



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Equipping Children for **LIFE**

June 9, 2020

Dear St. Paul Families:

Well, this historic school year has come to a close. The teachers met last week to debrief the year, celebrate victories in the lives of our students, and brainstorm ways we can improve our service to you and your family. Yes, the planning for the next school year is well underway. In fact, I have been attending workshops via Zoom that address scenario planning for schools for the fall. The training has been informative as we seek to lead well during this time of COVID-19.

The entire educational community was caught off guard when the quarantine was mandated. I'm so grateful for our teachers who stepped up and for the graciousness of our families who partnered with us to provide educational continuity. I never want to be caught off guard again which is why we are planning now. We have identified areas where we can improve and also ways that we can be ready in case the virus does not subside. At the end of July we will send you a detailed plan listing initiatives that will provide you with health measures and precautions we will take with cleaning and sanitization procedures. Listed below are scenarios one and two that we know for certain that we will enact. We have additional contingency plans as well.

Scenario #1: We resume school as normal. School will be in session every day with a regular schedule. However, initially we will start by greeting students at the doors by taking digital temperatures, wearing masks will be optional, social distancing as much as possible (use the sanctuary for choir and hand bell class), regularly sanitize the classroom, and students wash hands throughout the day. We will increase our technology training for teachers and students so that if quarantine becomes a reality, we are far more prepared and knowledgeable.

Scenario # 2: Another quarantine is required. We immediately transition to teaching online. However, this time we are experienced and more prepared. We will provide training and more support to our parents so that they won't feel so burdened. We will provide our students with more resources as well. The Preschool will remain open, and we hope to serve the families of essential workers.

Our size provides us with the opportunity to adapt quickly and be flexible in our responses to this crisis. We have plenty of room between the church and school to spread out and socially distance as we teach. Please share this with your friends and neighbors who are looking for a quality educational experience. We have added a virtual tour on the website that will allow people to tour or I am available for in person tours. Also, I am looking for some families who would be willing to mentor new, incoming families. Basically, you will greet the parents and students and provide support as needed. That way everyone will have friends on the first day of school. If you are willing, please just email me.

The beauty of St. Paul Lutheran School is that our trust is in Christ alone. We are asking Him for wisdom to guide us during this time of unknowns. May you have a great summer! Please join us as we welcome the new pastor on June 28 at 3:00 for his installation. Stay tuned for details on the yearbook distribution and a small gathering for students that we hope to have.

Blessings to you,

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