

July 18, 2019

Dear Parents and Students,



Greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning families to the St. Paul community. It is with great excitement that we open our doors for the 2019-2020 School Year. As we begin a new year, I pray that each family will help us grow together as a community who is joyfully sharing the love of Christ.

This year, our school theme is *“Together in Christ: Joyful Always”* and is based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18, *“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* Throughout the school year we will be focused on the “joy” that comes from knowing Jesus as our Lord and Savior. God can do “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” (Eph. 3:20) and He encourages us to be faithful in prayer and thankful in all circumstances. What a joy to share this truth with your children throughout the year! We are blessed to work with your family and rejoice that God is working miracles in the lives of our students each day. Please know that we are praying for your family and are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing in Jesus.

Summer Mailing:

Enclosed in this mailing is the following important information:

- **2019 Family Financial Statements- Tuition and Education Fees**
- **FACTS Verification or Enrollment Form****
- **Financial Assistance Award Letters****
- **2019 Emergency Form**
- **2019-2020 Academic Calendar**
- **2019-2020 Tuition Policy**

****Return by August 2nd**

Payments and FACTS forms may also be mailed to the school office prior to the August 2nd deadline. New FACTS tuition enrollment forms may also be completed on-line at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3YTFC> . Please remember that all monthly tuition payments must be paid through FACTS. Regular summer hours for the school office are Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00.

Access School Forms On-line

For your convenience, St. Paul School has made all school enrollment forms available on our website at www.stpaulflint.com. Please select the **SCHOOL** tab and look for 2019-2020 **SCHOOL FORMS** or **SUPPLY LISTS**. We have made all Classroom Supply Lists available as well as additional forms such as the **Emergency Form, Free and Reduced Lunch Application, Latchkey/Childcare Registration, Concussion Awareness Form, Prescription/Medication Permission Form, Dress Code, School Calendar and the Health Appraisal Form—required for all new students and students entering kindergarten and 7th grade.**

Faculty Changes:

We are pleased to announce two new additions to our faculty. We welcome **Mrs. Danielle Voiles** and **Mrs. Kathryn Young** to St. Paul this fall. Mrs. Voiles will be serving as our lead teacher in the Great Start to Readiness Program (GSRP) and holds a Professional Michigan Teaching Certificate with a special endorsement in Early Childhood. Mrs. Young will be serving as our new Preschool-4 Teacher. Mrs. Young also holds a Professional Teaching Certificate from the State of Michigan and brings more than 25 years of Lutheran teaching experience to the classroom. Both of these teachers have an exceptional heart for teaching young children and look forward to an exciting year. (OVER)

New Changes:

This summer, our staff has been busy preparing classrooms, purchasing new supplies and updating curriculum. Our summer childcare program is expanding, and new carpeting, paint and blinds are being installed in many classrooms. St. Paul has also updated our school technology and improved wireless internet connections throughout the building. New fencing has also been added around sections of the playground. We are again offering an exciting list of extra-curricular activities including competitive Athletics, Band, Book Bowl, Student Council and Robotics. We will also be offering several elective mini-courses throughout the year for our Middle School students including: Chess, Spanish, Photography, Sign-Language, Creative Writing, Drama, Journalism/Broadcasting and Computer Coding.

Summer Reading Requirement:

Please remember that all St. Paul students will be required to complete our **Summer Reading Challenge**. This will be turned into your homeroom teacher the first week of school. Research has shown that summer reading is critical to the academic success of your child. Students in Grades 1-4 will complete the **Scholastic Reading Challenge** while middle school students will complete the **Summer Reading Project**. You can find the complete Summer Reading assignment on our school website at www.stpaulflint.com under School Forms. The St. Paul Library is open every Wednesday morning from 9:00am-noon if you need to check out some summer reading.

Dress Code Update:

The Board of Christian Education has worked to help simplify the dress code and make it more consistent. Our school uniform-style dress code is designed to encourage students to dress neatly and modestly, build a sense of community and remain cost-effective for parents. Student dress should always reflect our Christian character and show respect for each other and the learning environment.

The St. Paul Dress Code is based on the uniform style clothing available at many local stores. Land's End also has a school uniform catalog available and carries a St. Paul Lutheran School logo that you can have embroidered on a polo shirt, sweater or sweatshirt for an additional fee of \$5.50. Their web site is landsend.com/school. **Our Land's End Preferred School Number is 900158411 and the St. Paul Logo Number is 1321468.**

Students are required to wear **navy blue or khaki uniform style pants, skirts, shorts, skorts, or jumpers in a sturdy cotton/polyester blend**. Slacks must fit modestly and may not be a low-rise cut. **Jean style pants and cargo pants are not acceptable**. All polo or oxford shirts must be collared, in solid colors, and fit appropriately. Our school logo can be added from Land's End. **No other logos, beading/sequins or wording is permitted. Solid color sweaters** may be worn in the classroom over a collared shirt in the following styles: crew neck, V-neck, cardigan or vests. **Sweaters may not have zippers or hoods. Boots may not be worn in the classroom and shoes must remain tied.**

Final Registration Day/Parent Orientations—Thursday, August 22nd

Final Registration/Orientation Day will be held on Thursday, August 22nd. The School Office will be open from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. for parents to return forms, make payments, purchase gym clothes and activate Chalkable accounts. Teachers will hold Parent Orientation sessions in the classrooms at 6:00 and 6:45 pm. **These orientation sessions are required for all parents** and will help clarify classroom procedures and expectations. **Our new school year begins on Monday, August 26th at 8:15 a.m. The Opening Chapel Service is at 8:30 a.m. with early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Childcare will be available until 6:00 p.m.**

As I look ahead to the new school year, I want to assure you of our continued commitment to creating a safe, Christ-centered community for your children that celebrates academic excellence and prepares them for leadership and service. Please feel free to contact me at any time through the summer with additional questions or concerns at (810) 239-6733 or by e-mail at mbuck@stpaulflint.com. May God bless you as you enjoy these weeks of summer.