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WELCOME

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran School! It is so amazing to have a God that loves us so much that he continues to love us even though we don't deserve it. He created a world for us to live in, he came up with a plan to save us from our sins, as our Savior he paid for our sins on the cross, and he has prepared a place in heaven for us. As we begin the 2025-26 school year we can have faith and trust that his love will continue to surround us.

We also begin the year with a commitment to continue the tradition of St. Paul's, which is the school's mission to train up children in knowledge and truth of God's Word. St. Paul's is a ministry that incorporates children, parents, teachers and the congregation to work together in strengthening faith and being faithful witnesses of Christ. The church has blessed us with a facility and support to have an educational institution that prepares its students to be life-long disciples of Christ, faithful stewards, good citizens, and heirs of eternal life.

The faculty and I are blessed to have the privilege to work with all of you to bring your child an education that is structured for them, follows the standards of the state and nation, as well as incorporating the love God has shown us in all classes. As the challenges and victories come throughout the year may we work together when needed and celebrate together as fellow members of Christ's family.

Please feel free to contact me with any joys you want to share or if there are questions, or concerns that need to be addressed. Good communication is vital to keep our school families connected and to succeed as a whole; this will happen even more as we pray for each other and recognize that God has placed us together to benefit His Kingdom here on earth at St. Paul's and around the world.

This handbook has been prepared for the purpose of acquainting parents with St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School. We hope it will answer some of the questions you may have concerning the school's routines and procedures. Because this is only a handbook, some of your questions may not be answered. If you still have unanswered questions, please let us know. Your interest will be viewed as concern and love for your child. May the Lord bless our joint efforts to feed His lambs, your children, the Bread of Life.

May the Lord bless you and your children this school year as he pours out his love on you.

A Servant in God's Kingdom,
Nathan Schulmeister
Principal

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

St. Paul's Lutheran School exists to assist parents in their God given responsibility to *"Bring your children up in the training and instruction of the Lord"* (Ephesians 6:4).

Our Christian educational efforts, with the support of the congregation and families, are dedicated to sharing the Gospel message so that all may know that, *"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16). Students are provided with a developmentally appropriate learning environment to be strong citizens; spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. All training and instruction will be designed with the intent to strengthen students and their families in all aspects of life as redeemed Children of God.

Core Values:

Our Core Values at St. Paul's places a focus on who we are and what we hold to in all aspects of education.

1 - Christ is the center of everything we do.

God's Grace through our Savior, Jesus Christ, has provided St. Paul's with a school where teachers educate and encourage students everyday in the teachings of God's Word. Our highest focus is on Jesus, our Savior, who has paid for and forgiven us all our sins and has enlightened us in the truth. All discipline and teaching is rooted in this truth so that all may be made *"wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."* (II Timothy 3:15).

2 - Parents are our partners in the education of children.

We are here to partner with families. We as a school will work with and encourage families to communicate, cooperate, and share in the responsibility of giving children an education to prepare them for the future. We also encourage families to lead Christian homes where the truths of God's Word are taught and Christian faith will grow.

3 - Students are held to a high standard of academic excellence, leadership, and Christian character.

Students are expected to do their best with the gifts God has given each one of them. Each student will know the teachings of God's Word, namely that because of their sinful nature they need a Savior, who is Jesus Christ. Through whole group, small group and differentiated instruction students are given the opportunity to learn in a variety of ways across the curriculum. All of this is fostered in a positive, loving environment, while learning to interact with others and recognizing the benefit of each other's strengths as God has blessed them.

4 - Staff professionalism as representatives of their position.

Staff will present themselves in a professional manner as representatives of their Savior, of St. Paul's, and as educational leaders. Staff recognizes that learning is an ongoing journey where they continue to grow and learn through professional development such as attending conferences, workshops, and individual reading.

FORWARD

St. Paul's Lutheran Church operates a Christian Day School to achieve a two-fold purpose. The first of these is to assist the parents in the spiritual training of their children. The second is to help these children grow intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically to the best of their ability, so that they may lead a fruitful Christian life here on earth. We must always bear in mind that the school exists only to assist the home in these tasks, not replace it nor act independently of it.

Christian parents have established our school, helped set its goals, and support it with their efforts and finances. It is proper, therefore, that parents have a voice in governing the operation of the school by way of the elected board representatives. These representatives in turn must be sensitive to the goals of the Christian parents who choose to use the school as they establish policy.

God has indeed placed upon parents a great responsibility of child training which is to foster faith in Jesus Christ and a life dedicated to His service. In addition, children, parents, and staff must constantly demonstrate a commitment to the Lord. This includes regular church attendance and Bible study, regular attendance at the Lord's Supper, generous financial support of the Lord's work, and setting a good example daily in our Christian lives.

A commitment to the education of our children can be carried out by supporting the school's educational program. This can be demonstrated by attending school functions and showing a genuine interest in a variety of activities.

The school is one arm of the congregation's education process, and as such is an integral part of the total parish program. Having a Christian Day School is a blessing and a privilege that is well worth our time and effort. In order for the school to carry out the work of the Kingdom, every parent must be willing to work and sacrifice to help in this cause. The pastors, teachers and staff at St. Paul's are eager to help you in this all-important task. Let us work together, constantly seeking God's blessings through prayer, and our success is assured.

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten – Grade 8

8:15 AM to 3:15 PM

“God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:4

God's love knows no racial bounds; therefore no racial distinctions or prejudices will be tolerated in St. Paul's Christian day school. St. Paul's school will admit students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policy, or other school programs. Members and Non-Members of St. Paul's congregation who are unable to send their children to our school for only

financial reasons may fill out a tuition assistance form. It will be presented to the Board of Christian Education for special consideration in a hardship case.

OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

St. Paul's School is one of a system of schools operated within the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Of these schools, many are located in the Milwaukee area and have formed a conference to support an area Lutheran High School (WLHS) on 84th and Bluemound. Because WLHS is an extension of the curriculum and Christian training received at St. Paul's, our students are encouraged to continue their Christian education at WLHS. Information about cost, transportation, curriculum, etc. can be obtained from the Pastor or Principal. Many of our students also attend area public high schools. They do not have any problem adjusting to the curriculum. Our students are prepared for any high school they choose. Information about the public high schools may be obtained from Mr. Schulmeister.

FACULTY

The full time teachers of St. Paul's school have received professional training. Our teachers uncompromisingly cling to the divine inspiration of the Bible. We stand up for this Truth, preach this Word, and build all our education on this basis. Our educational philosophy includes new ideas and methods that are proven sound; older methods are rediscovered and revitalized. New material and equipment are utilized. We make use of the increasing knowledge of human behavior and the learning process. Above all, our teaching aids include the absolute Truth of God's Word, which is the power of God unto salvation.

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TUITION POLICY FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

The cost of Christian Education at St. Paul's is currently about \$6,800 per year per child in Kindergarten through Grade 8. These costs do not include educational materials, which are paid for in a separate Education Materials Fee. They also do not include the monthly mortgage to pay for the building itself. They do include salaries, maintenance, utilities, and general operating costs. The \$6,800 per year figure becomes the starting point for our tuition policy.

Obviously we do not want to charge each child of our congregation this full amount. The Board realizes that families who are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church are hopefully contributing to the entire work of the church in their weekly offering envelopes. A part of these regular offerings are used to support the Christian Day School. In this manner all members of St. Paul's are helping to pay for Christian education. It is our congregations desire to share this cost with all members. This has been the financial framework of our school since its beginning in 1865. It is for these reasons that the Board has decided that members of St. Paul's Church will receive tuition assistance for each child. The congregation will subsidize each child with the hope that families of that child will always do all they can to support the entire work of the congregation. Church contributions should always be a thank offering to God for His grace and flow from a willingness to do His work.

We also realize that all families; members and non-members, are asked to volunteer in many ways to make the school year a success and to also keep costs down. Parents serve as coaches, hot lunch cooks, maintenance committees, teacher helpers, yearbook staff, librarians, etc. Without parent volunteers it would be impossible to have a successful Christian Day School. It is so important that we require all families to help out in some way, as their time and talent will permit. Throughout the year there are assigned duties for parents of certain grades. A cleaning and maintenance schedule is made up at the beginning of the year. There are many special projects that require the help of parents. If some parents have conflicts with scheduling, they have many opportunities to help at different times and with different activities. The Principal and School Board monitor a record of volunteer help by families.

All parents are required to help with special cleaning projects during the year and also during the summer. A cleaning and maintenance schedule is made up at the beginning of the school year. A summer cleaning schedule is made up in spring. Parental help in this area keeps our maintenance costs down. Parents are given \$300 in tuition assistance for each child if they participate in all required cleaning assignments. Families who do not fulfill the cleaning maintenance requirements will have \$300 added to their invoice.

With the \$300 tuition assistance listed above, the new tuition rates for the school year 2025-2026 will be as follows:

A non-member family will be charged tuition of \$3,162 per child.

A family that is a member of our area WELS congregations will be charged tuition of \$2,038 per child. (We encourage these congregations to aid in supporting the educational ministry of St. Paul's to help offset the total cost of education)

A family that is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be charged a tuition of \$1,946 per child. (This level of adjustment is a tuition assistance based on volunteerism and active church membership and support.)

TUITION PAYMENT POLICY

- Tuition and fees are to be paid through TADS which is a company St. Paul's uses to collect monies.
- If a family selects to pay the total amount in by September 1st they will receive a 5% discount on tuition.
- There are options for 1, 2, or 9 month payment plans through TADS accepting a variety of payments.
- Any late or insufficient fund fees assessed by TADS are not established by St. Paul's and are kept by TADS. In many cases contact with TADS or the principal can result in canceling any additional fees.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Policy
 - Tuition assistance aims at aiding needy families, meet the financial costs of obtaining a Christian education at St. Paul's School for their children. The applicant must be regular in his or her own worship life and takes an active role in the Christian training of the children. A partnership between home and school is an essential requirement of tuition assistance. Failure to provide proper Christian training in the home will disqualify the applicant from any tuition assistance.
 - Assistance is provided on the basis of need and is in the form of a tuition waiver rather than actual money. The amount of tuition that is waived depends on the need and is determined through the aid of a formula taking into consideration other family circumstances. The educational materials fee will generally not be waived unless in extreme hardships. The waivers are not to be retroactive to a previous semester or a previous school year.
 - Parents requesting tuition assistance must apply for that aid by submitting an application to TADS. TADS is a company that St. Paul's has an account with to help determine if assistance is needed and what amount. Forms and information are available in the school office.
 - TADS will examine all forms and information that they receive and use established formulas to determine the assistance amount that the family needs. TADS will recommend an amount to the Tuition Assistance Committee of St. Paul's. St. Paul's Assistance Committee will discuss if other circumstances need to be considered and will make the final determination on the exact amount of assistance to be given.
 - St. Paul's School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies or school-administered programs.
 - Procedure for applying
- To be eligible for tuition assistance the applicant:
 - Must be actively participating in the Christian education effort as evidenced by church attendance, communion and stewardship.
 - Must submit a completed application form with required documents to include a 1040 income tax return from the previous calendar year.
- In general such waivers are to be determined by the end of June for the following school year. Therefore all tuition assistance forms should be given to the committee by June 1st. The waivers may be reconsidered as family circumstances change. Special considerations and requests for tuition assistance can be brought to the principal during the year.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FEE

A standard educational material fee of \$450 per child is charged. This fee includes the following: science, testing materials, workbooks, computer materials, educational magazines, art supplies, textbooks, field trips, teaching aids, yearbook and supplies. Other books and supplies may be needed and may be available at the school office throughout the school year. A list of supplies your child needs is available in the school office.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL

St. Paul's Lutheran School receives no direct aid from the Federal or State Governments. The school relies completely on the financial support of the parents and congregation members. Parents are required to pay an educational materials fee and tuition fee, which covers a small percentage of the cost of educating a child. The remainder of the cost is covered through the faithful offerings of St. Paul's members, both parents of students and those who faithfully give of their financial offerings. It is very important that parents recognize their church contributions are a form of worship and a commitment to meet the remaining financial needs of their children's education, beyond the tuition and fees, and a blessing to those whom we serve. Good stewardship will ensure a quality education. Special projects to raise money for items the school needs are also undertaken. You may help to provide a good education for your children by contributing to these projects.

ENROLLING NEW STUDENTS

St. Paul's Lutheran School welcomes families who wish to provide a quality Christ-centered education for their children. However, St. Paul's Lutheran School is not staffed or equipped to educate students who have severe learning, behavioral, or emotional problems.

St. Paul's Lutheran School will consider enrolling new students only after the following conditions are met:

- All enrollment forms are completed to the satisfaction of the principal.
- The parents meet with the principal to discuss the child and the school program.

New students entering St. Paul's Lutheran School in a grade above Grade 1 shall enter the grade recommended by the school previously attended. These students are admitted on a conditional basis until the following occurs:

- Records from any previously attended schools are received in the St. Paul's Church/School Office.
- New students will be tested to determine academic level.
- The classroom teacher and principal have an opportunity to observe the child's academic achievement and behavior. This shall not normally last longer than thirty (30) days of actual attendance at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

At the end of the probationary period, the principal, the teacher, and the parents will evaluate the student's progress and will discuss any changes, which may be necessary.

After observing the child and examining the records, the teacher and principal may agree that it is not in the best interest of the child or the school that the student be enrolled at St. Paul's Lutheran School or

that the grade level placement is not appropriate. In this case, the principal and the teacher will meet with the parent(s) to discuss the situation and to recommend alternative courses of action.

KINDERGARTEN

St. Paul's Kindergarten is a loving caring environment where God's Word is always present. We pray through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our love and trust in our Savior will grow and begin to build a strong foundation for our entire life. The Kindergarten year is our first year for full day academics, helping students to move from a partial day to the learning rigors of elementary school.

Requirements: Entrance age requirement: age 5 by September 1st

CURRICULUM

Our school follows the course of study prescribed by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our program takes into consideration the course of study for the State of Wisconsin. We feel that our school offers a good, sound, basic program of education along with religion. The school continually reviews curriculum and best practices to strengthen learning. Teachers will make their daily schedules available to parents upon request.

GRADING and REPORTING

Most work completed by students is graded showing the completed abilities of a student. The students in Kindergarten through 2nd-Grade will receive a report card indicating the student's abilities and learned skills. Students in 3rd through 8th Grade will have their assignment scores recorded on TADS Educate. This is the best way to see your child's grades ahead of any report card. Please log into your account to view the progress of your child. We also encourage you to remain in contact with your child's teachers regarding any classwork.

GRADE SCALE FOR GRADES 3-8

Letter	Percent Low - High	GPA
A+	99 - 100	4.0
A	95 - 98	4.0
A-	93 - 94	3.7
B+	91 - 92	3.4
B	87 - 90	3.0
B-	85 - 86	2.7
C+	83 - 84	2.4
C	79 - 82	2.0
C-	77 - 78	1.7

D+	75 - 76	1.4
D	72 - 74	1.0
D-	70 - 71	0.7
F	0 - 69	0.0

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Two parent/teacher consultations are planned for the year. All parents are expected to attend the first consultation and the second is optional, as determined by a parent or teacher request for a consultation. If during the school year you desire information, feel free to contact the teacher by telephone. Also, you may request a parent teacher consultation anytime during the year, and we will be glad to oblige. Close communication between home and school provides the teamwork necessary for quality Christian Education.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES

Children of the seventh and eighth grades will participate in instruction classes scheduled each week. The class will be conducted by the Pastor.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

All children receive at least two periods per week of Physical Education. All children will be able to enjoy various recess times to continue to develop skills they may have learned in their Physical Education Classes. Information on Sports can be found in the Interscholastic Sports portion of this handbook. The aim of our sports program is to develop healthy children and to encourage good sportsmanship. The Athletic Team Handbook is available for parents who have students involved in extracurricular sport programs.

RECESS

All students will go outside for recess. If your child is unable to go out for recess, a note must be given to your child's teacher. The note should describe the specific health reason why your child must stay in. When the wind chill is below zero, the students will not be allowed outside for recess. All students are expected to be dressed according to the weather conditions.

BOOKS

Students are responsible for the care of library books and textbooks, which have been assigned to them. If a book is lost or damaged students will be assessed a fine or the replacement cost.

TECHNOLOGY

Students will have the ability to use 21st Century learning tools at St. Paul's. Students will have the use of tablets and computers using the internet throughout the week. These devices, just as the textbooks, are property of St. Paul's and students are expected to handle and treat the devices with respect and along the guidelines laid out by the teacher. Students will receive a Google account that is controlled and

monitored by St. Paul's. This account is activated once a parent has signed the technology document agreeing to their child's account. All parents may request the login and password information for their child; this will allow work to be done anywhere a child has internet access.

Students are expected to use the devices in a Christian-like and educational manner. If, in the opinion of the teachers at St. Paul's, a student is not using the device in an appropriate way the student may be suspended from using the device and parents will be notified. If the student receives permission again and continues to use it inappropriately, that child will be suspended from any use of the devices and parents will be contacted by the principal to discuss the issue.

If a device is broken, defaced or ruined while in possession of a student and that device is no longer usable, the family will be responsible to compensate the school so that the school may be able to purchase a replacement.

3rd - 8th Grade students with personal Chromebooks approved by St. Paul's may be used.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As a general rule, students are not to bring cellular telephones or iPods to school. They can become a distraction during the day, their access to the internet can be a problem, and their security may become an issue. Parents are asked to monitor this with their children. In the rare event that a student must bring a cell phone to school because it is needed after school hours, it must be checked in with the classroom teacher when the student arrives at school. St. Paul's Lutheran School assumes no responsibility for the security of these items during the course of the school day. Any device not checked in by a student will be confiscated by the teacher. Parents only may pick up the device and a \$5.00 fee will be charged.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Class time is only a small portion of your child's day and an even smaller portion of his/her life. Far more influential upon them than what a teacher says or does is what parents say or do. Parents can greatly reinforce what their children learn by the "informal lessons" taught at home. What an awesome privilege! What a humbling responsibility! The time spent listening to memory work in the evening or making sure that all of their homework is done goes a long way toward helping them do well in school.

HOMEWORK AND WORK NOT DONE

The faculty of St. Paul's believes in homework. Obviously it is very limited in kindergarten, but beginning in first grade there will be daily homework assignments. In the lower grades students should spend 20 to 30 minutes per night. Beginning at about the fourth grade level it will increase to about 30 to 45 minutes per night. In grades seven and eight it will consistently be between 30 to 60 minutes per night. Parents are expected to help students set a time and place for homework that will help them establish a proper routine and set good study habits for all of their school life. If a child is burdened with too much homework, it is important for parents to contact the teacher to find out the reason. If there are special circumstances that prevent a child from completing a particular assignment, the parents are to send a note of explanation to the teacher. Teachers will make allowances for special circumstances.

Students are expected to complete their assignments in accordance with the curriculum. Incomplete and late assignments create an extra workload for both the student and the teacher. Parents are encouraged to continually monitor their child's work and grades in TADS Educate. If incomplete and late work continue to occur the teacher, parents, and student are to meet and determine a solution to the issue. Beyond eight incomplete assignments, the student will be considered a student not in good academic standing and will be ineligible from all extra curricular activities. At this time the parents and student will meet with the principal who will be involved in all subsequent incomplete assignments. A plan of action to solve the problem will be established with the involvement of the child, parents, teacher and principal. Also a written report will be given to the Board of Education.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church takes very seriously the task of *"making disciples of all people"* (Matthew 28:18-20). It is for this reason that the congregation supports and maintains a Christian Day School. For strengthening and nurturing through the Word, members in good standing enjoy the privilege of sending their children to the Christian Day School.

One of the marks of Christian discipleship is regular attendance at worship services. Attendance at worship services by both parents and students also supports the Christian training that takes place daily in the Christian home and the Christian Day School.

The ideal of Christian discipleship is worship in God's house at every opportunity – 100% of the time. This ideal may not always be possible. But surely when the heart is with the Lord, the very least one might expect of a Christian disciple is regular worship attendance.

When parents send their children to the Christian Day School a very positive message is sent. But when these same parents fail to worship regularly, or prevent their children from worshiping regularly, a very negative message is sent. These kinds of mixed messages need to be discouraged. Christian discipleship leads not only to a positive commitment to Christian training in a Christian school, but also to a positive witness by way of regular family worship in God's house.

It is, therefore, the policy of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School that family members be in attendance at weekend worship services regularly. This is required to remain as a family eligible for reduced membership tuition. Teachers will contact member families who miss church frequently.

Attendance will be taken by teachers and recorded for the report card as a visual reminder of the importance of worship attendance.

CLASSROOM SINGING IN CHURCH

Several times during the school year various groups will be asked to sing at a church service. Because this is a worship service, students are expected to dress in appropriate clothing to reflect love for their Savior as listed under Student Dress in the handbook. All students who are members of St. Paul's are expected to attend the service in which they are singing. If the student cannot be there, the parents must inform the teacher beforehand. This is a common courtesy and enables the teachers to make proper plans to ensure that there will be sufficient voices to make singing possible. We understand that families who are members of other churches may prefer to attend their own church. They are, therefore, not required to be there, however the classroom teacher should still be informed beforehand.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Board of Elders of St. Paul's sets the schedule for worship services throughout the year. They have established the date of the Children's Christmas service to be the Sunday before Christmas Eve.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Parents are to be active partners in the Christian Education of their children. It is essential for the spiritual growth of the family that they pray and study God's Word together. Parents are therefore asked to have a regular plan for family devotions. Teachers will give suggestions that may help families form such a plan.

WEEKLY DEVOTION

On the last school day of the week in the morning the Pastor will conduct a devotion in church. Chapel begins at 8:30 AM. Parents are welcome to attend. At this time mission offerings will be collected; the envelopes will be attached weekly to your Monday Messenger. Various mission projects are planned throughout the year.

RULES OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

The children are to act with Christian love and kindness toward all pupils in the school, also toward everyone with whom they are in contact. This requires them to act in such a way that they will not interfere with the work and play of others. Children should always be proud to be children of God, and should be happy to behave so that the name of God is glorified.

Christians admonish those who sin in order to lead them to repentance and a life, which glorifies their Lord. Our disciplinary program has the same purpose. The Law and the Gospel are the means through which we carry out our discipline. When inappropriate behavior is identified, efforts are made to bring the student to an awareness of his/her sin and repentance of that sin. When that is achieved, the student is once again assured of God's love and forgiveness. The student will bear appropriate consequences as a result of his/her behavior.

Varying degrees of disciplinary action may be taken depending upon the nature and severity of misconduct. When the teacher has contacted parents and exhausted all discipline procedures with little improvement, or if a problem is severe enough, the principal will be involved. If unresolved after the principal has tried to remedy the situation, the Board of Education will be notified. Continual discipline problems will lead to eventual suspension. The Board of Education will be involved in all suspension cases. Further problems will be referred to the Board and they could eventually respond with expulsion. The Board operates under the rule that a problem must not be allowed to continue. If a single act of misbehavior is severe enough, the Board of Education could be involved immediately for a decision about termination of enrollment.

FIGHTING:

The school has a No Fighting Policy. Any students involved in deliberate physical violence against another student will be suspended from school. Suspensions will be given to all students involved in the fight. It does not make any difference who started it. Students must learn to handle situations without violence and are encouraged to talk to a teacher if a situation has gotten out of control.

WEAPONS:

Any student bringing a weapon or something that is intended to be used as a weapon will be suspended from school.

VERBAL ABUSE:

Verbal abuse is contrary to God's Word and is totally unacceptable behavior in our school. Violations will be strictly dealt with by the teachers and principal and steps will be taken to stop the behavior and protect children from verbal abuse. Those steps may involve student teacher consultations; principal student consultation; group meeting with student, teacher, parent and principal; and in cases of repeated abuse, involvement of the Board of Education. Continued verbal abuse will result in suspension and may lead to expulsion.

Verbal abuse is defined as: Foul, vulgar, abusive language or gestures, language intended to belittle, degrade, intimidate, threaten, or language that includes words denoting race, ethnicity, gender, or disability which cause fear or physical or mental distress. Verbal abuse would include using messaging emails, websites, etc. to belittle, degrade, threaten, or intimidate another student. This applies to student/student relations as well as student/teacher relations.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

In all circumstances we encourage all to use the principles of Matthew 18, meaning: First, we encourage parents to bring the complaints to the teacher involved. Differences between parents and teachers should be settled in an evangelical way between themselves. If no settlement can be reached, then the principal should be consulted. If there is no satisfaction, the following order of grievance should be taken to the Board of Education and Pastor, and may continue to the Church Council, and eventually a Congregational Meeting.

STUDENT DRESS

We are a Christian school that takes seriously its calling to help students learn and grow in faith. Our grooming and dress make a statement about ourselves. No dress code will please everyone, but past experience has told us that a dress code is necessary. The following are the provisions for the dress code:

- Students are encouraged to have moderate hairstyles with natural color and natural looking highlights. Keep your hair neat, well groomed and clean at all times.
- Tattered, excessively worn (or torn), dirty or frayed clothing are not permitted.
- 1 Timothy 2:9 instructs us to dress in moderate apparel. Your clothing should be appealing, not revealing. For example, the following items are not acceptable: bare midriffs, halter tops, low cut blouses, mini-skirts, short shorts, leggings that cling to legs like a second skin, or any other style that would be considered revealing.
- Students are required to wear shoes at all times. Students in grade K-4 should wear shoes that are suitable for outside play. Students in grades 5-8 should have outdoor shoes available for physical education and outdoor activities.
- Students may wear selective clothing with logos. This pertains to backpacks, gym bags, and school-related materials. Some specific logos that are not to be worn are as follows: beer, alcohol, drugs, double meaning, or vulgar language.

- Students are not to wear the following during the school day: sunglasses, hats, headbands, or outdoor wear (gloves, mittens, scarves, vests, or coats.) If you are cold, please bring a sweater or sweatshirt.
- Students may not wear clothing classified as “loungewear” such as pajama-like pants, slippers, or related clothing items.
- Students wearing tight fitting leggings or yoga pants must have a shirt that covers pants to mid-thigh.
- Students are not to wear chains that are attached to the waistline of pants and extend down the leg.
- Students may only wear pierced earrings. No other pierced jewelry may be worn.
- Students must dress appropriately for the weather. Shorts are allowed on very warm days. Shorts should be modest in length and appearance. Short shorts and cut-offs are not allowed, short length should reach the end of the palms of the hand or longer. Tight fitting shorts, such as spandex shorts are not to be worn.
- Students may only wear tank tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, sleeveless blouses or similar clothing when a sleeved blouse or shirt is worn under it or over it.

In all of the above specifics, the school reserves the right to judge the appropriateness of the student’s dress of appearance. The final decision rests with the principal. Violations of the dress code will result in notifying parents and addressing the violation with the student which may include detentions or other disciplinary action.

HEALTH SERVICES

Kindergarten health forms are distributed to the parents before registration. These should be returned BEFORE school starts, or as soon as possible thereafter. All students of our school must be properly immunized. This is State Law. The Franklin Health Department assists us to ensure that this law is carried out.

MEDICATION POLICY

- When it is a necessity that a student receive medication at school:
 - A written parental request must be received before any medication is administered. Ask the teacher or office for a Medication Form.
 - The container must be plainly labeled with the student’s name, dosage and time to be given.
 - Students are not permitted to keep prescription medication.
 - The prescription medication will be kept under lock and key at all times in a location determined by the principal.
 - The principal shall determine who shall give the medication to the student.
 - Any change in doctor’s orders must be secured in writing.
 - No over the counter medication shall be given to students without written permission from parents or legal guardian. All medication must be in original containers and parents’ instructions may not exceed manufacturer’s recommended dosages.

If prescription medication is brought to school without parental consent and written doctor’s orders, the prescription medication shall be confiscated and the parent notified by the principal.

INJURY REPORTS

Any student sustaining more than a mild injury will receive medical treatment as determined by the staff member present. After the incident the staff member will fill out an Injury Report that is reviewed and signed by the principal. The report is given to a parent/guardian and may be informed ahead of the child being picked up.

St. Paul's Staff has been trained in First Aid and CPR. Any serious injury will be evaluated by or with the aid of professional services following the child's emergency medical information. Parents/Guardians will be notified as soon as possible in any incident.

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STATEMENT

God created human sexuality and gender at creation when he tells us that "male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). These two distinct, complementary genders are God's design for people as they relate to one another in all matters of life, including human sexuality and marriage (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's creative action and design for the individual (Psalm 139:13-14).

BOY AND GIRL RELATIONSHIPS

Wholesome and God-pleasing relationships among our students are encouraged. The grade school is neither the time nor the place for public displays of affection. Students will be counseled if problems arise and parents will be informed if inappropriate behavior persists.

ATTENDANCE

When students are tardy or absent, this causes interruptions and hinders learning for both the individual student and the classroom. The purpose of this policy is to encourage punctuality and regular school attendance.

Families must inform the school office by 8:30am on or before the day of the absence if a child is to be absent or tardy for any reason. This can be done via email, phone call, or voice message to the main office. Please provide your child's name, grade, and the reason for the absence.

If we are not contacted by 8:30am, families will receive a call from the school.

- Students arriving before 10:00 will be counted as present all day but marked tardy.
- Students arriving between 10:00 and 12:00 will be marked 0.5 days absent.
- Students leaving between 11:00 and 1:00 will be marked 0.5 days absent.
- Students leaving after 2:00 will be excused.

Excused and Unexcused Absences/Tardies. There are two types of absences/tardies – excused and unexcused. School administration, not parents, has the final determination regarding which type of absence applies.

Excused Absences/Tardies include: student illness, student medical or dental appointment, serious illness of an immediate family member, family emergency, severe weather when the school is not officially closed.

Unexcused Absences/Tardies include: any reason that is not excused, including oversleeping, refusing to go to school, attending or participating in a sporting event or activity. Please note that under Wisconsin law, students who have five or more unexcused absences for part or all of a day in one semester are considered habitually truant, and the school will take appropriate action, in accordance with state law.

Absence due to illness. If a student misses one day due to illness, please do not call for make-up work. The student will receive any missed work the following day. If a student will be absent longer than one day, families should contact the student's teacher regarding make-up work. Teachers will decide which items may be given during the absence and which will be made up after the absence. If a student is absent for an entire day due to illness, they are not allowed to participate in after school activities.

Absence due to vacation. Vacations taken while school is in session are strongly discouraged. If a family takes a vacation while school is in session, the school office and classroom teacher must be informed as far in advance as possible, and at least three days before the planned absence. Families must provide a written request to the office. Teachers are not expected to prepare assignments in advance to accommodate vacation plans. When the student returns to school after a vacation, the assignments will be given out together with a deadline for their completion.

TARDINESS

All students are expected to be at school by 8:10 and in the classroom at 8:15. If they are not **in the classroom** by 8:15 they will be marked tardy for that day. If a student arrives after 8:15 they should first report to the office so that they will be removed from the absentee list. They should then report to the classroom.

After **3** unexcused tardies in the same quarter, parents will be notified by the principal to rectify the situation. If tardiness continues the Board of Lutheran Schools will be contacted to handle the situation.

In the event the student is late 8 days within a quarter they will lose all privileges to extracurriculars for the remainder of the quarter.

TRUANCY

God gives us the opportunity to grow in the knowledge He has given us through our time at school. St. Paul's Lutheran School expects that parents put a priority on education and it starts with being **present** and punctual. School understands that illness and unforeseen events will arise but keeping them to a minimum is the goal.

- If your child is going to be absent, we ask that a parent/guardian call in to school to let the office/teacher know your child will be absent and the **reason** for the absence.
- Students will be granted 20 "grace" absences (in which work is still meant to be completed and they will have as many days as they were absent to make up the work.)
- However, on the 21st absence the student will lose all privileges to extracurriculars for the remainder of the year.
- At 24 absences your enrollment at St. Paul's may be terminated at the determination of the Board of Education.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

A **fever** is a warning sign that all is not right with the body. Do not allow a child to return to school until he/she has been free of fever for 24 hours.

The **common cold** presents the most frequent problem to parents. A child with a hacking cough or heavy nasal congestion belongs home, even if he/she has no fever. If your child complains of a sore throat and has no other symptoms, he/she may go to school. If white spots can be seen in the back of the throat or if a fever is present, keep him/her home and call your doctor.

Keep your child home if he/she has a **stomachache**, which is persistent or severe enough to limit his/her activity. If **vomiting** occurs, keep your child home until he/she can keep food and liquids down. A child with **diarrhea** should be kept at home. Good hand-washing is especially important in stopping the spread of any infections.

A student who is ill not only endangers the health of other students, but he/she causes unnecessary disruptions in the classroom schedule and in the office.

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

So that no family is deprived of a Christian Education, we hope that transportation can be arranged for all students wishing to attend St. Paul's School. The city of Franklin, Milwaukee, Greendale and Oak Creek will pay parents **who live within designated boundaries** to transport the children themselves. Parents may wish to get together and form car pools.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The school does provide before school and after school care. Care opens at 6:30AM and closes at 5:00PM. The cost is \$6.00 per hour, billed in 15 minute increments. If care is needed, it is important to inform the teachers in the before and after care program ahead of time. Weekly bills are given to families who use the care. Families will not be able to utilize the aftercare program if they have an outstanding balance of \$150 or more. Once the account is up-to-date students will be allowed to continue. This care is provided for children in grades K5-8 ONLY on days when the school is in session. THERE IS NO CARE AVAILABLE ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.

STUDENT MORNING DROP-OFF

Students may be dropped off at the main doors using the circle drive as long as they are prepared to exit the vehicle quickly. This will ensure the drop-off line will continue moving and remains open. If your child needs assistance or time to exit the vehicle please park in a parking spot for the convenience of others. There is NO PARKING along the curb or circle drive at any time.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

At the end of the day the students will be dismissed outside. Parents must park in a parking spot and walk over to the sidewalk to pick up their children. The drive through circle at the front door will be closed at that time to ensure safety and be in compliance with fire department requirements. Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade will be dismissed at the main entrance. Students in 5th through 8th Grade will be dismissed at the northern part of the parking lot (near the parsonage).

EARLY ARRIVALS AND LATE PICKUPS

In the morning all should enter the building through the front entrance. Children may arrive between 7:45-8:10AM. If students arrive before 7:45 AM, they will enter the front door and go to the 3K room where before school arrangements should have been made.

If students arrive between 7:45 and 8:05AM they are to remain at the tables in the main hallway under teacher supervision until 8:05 when classroom teachers pick up the class. Students are expected to have school work or a book to read during this time. Students arriving after 8:05 AM should report directly to their classroom. The lounge space in the main lobby is reserved for parents only.

After school, all children should be picked up within 15 minutes of school closing. Students are to be picked up by 3:30 PM on full school days, and 12:15 PM on half days. If it will be longer than 15 minutes, arrangements should be made with the office.

If children are not picked up by their parent by 3:30PM, they will be sent to the after school room and will be charged the after school hourly fee. Frequent failure to make arrangements or pick children up on time will require a meeting with the principal to rectify the situation so that the best care for children can be provided.

MONDAY MESSENGER

This is a weekly newsletter that is sent home via email on the first school day of each week throughout the school year. Teachers pass on information to you by means of the Monday Messenger. Any school event, schedules or changes will be announced through this newsletter. Parents with more than one child will receive only one e-mail or packet of information. This packet will be sent home with the youngest child of your family. **Please take the time to read it each week as this is the main form of communication with our families.**

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event that hazardous weather or very heavy snow makes it necessary to call off school, an announcement will be made through TADS Educate, on our website, Facebook and over the local television stations. Look for the announcements for **St. Paul's Lutheran Franklin**. We will make the closure announcement by 6:00 AM.

EMERGENCY EVENT COMMUNICATION

If there is an emergency requiring evacuation of students and staff, information will be shared as necessary. Parents/guardians are not to arrive at the school. Notification to families in regard to picking up their children and the location will be shared as it is made available.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost or found items should be reported to the school secretary or teacher. Lost and found items are located in the main hallway. Items not claimed after 2 weeks will be donated or discarded.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Many programs at St. Paul's are successful because of parents volunteering their time. There are several committees to help the teachers run programs such as sports, hot lunch, library, fundraisers, yearbook, etc. If you are interested in becoming more involved through volunteering and activities please contact the principal or the office with your intentions.

SCHOOL CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

All families with children in Kindergarten - Grade 8 are required to sign up for one cleaning or maintenance date either during the school year or the summer. A captain for each crew will be assigned and will let you know the time and date for the cleaning and maintenance jobs. They will inform you of supplies that are on hand, where they are, other special things you may need, and what repair projects that will be done. To make sure that we have enough people to complete the work in the shortest amount of time, we ask that both parents come if possible. There are also some special projects during the year that require many volunteers. Your family's tuition has a \$300 built in credit based on your future participation during the school year or summer. If you don't fulfill this responsibility your family will be billed for the \$300. A Signup Genius will be utilized to fill the necessary volunteers. This is a first come, first serve choice. If for some reason your family is unable to assist on the dates scheduled please contact the principal to learn of other opportunities to serve in its place.

HOT LUNCH

At the start of the 2025-26 school year, St. Paul's has no Hot Lunch Coordinator. Without a hot lunch coordinator St. Paul's families will need to ensure their child has a cold lunch each day.

If during the year there is a change or there are special meals planned we will follow the following Hot Lunch procedures:

Hot lunch may be served up to five times a week depending on volunteers. Please sign up if you can help (even if it is only once a month). You may order hot lunch for your child monthly using your link to MealManage. MealManage is a system that will allow you to view menus, order food, and add funds to your child(ren)'s lunch account(s). Orders need to be completed ahead of time. Watch your Monday Messenger for announcements and important links.

MILK PROGRAM

White and chocolate milk (both 1%) is made available to students for a cost of \$60.00 per year.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

The Wisconsin Lutheran Schools of the Milwaukee area participate together in various sport leagues. St. Paul's School participates in a number of these leagues. The boys compete in soccer, cross-country, basketball, softball and track. The girls compete in soccer (with boys team), cross-country, basketball, volleyball, softball and track. Our school colors are black and gold. Interscholastic sports involve team competitions that are played against teams from neighboring schools, and generally include St. Paul's students in grade 5-8. Students are required to have a physical exam bi-annually.

A completed physical form needs to be turned in to the athletic director prior to participation in any interscholastic sport. Physical forms are available from the athletic director. The aim of our sports program is to develop healthy children and to encourage good sportsmanship. The Athletic Team Handbook is available for parents who have students involved in extracurricular sport programs.

GOALS OF THE ATHLETIC MINISTRY

- To glorify Christ in all that is done on and off the playing field or court. Also to understand how the use of physical skills can be a form of worship.
- To help athletes establish a firmer and more personal relationship with Christ.
- To help athletes realize the importance of other people in their lives and the value of working with them.
- To help the athletes improve their ability to make critical decisions under pressure with very little time in which to do so.
- To encourage the athletes to be free in allowing themselves to experience the emotions they feel, yet not to let these emotions control them or make them ineffective people.
- To improve the athletes overall physical condition and better specific athletic skills.
- To provide a positive athletic experience for each athlete in order to encourage a lifelong enjoyment of sports and recreational activities.

Noteworthy Dates and Activities

August	@ St. Paul's	@ Wisconsin Lutheran High School
19	First Day of School	
29	No School	
September		
1	Labor Day (No School)	
2&4		Grade School Band Open House (6-8pm) Children's Choir Auditions (6-8pm)
5		Grade School Football Tailgate Party (5pm)
11	Picture Day	
19	Outdoor Movie Night	
22		5th & 6th Grade Spelling Bee (5-8pm)
24		7th & 8th Grade Spelling Bee (5-8pm)
26	No School (Teacher Inservice)	
October		
3	K-8 Parents' Day (Noon Dismissal)	
8		Grade School Cross Country Meet at McCarty Park (4pm)
12		WLHS Open House
24	Trunk or Treat (6pm)	
30-31	WELS WI Teachers Conference (No School)	
November		
4	K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (PM Only)	
6	K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)	
7	No School	
15		7th & 8th Grade Forensics Festival

17-21		7th Grade Tours of WLHS
20	Bedtime Blessings (3K-Grade 2)	
26-28	Thanksgiving Break	
December		
Fridays in December	Themed Dress-up Days	
21	K-8 Children's Christmas Service (4:30pm)	
22-Jan 4	Christmas Break	
January		
5	School Resumes	
26-30	Spirit Week	
February		
1	Community Open House (11:30-2pm)	
5&6	Winter Break (No School)	
15		Kids Carnival - 3rd Grade and younger (1:00)
March	March Madness Book Bracket	
5-6	Metro Milwaukee WELS Teacher Conference (No School)	
12		"Make a Splash" at Ingelside Resort (4:30pm)
13	K-8 Grandparents' Day (Noon Dismissal)	
21		WLHS Piano Festival
22		WLHS Piano Festival Honors Recital (1:30pm)
23-27	Scholastic Book Fair Week	
24		Grade School Math Track Meet (4:00pm)
26	Social Studies Fair (6:30pm)	

April		
3	Good Friday (No School)	
6-10	Spring Break	
20-23		4th Grade "Roundabout"
25		5th & 6th Grade Forensics Festival
27		1st & 2nd Grade Spelling Bee (5-8 pm)
29		3rd & 4th Grade Spelling Bee (5-8pm)

May		
1	Lower Grade Plays	
6		Future Freshmen Parents Night (7pm)
8		Grade School Track Meet
22	Track and Field Day	
25	Memorial Day (No School)	
28	PreK Promotion	
28	Last Day of School (Noon Dismissal)	
28	Graduation (6:30pm)	