

St. Paul's Christian Day School

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and its Christian Day School Board, I would like to thank you for supporting the ministry of St. Paul's day school. We look forward to entering a 38th year of providing quality, developmentally appropriate early childhood/elementary education and care for children. Our safe, loving, Christian environment with degreed teachers, experienced staff, and low staff/child ratios will nurture the spiritual, emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth of your children and help them develop to their potentials as they are ready.

You have access to 2021-22 school year class and fee information and if a St. Paul's member or current family, an on-line registration form to submit for each child that you are enrolling. **Please take the time to thoroughly read all information provided.** There are no tuition increases, although there is a 3.5% registration fee increase and small increases in lunches for Frisky Frogs – 6th Grade. **Remember that as you review our tuition fees and compare them to other area schools or daycare centers, our school year rates are based on 9 monthly payments; in contrast to a 10 or 12 month pay system or weekly charges.** The day school is not self-supporting; thanks be to God for the St. Paul's congregation, the CDS Parent Support Group, Rainbow Fund supporters, and organizations like Thrivent Financial, which provide over \$400,000 in additional resources to fund the quality you and your children deserve while keeping tuition rates reasonable. **We believe that your investment in your child's education at St. Paul's will reap countless rewards throughout your child's educational career and his/her life.** There is nothing better than a faith-based educational program for young children. It gives them a solid foundation upon which the rest of their educational and spiritual lives are built. God has blessed St. Paul's with a dedicated Christian staff, many of whom have given over 10, 20, and 30 plus years of service to the day school. As we continue to attend workshops, gather information, and evaluate what we do, we receive much affirmation that our approach to educating children is right on target. Our confidence in our ministry is evidenced by CDS alumni who are honor roll students, high school honor graduates, successful college graduates, and productive members of society. We praise God for His never-failing love and guidance of the Christian Day School!

Due to the COVID pandemic, we will not conduct in-person registration for St. Paul's members and current families. Families who are eligible to register on Monday and Tuesday are assured of class placement for their children. We have polled our Tumbling Turtle parents as to class preference (M/T or W-F), and we can accommodate all preferences. For Bouncing Bears, we are replacing the 2 day option and adding a 3rd three day class. An afternoon Ocean Treasure class will be offered. If your pre-kindergarten child does not require an afternoon nap, you should consider this option. A full day of activity is just the ticket for those non-nappers.

Children who need care in addition to their school time benefit greatly from the school year Extended Care program as it provides a less structured, yet quality extension of the school program with individualized enrichment, instruction, extra practice of academic skills, and homework assistance.

We will conduct 2021 summer program registration after Spring Break in order to assess the COVID impact on summer programming (e.g. Field Trips). The Christian Day School summer program provides a wonderful

extension of care for the summer months. There are fun class activities and field trips; as well as, academic enrichment to keep the children “moving” academically so there is no regression of skills during the summer.

Registration dates are given below. The *Member in Good Standing* form and Parent Support Group Volunteer form are not required this year to register.

Monday, January 25

Church/school staff and St. Paul’s Members submit on-line registration form (A birth certificate copy is required for a 1st time registrant.)

Tuesday, January 26

Families who have children currently enrolled in the school submit on-line registration form (A birth certificate copy is required for a 1st for a 1st time registrant.)

Wednesday, January 27

Public Registration process begins. Registration numbers and forms for Thursday will be distributed at 5:00 p.m. on the portico of the church. If arriving earlier than 5:00, you will be responsible for the order of arrival. You, or another person representing you, must remain on the premises of the school and church at all times. You must wear a mask when not social distancing.

Thursday, January 28

In-Person Public Registration begins PROMPTLY at 7:00 a.m. (Bring your registration number, a completed registration form, and a copy of the child’s birth certificate.) You must wear a mask.

We will do everything we can to meet the needs of your family. Thank you for your support of the day school. Please call the school office if you need additional assistance.

Thankful for the opportunity to serve my Lord through the CDS,

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