2- 5 - No School in Observance of Labor Day