

Dear Fifth and Sixth Grade Parents and Students,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have recently finalized our classroom rosters and are preparing for our upcoming school year. It will certainly look different, but the love of our Lord and Savior remains the same, and the Gospel will be proclaimed just the same as it has been to generations of students here at St. Paul Lutheran School.



Our staff has been meeting regularly to find ways to keep each student as safe as possible throughout the school day. We have had to be creative and think “outside the box” for some of these ideas. But, I can assure you that every decision made has been for the benefit and safety of each student. These decisions will be evaluated on a daily and weekly basis to make sure each decision is for the benefit of our students. If changes need to be made, they will be made. Students will always be the most important factor in our decision making process.

Our first major event for the upcoming school year will be our ***Load Your Locker*** event on Thursday, August 20th from 5:00 P.M. until 6:25 P.M. Please make sure ALL items are labeled. We are highly encouraging as many students to attend this event to drop off school supplies prior to the first day of school. If you are unable to attend our ***Load Your Locker*** event, please contact me via text or email to set up an alternative time to drop off school items.

Load Your Locker

Preschoolers - 8th graders and their parents are invited to drop off school supplies on Thursday, August 20.

Families with last names starting with **A-G** please visit between **5:00-5:25 p.m.**

Families with last names starting with **H-M** please visit between **5:30-5:55 p.m.**

Families with last names starting with **N-Z** please visit between **6:00-6:25 p.m.**

Here are a few “extra” items I am requesting each student bring to school for the upcoming school year. It would help our class out tremendously.

- **Bag Style Lawn Chair** - Our class will be outside as much as possible when weather permits for both teaching and lunch. I am also looking for pop-up tents as well for outside education. If you could help in any way please contact me via text or email.
- **White Boards** - These white boards would be used for multiple classes. With limited movement in the classroom, it is extremely important that we can have communication and opportunities for collaboration while still social distancing.
- **Laptop or Chromebook** - ***(If you do not have either, NO PROBLEM)*** Our school recently approved One-to-One technology for each student at St. Paul. This is outstanding for our students, however, the demand for technology has delayed the shipping of these items. In the meantime, St. Paul is allowing students in grades 5-8 to bring their own laptop or Chromebook until we are ready to fully implement our One-to-One learning plan. Please let me know if your son or daughter plans on bringing in a laptop or Chromebook. Also, if you know of anyone who may have a gently used laptop or Chromebook that they may donate to our class to help out until our One-to-One plan is in place would be invaluable.
- **Water Bottles** - Students will not have access to hallway drinking fountains at this time. It is extremely important that students bring in water bottles each school day. I will be purchasing cases of water bottles for our class for the first month of school IF students need water. If your family would like to donate water for our classroom, please contact me at any time via text or email.
- **Snacks** - Snacks will not be available from the lunchroom at this time, so each student should bring in his or her own snack each day if they choose. Snacks should be a packaged item that is individually pre-packaged.
(Snacks are not mandatory for students)

More information will be coming out in the upcoming days and weeks, but I wanted to highlight our Load Your Locker event on Thursday, August 20th. Thank you for your time. I continue to be blessed with outstanding parents here at St. Paul Lutheran School. I look forward to working together for the benefit of your son or daughter.

In Christ,
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