

Return to School Plan 2020-2021

St. Paul's Lutheran School

Please Note: I plan to record this session to make it available to those unable to make it tonight or Thursday.

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

We thank and praise you for your love for us, your children. I pray that you would continue to bless St. Paul's Lutheran School as we continue to finalize plans for the 2020-2021 School Year. Be with our faculty and staff as they work to provide a safe learning environment. Bless our Lutheran School Board as they continue to make important decisions. Protect and keep our students and their families as they finish their summer and prepare for the start of the school year.

In Your most holy name we pray,

Amen.

Quote for the Day

This school year:

Will it be easy?

--NOPE!

Will it be worth it?

--ABSOLUTELY!

Teachers and staff are ready and excited to see students face-to-face again this year!

Plan for this evening

I. Presentation

- A. Plans
- B. Screener
- C. Morning Routine
- D. At Home

II. Questions and Answers

- A. Please keep your mic muted during the presentation
- B. Type questions in the chat or ask during time for questions
- C. I may not have an answer to every question, but I will do my best to record the question and answer as soon as an answer is available

Plans

The overall plans for the St. Paul's Lutheran School 2020-2021 School Year can be accessed on the school website at

<http://www.stpaulsconcordia.org/covid-19-updates>.

I will do my best to keep the page up-to-date with revised documents and new FAQs. Notification of updates will be published via Facebook and Textcaster.

Screenener

St. Paul's Lutheran School expects a parent or guardian to use screener (available on the Covid-19 Page) each morning for each child. The form is considered a tool to help parents identify signs and symptoms of illness. Many of these symptoms already required students to stay home (i.e. running a fever, diarrhea, vomiting, etc).

[SPLS Screener](#)

Morning Routine

- I. Before coming to school
 - A. A parent or guardian should use the screener provided by the school
 - B. Adults and students with symptoms should not enter the school building
- II. At entrance into the school
 - A. A staff member will take each student's temperature (<100)
 - B. Students will be asked to sanitize hands
 1. Hand sanitizer will be available upon entrance
 2. Students may otherwise go to the bathroom to wash hands
 3. Students will be directed to their classroom immediately
- III. At the lunch hour
 - A. Student and staff temperatures will be retaken to ensure no fever

Home

While at home, SPLS asks parents to:

1. Reinforce good hygiene through handwashing (20-30 seconds) with soap
2. Continue to socially distance as you are able
 - a. Greater than 6 feet
 - b. Limit other interactions with others
3. Use a mask if you are feeling under the weather or have a cough
4. Respect others' choices in regards to mask wearing

Questions:

I will answer now questions in this order:

1. Questions sent before the meeting
2. Questions in the chat
3. Questions over the mic

Will SPLS follow Concordia School District for Closings?

No, Concordia may be ordered to close because of an outbreak within their school where SPLS may be able to stay open. Additionally, we may be ordered to close a classroom or building while Concordia Public School is able to stay open. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that you sign-up to receive our textcaster messages and/or follow our Facebook page.

What will instruction look like for currently healthy students quarantined by Lafayette County Health Department?

If a student is healthy, but in quarantine by order of the Lafayette County Health Department, the plan will be synchronous learning through Google Hangouts/Zoom. This means, the teacher will set up a camera and the student will be expected to attend at the same time as the class would normally take place. If that is not possible, teachers may be able to record the lesson, but direct contact would be best!

Will SPLS host fall sports?

Unfortunately, the answer to this question is not finalized. As we learn more information, we will proceed with the sports' experience as we deem safe for our students.

Will I be able to walk my child into the building on the first day?

While SPLS understands that this decision will be difficult emotionally, we feel it is in the best interest of the safety of all students and staff to limit additional adults in the building during drop-off and pick-up every day. For that reason, students will need to be dropped off at the door. Younger students may have a staff member available to escort them safely to their classroom. For the first day of school, we recommend pictures to be taken before the school day starts. Most teachers plan to take pictures of students in the room on the first day so parents can still feel a part of that experience.

Thank you for understanding!

What is being done to ensure a clean and sanitized learning environment?

Our cleaning staff will continue to diligently clean and sanitize all rooms and hallways. Additional emphasis will be put on sanitizing high-volume touch areas (i.e. handles), shared technology (i.e. iPads), and bathrooms to ensure a safe learning environment. Teachers are developing additional procedures to keep a clean and safe learning environment in their classroom as well.

Questions from the Chat:



Other Questions:



Upcoming Events

August 16th: Back-to-School Event 4 PM (Virtual)

August 19th: First Day of School (11:30 AM Dismissal)

--No Extended Care

September 7th: No School (No Extended Care)

September 11th: No School

Canceled Events:

Breakfast for Everyone

Grandparents' Day (We look forward to 2021!)

Fantastic Family Fridays (We will continue to monitor)

Closing Prayer

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Resources

SPLS COVID-19 Updates Page

<http://www.stpaulsconcordia.org/covid-19-updates>

Covid FAQ Page:

<http://www.stpaulsconcordia.org/covid-19-updates>

AAP Explained:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/30/us/coronavirus-schools-reopening-guidelines-aap.html>