



GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Summer greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Less than two weeks ago we finished one school year and here we go talking about another school year. In the life of a school this is very common practice. We work to finish one year, close the books on that year, and begin planning for the new school year. We are excited about the 2011-2012 and in just over a month the teachers will report to work and begin all the planning for that year. This letter is being sent to you to give you some information concerning next school year.

Planning for next year is well underway! At this time the ECE and school staff assignments look like this: Pre-School and Pre-K classes are still undecided because of slow enrollment; Mrs. Hostler and Mrs. Martinez, Kindergarten; Mrs. Parrish and Mrs. Garbrecht, first grade; Mrs. Sear, second grade; Mrs. Walters, third grade; Mrs. Walker, fourth grade; Mrs. Boyce and Mrs. Kirin, fifth grade; Mrs. Seckel, sixth grade; Mrs. Tremblay and Mr. Peterson, seventh grade; Mrs. Porter and Mr. Schelp, eighth grade; Mr. Miller, PE; Mrs. Sivills, Art; Mr. Arbeiter, technology; Mrs. Griffin, Spanish; and Mrs. Woth, CARE. **Please know that the above information is our plan at this time and the above is subject to change depending on enrollment.** Two positions still to be filled are music and Title 1 teacher. We will be working to fill them over the summer. We are blessed to have an outstanding staff committed to providing a great Christian education.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 17: Opening chapel services will take place in the church for Kindergarten through 8th grade and in Wesche Hall for the Early Childhood Center. The ECE chapel will begin at 8:30 AM. Chapel for the older students will be at 9:00 AM. You are invited to worship with us for this special service and every Wednesday after this when we have our weekly chapel services.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: The school office is open from 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. The Early Childhood Center office hours are 7:00 AM through 6:00 PM.

SCHOOL HOURS: Extended Child Care opens at 7:00 AM. All students who come to school before 7:50 AM are to go to the Early Childhood Center for care. School doors will open around 7:50 AM daily. Students are to report directly to their classrooms. Students should be in their classroom by 8:10 AM. Dismissal times are: PS-2's 11:30 AM; PS-3's 11:45 AM; and Pre-K is at 12:00 noon. Kindergarten dismissal is at 2:45 PM; Grades 1-5 is at 3:00 PM; and Grades 6-8 is at 3:10 PM. Extended Care reopens at 11:30 AM and closes at 6:00 PM. Students not picked up within 15 minutes after their class is dismissed will go to Extended Care for supervision.

TEACHER HOME VISITS: Home visits will be scheduled for August 1 through the 16th. Our teachers will be meeting with you to present important information and answer any questions concerning the new school year. **IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE HOME DURING THAT TIME, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.** New families will receive an Information Binder during their home visit. This binder will be a place for you to keep schedules, handbooks and other pieces of information that you receive from the school. Returning families of Grace are reminded to keep your binders and you will receive printed updates to place in your binders at the time of your home visit.



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UNIFORM DRESS: While the uniform adopted for school has not changed, returning families please note that students must be in uniform dress. Clothing not approved as part of our dress requires the approval of administration. Sir Walter has a new style of shorts/slacks that should meet every student's need. Also note that students will be allowed to wear school spirit items on Fridays only next school year. Please plan your uniform needs appropriately. Sir Walter will be at school on Wednesday, July 13th, from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM and August 1st, from 12:00 Noon till 6:00 PM both will be in Trinity Hall. Uniform Exchange will be available on these two days and at the same time.

RENWEB: RenWeb is our on-line school management system which enables parents to find a wide variety of school information online. New families will receive information about logging on to **RenWeb** during home visits. Returning families can continue to access their RenWeb account as they did last year. Every family will need to be sure updated e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and emergency contact information have been entered into RenWeb. Please take a few moments to contact the school office or early childhood office with your new, up-to-date e-mail address by July 22.

Some of the information that can be found on **RenWeb** will be the school calendar, directories, student rosters (once classes have been posted), SLA lunch order forms, medication forms, tuition fees, a variety of online forms, and much more.

Returning families please be aware that RenWeb is doing some updates one of which is a change to the login process. Each person will have a unique username to use as part of the process. If you have difficulty, please call the office and we will try to help.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP: Grace Lutheran volleyball camp for students in Grades 5 and up will be held on Monday, August 1 through Wednesday, August 3. The camp is from 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM. The cost is \$60 for the 3 days or \$25 for one day and participants registered for the 3 days will receive a T-shirt. Coach Kelly Bock from Auburndale High School will be leading the camp. The camp will be held in our gym. Participants are to bring their lunch, drink, and knee pads. Contact the school office at 293-9744 if interested or show up on the first day of camp with a parent. Checks should be payable to Grace Lutheran School. A registration form is available online.

TUITION FEES: Billing and payment status can be checked on RenWeb. Any questions regarding tuition/fee payments can be addressed to our bookkeeper, **Meredith Bearden, @ 299-9186 OR 287-3580.**

CLASS NEEDS LIST: Enclosed you will find information about supplies that are needed by your child for the first day of school. Each classroom lists their supplies differently, so please review them carefully. ***Please mark all materials with your child's name, including lunch boxes and clothes!***

Students in grade 2 - 8 will need to purchase a Bible. Our religion curriculum for grades 1-5 will be new next year and will require the purchase of a new version of the Bible. The required Bible is on sale at the school; an order form is enclosed with this letter, or you may purchase a Bible at the school Open House. The cost of Bibles is \$10.00.

SUMMER READING: The school library will be open for checking out reading materials according to the schedule below, from June 21 through July 15. The library will be closed on Monday, July 4.

MONDAY	8:00 AM—12:00 PM	TUESDAY	1:00 PM—5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM—12:00 PM	THURSDAY	1:00 PM—5:00 PM
FRIDAY	8:00 AM—12:00 PM		

Middle School students are reminded of their required summer reading. See RenWeb, or visit the school office if you need another copy of your summer reading assignment.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1:	Uniform Sale with Sir Walter from Noon till 6:00 PM; Teachers report to Work! Class Rosters Posted!
August 1-3:	Volleyball Camp for Grades 4 and Up 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
August 1-16:	Teachers making Home Visits
August 15:	ECE Mandatory Open House 7:00 PM (Child care provided)
August 16:	K-8 th Grade Open House 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM
August 17:	First Day of School
August 18:	PACE first meeting of the year – 8:30 AM
August 22:	Fall Sports Meeting
August 25:	K-5 Parent Back-to-School Night 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
August 30:	Middle School Parent Meeting 7:00 PM