



Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church and School
(Wisconsin Synod)
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Dear Redeemer Lutheran School Families:

Greetings in the name of our risen Savior. How exciting that the new school year is just a few weeks away. We will kickoff the new year on August 14th. With this letter, it is my goal to help answer some of the questions that you may have about the upcoming school year. If there are any additional questions that you may have or would like to set up a meeting, please feel free to call the school office. We would be glad to help you in any way that we can. We are here to serve you and your families through the love of Jesus.

New Teachers

We welcome **Miss Louisa Kahrs and Mrs. Brenda Willis** to our faculty. Miss Kahrs will be teaching in our second 4-year old PreKindergarten classroom in the morning and in the 2nd grade classroom in the afternoon. She is a recent graduate of our synod teacher training school, Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. Mrs. Willis will be teaching the 2nd grade classroom in the morning. She is a member of our congregation and has over 20 years of teaching experience. We are thankful to have these ladies join our faculty.

Registration

We are going to have Registration on a Sunday afternoon this year. It will be taking place on **August 6th from Noon - 4:00 PM** in the Ministry Center. One of our goals with registration is to make sure that everything is covered for enrolling your children, and at the same time streamline the process as best we can. You can view all of the items you will need for registration by following this link: <http://www.redeemertucson.com/registration>. You should be able to click the link and automatically be taken to the website. If that doesn't work, you can copy and paste it into the address field of your internet browser. You can also go to the church and school website, click on "School" and then "Registration." Each item is then explained on the website. If you would like hard copies of any of these items, you can pick them up in the school office, or I can send them out to you. AzMerit and AIMS scores from this past spring will be handed out at registration as well. If you would like these reports sooner, you can pick them up in the school office.

Orientation

The teachers would like to spend some time with you getting to know your family and sharing important information with you about the upcoming school year at one of our orientation meetings. You can go right to your child's classroom at the times listed below. We will keep the presentations to 30 minutes or less, so that you can make it to all of your children's classrooms on the same day. Students are welcome to attend as well.

August 9th: 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM

August 10th: 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM, 7:30 PM

August 11th: 1:30 PM, 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM

Back to School Night and Opening Service - August 13th

Once again, our school year will begin with an opening service on the day before school starts. The opening service will be at **4:00 pm on Sunday, August 13th**. After the service, the classrooms will be open for students to bring their school supplies and to get settled even before the opening bell rings.

Software Changes

First, we have made a change in our database/ grading software. The product that we are using now is called Alma. You should have received an email from Alma earlier this week. It has information of how to login. There is not a lot to see in Alma yet, but eventually you will be able to see more as we get the database built out. We will be using this database as a communication tool as well. You should have received this via email from the new software. You may also receive some text messages as well to keep you informed.

We have made a switch in the financial software as well. If we have your credit card on file, this credit card was charged on July 20th for the first tuition payment. If we have a checking or savings account (ACH withdrawal) on file, we will charge this for the first tuition payment in the near future. We are waiting on some features to be put in place. If you need to update any of this information, the forms are available on the Registration page. You can email, fax, or send these forms back to the school office, or feel free to stop in.

Tuition

The **tuition plan** for the 2017-2018 school year will be the same as the last few year. First, the maximum out of pocket (MOP) expense for parents will be \$2000 for the first child and \$1000 for each additional student. This can be split into 10 payments throughout the school year. Second, the total tuition is \$6000 per student. Third, we will partner with you to cover the remaining tuition amount (\$4000 for the first child, \$5000 for each additional child) through the Arizona State Tax Credit program. **The School Board spent some time updating the language of the policy and spelling out the procedure in the case of unpaid tuition. Please spend some time reading through these updates.** The document is on the Registration page of our website. I will discuss this with you on Registration Day and answer any questions that you have.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in the near future. May God's face shine on you as you wrap up your summer.

In Christ,



Michael H Peek
Principal

