

# 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 34<sup>th</sup> year of providing quality, developmentally appropriate early childhood/elementary education and care for children. Our safe, loving, Christian environment with certified 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.

Enclosed you will find information regarding the 2017-2018 school year and the 2017 summer program.

**Please take the time to thoroughly read all information provided.** In order to give staff their first salary increase in four years and cover rises in staff health care costs and operating expenses, tuition and fee increases were unavoidable. The CDS Board worked very hard to keep increases to a minimum. **Remember that as you review our tuition fees and compare them to other area schools or daycare center, 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 for Lutherans, which make over \$350,000 in additional resources available to provide 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 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!

As you consider your registration decisions, keep in mind that there are no guarantees of "first choice" classes (i.e. morning v. afternoon, 3 day v. 2 day, etc.). We will continue to offer two full-day Kindergarten classes, and are prepared to provide two classes of 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>, grade, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for next year. Extended Care space needs are difficult to predict, but we are confident we will meet your needs for full or part time extended care. 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. If your pre-kindergarten child does not require an afternoon nap, you should consider the afternoon program. A full day of activity is just the ticket for those non-nappers.

The Christian Day School summer program also provides a wonderful extension of care for the summer months. There are fun class activities and field trips, as well as, academic enrichment which keep the children “moving” academically so there is no regression of skills during the summer. See the enclosed information about the summer field trip and activity plan. May 1 is the deadline to register for the summer program, but we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Public registration for our summer program continues to grow each year, so do not delay. We want to be sure we meet your needs first!

Over the past two years, thanks to the Facility Maintenance Fund, we were able to replace flooring in 5 classrooms, repaint 8 classrooms, clean and repair carpet, and provide blinds in 4 classrooms. With each monthly tuition billing, there is an additional \$5.00 Facility Maintenance Fee per child. We are so blessed that these funds are providing the opportunity to refurbish our well-used classrooms, and will allow continued “face lifts” this summer.

As previously stated, The CDS Parent Support Group provides incredible support for the school which is a key component in the school’s ability to provide the best of care and education for young children. For the PSG to accomplish all of its goals to help the school, 100% CDS family involvement is necessary. See the enclosed information about new volunteer requirements that will go into effect with the new school year.

Registration dates are given below. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

<b>Monday, February 6</b>	<b>Registration for church/school staff and St. Paul’s</b> (St. Paul’s members must bring a signed & dated <i>Member in Good Standing</i> form in order to register.)
<b>Tuesday, February 7</b>	<b>Registration for families who have children currently enrolled in the school</b>
<b>Thursday, February 9</b>	<b>Public Registration</b>

A person may register for one immediate family unit only. An individual will be given only one registration processing number which will allow him/her to register for that one family unit even if it includes more than one child. Please have the **light purple 2017-18 school year registration forms** and the **yellow summer forms** completed before you arrive. **No registration papers will be accepted prior to registration day, and they are not to be sent in the backpack.** For registration on Tuesday and Thursday, a sign-in sheet will be placed in the Fellowship Hall vestibule at 5:00 p.m. the previous day. If arriving earlier, you will be responsible for the order of arrival. Once you have signed-in, you, or someone in your place, must remain on the premises of St. Paul’s. A person must be present for each signature.

New registration fee payment options are offered this year. See the back of the purple registration form to choose which option is best for your family. Any special needs or concerns regarding registration or tuition fees can be discussed with me at anytime.

Again, we thank you for your support of the day school. If I can be of additional assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call.

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

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