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ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
2009-2010 PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

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This Parent-Student Handbook has been adopted by the St. Lucas Board of Christian Education to provide a guide for parents, students, staff and others for carrying out St. Lucas School's Christ-centered mission, objectives, and philosophy concerning the Bible. The Board of Christian Education may update, modify, interpret, delete or replace this Handbook, the Enrollment Policy/Procedures, the Family-School Partnership Covenant and all other policies and procedures of St. Lucas Lutheran School at any time as it deems necessary, without prior notice.

MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL MISSION

Motivated by Christ's love for us, St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran School serves families by providing a Christ centered, quality education that nurtures mind, body, and spirit producing life-long learners and leaders who live to glorify the Lord.

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

1. Through daily nurture in God's Word St. Lucas' students will:
 - realize they are sinners in need of a savior.
 - be assured that because of God's great love for them He paid for all of their sins through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
 - be assured of God's great love for them every day and every hour through His protection and guidance.
 - respond to our Lord's love for them by learning how to use His Word in their lives to discern right from wrong and thus live sanctified, God-pleasing lives.
 - recognize and learn to fully use their God-given gifts and abilities.
 - grow spiritually through daily worship.
2. Through quality daily instruction in subjects and activities St. Lucas' students will:
 - understand those subjects from a Scriptural perspective.
 - acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes which will help them succeed in high school.
 - grow physically, socially, and emotionally.
3. Through regular contact with parents St Lucas School will help them grow in their:
 - knowledge, skills, and attitudes regarding nurturing their children as faithful followers of Jesus.
 - commitment to and understanding of full-time Christian education.
 - spiritual lives through daily and weekly worship and study of Scripture.
4. Through careful monitoring of school and student activities St. Lucas will provide a safe and loving environment for its students.
5. St. Lucas will encourage students who have the necessary gifts and talents to consider studying for full-time service in the public ministry.
6. Through active planning and implementation of these plans St. Lucas will:
 - aggressively reach out to the unchurched parents and children in its community.
 - assimilate new students and parents into the St. Lucas family.
7. Through cooperation among the Board of Christian Education, school parents, and the faculty, St. Lucas will seek to enroll 100% of member children in its school.

PHILOSOPHY CONCERNING THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God – the sole authority on faith and conduct. We further believe that the Bible does not contain any errors or contradictions. It is true in all parts including those that refer to history, geography, education, science, or other secular matters.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

At St. Lucas Lutheran School, all programs and activities, curricular and extra-curricular are grounded in the Word of God. Since Christian education is a team responsibility involving parents, teachers, school family, and congregation, we work in partnership with one another to prepare children for time and eternity. With this base, St. Lucas assists parents in growing the spiritual, academic, physical, and social gifts of the children.

CURRICULUM AND HOMEWORK

COURSES OF STUDY

St. Lucas students will study the following courses: God's Word, language arts (reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling), mathematics, science, social studies/history, music, art, physical education, technology.

Catechism instruction which will prepare students for Confirmation is included for students in grades 5-8. Our curriculum is unique because all subjects are taught in the light of God's Word.

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Homework plays an important role in the learning process. The purpose of homework is to enrich, reinforce, and extend the concepts which are taught in the classroom. Home work will be assigned to meet the needs appropriate to grade level, subject area, and ability. Homework expectations are approximately 10 minutes per grade level each day, for example: 3rd Grade = 30 minutes/day, 7th Grade = 70 minutes/day.

EXTENDED LEARNING

St. Lucas Lutheran School recognizes the value of an extended learning program for those students who need special assistance, especially in the areas of reading and math. If you believe your child may need special assistance, please speak with your child's teacher or the principal.

MEMORY TREASURES

Throughout His life Jesus quoted the Scriptures to witness about God's amazing grace, to comfort others in moments of need, and to defend His faith from attack. As future "leaders who live to glorify the Lord", St. Lucas students will memorize Bible passages, parts of the Catechism, and hymns as an important part of the religion curriculum. As Christian partners you are encouraged to listen to your child's recitation as part of the evening and/or morning routine.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are unique opportunities that further develop your child's learning outside the normal confines of the classroom. Field trips are considered regular school days, and students are expected to come. Since most trips involve transportation of students, cost of admission, and much planning, parents will receive a letter containing general information (date, location, driver/chaperones) and cost details.

COMMUNICATION OF STUDENT LEARNING

PARENT—TEACHER CONFERENCES

During the school year parents will be asked to attend two scheduled conferences with the teacher of their child(ren) for the purpose of communicating with the teacher about the student's progress. These conferences will be held at the end of the first quarter and second quarter (see attached). If at any point during the year you would like to have a special conferences with the teacher, feel free to call the teacher so an appointment can be arranged.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued four times each year. (The dates of issuance are a week after the last day of each quarter). Please evaluate and discuss your child's report card with him or her, sign the enclosed form, and have your child return only the form. You may keep the copy of his or her progress. Teachers have started

working on an online grading database called WebGrader.

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS

While the primary purpose of giving each student (grades 4-8) an assignment notebook is to foster responsibility and organizational skills, these notebooks also provide a valuable tool for parents to keep current on what their child is learning and monitor their progress at home. If your child loses his/her notebook, another is available from the school office at a small cost.

LANCER LETTER

In order to better serve our families, the school administration publishes a news publication, Lancer Letter, that highlights activities or informs parents of updates for that week.

TEACHER AVAILABILITY

St. Lucas teachers are willing to speak with you concerning your child or other related issues. Your child's teacher is normally available each day from 3:15-3:45 to meet with you. Recognizing that many of the teachers have after school responsibilities (crossing guard, detention monitor, coaching, etc.), you are encouraged to call, email or send a letter requesting a meeting to avoid any time conflicts.

PROMOTION/RETENTION

Promotion of a child to the next grade is determined by the child's total development - achievement, effort, mental, physical, social, and emotional maturity.

In the event that retention may be in the best interest of the child, the teacher will discuss the matter as early in the year as possible. Parents are also encouraged to bring up their concerns regarding progress as early in the year as possible.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

The privilege of participating in the extracurricular activities offered at St. Lucas Lutheran School is an opportunity to express our Christian faith in the words of the Apostle Paul , "whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31).

Our students are expected to use their God-given talents to their fullest in extracurricular activities, but their first responsibility is academics and behavior. Therefore, the following standards must be achieved in order to participate:

1. The student must have at least a Satisfactory grade in conduct.
2. In order to participate in either athletic practices or games, student-athletes must not have served a detention or academic recovery that day or have any outstanding detentions or academic recovery sessions to complete.
3. Having 3 'D's or 1 'F' on a nine-week grading period would render a student ineligible.
4. These requirements must be met during the grading period prior to the student participating during the marking period, i.e., first quarter grades determine second quarter eligibility. Eligibility for first quarter activities will be determined by the previous year's fourth quarter grades..
5. All grades, while not used to figure honor roll, are used to determine eligibility.
6. A student who is not eligible for the quarter may apply to the athletic director or activity director for reinstatement of eligibility four weeks after the end of the previous quarter. In order for the student's eligibility to be reinstated the student must conform to numbers 1, 2, and 4 above (for the four-week period) and have the approval of the classroom teacher, athletic director or activity director, and

principal.

7. Unique circumstances may permit exceptions to these standards.

Any decision made by an extracurricular activity director may be appealed to the principal, and if desired to the chairman of the Board of Education. Sports decisions shall be appealed first to the athletic director.

ACADEMIC AND FINE ARTS EXTRA-CURRICULARS

St. Lucas students have many opportunities to learn in addition to the academic curriculum. Academic and fine arts extra-curriculars available include the following: Forensics (5-8), National Geography Bee (4-8), Spelling Bee (3-8), **Handbells (5-8)**, Junior Choir (5-8), Piano (2-8), Band (5-8). The piano and band programs have costs associated with them to participate.

ATHLETIC EXTRA-CURRICULARS

St. Lucas students may also participate in the following programs: Cross Country (Boys/Girls, 5-8), Volleyball (Girls, 5-8), Basketball (Boys 5-8, Girls 5-8), Cheerleading (Girls, 5-8), Softball (Boys/Girls, 6-8).

The right of participating in athletics is a privilege extended to all students, but continued participation in athletic events requires more than meeting the eligibility requirements. Student-athletes must also be in 1) regular attendance at practice and display a 2) Christian attitude through their actions while at practice and games. Failure to follow these guidelines will lead to being reprimanded or removed from the team. For a detailed description of *Responsibilities of Student Athletes at SLS*, please see your child's coach or the school office for a copy.

A fee will be charged for each of the following athletic extra-curriculars: boys/girls basketball, volleyball, cheerleading. The fee covers the expenses of replacing uniforms, referees, and tournament fees.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

OUR RESPONSE TO HIS LOVE

Grace, God's undeserved love, is the message of the Bible. "For God so loved the world that He sent his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16. What have you done to deserve a gift like that? Nothing, none of us have.

In response to God's grace, St. Lucas has assisted parents through Christian education for over a 135 years. While salvation is a free gift from God to us, it came with a heavy price - the life and death of Christ Jesus our risen Savior. Likewise your child's christian education is free to you, yet the members of St. Lucas will spend over \$6000 on your child because we believe in sharing that Grace with God's little lambs. It is our sincere hope that as you hear and grow in the message of God's immense love for you, that you will respond with a zeal and fervor for the work here at St. Lucas.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

St. Lucas Church provides weekly worship services throughout the year in addition to special Advent, Lenten, and holiday services. Worship services give us an opportunity to praise and thank God for His many blessings especially our salvation, to publicly confess His name, and to strengthen our faith by hearing God's Word preached to encourage one another.

Regular, frequent worship is important for the spiritual growth of each member of the family. As parents you need this for your spiritual development so that you can fulfill your responsibilities as Christian parents. Your children need your encouragement and example so that they can establish a worship pattern for life. Every effort will be made at school to encourage your child to attend worship services. Church attendance records

will be kept. Be sure to sign this at church when you are present. Please understand that, due to doctrinal differences, attendance at services in churches not of our fellowship (denominations other than WELS & ELS) is not recorded as worship attendance.

All students will be encouraged to attend weekly worship services at St. Lucas. In a discreet way, each teacher will keep a record of their student's weekly worship attendance. A comprehensive spiritual growth plan will be presented at the start of the school year which will especially encourage God-pleasing attendance from students and families who are members of St. Lucas or pursuing membership at St. Lucas.

Let us join with the Psalmist who said, "I rejoiced with those who said, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1) and regularly worship with your entire family.

SINGING SCHEDULE AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Praising the Lord through song is a wonderful means to share with others the joy that is in our hearts as redeemed children of God. Throughout the year your child and his/her class will bless our worship with their voices. Each family will receive a schedule at the beginning of the school year. See the school website and go to the monthly calendar. Please mark these dates on your calendar and bring your child so that our congregation may be strengthened by our children.

The children will also present their Christmas worship at the scheduled day and time.

BOOK RENT FEE

A book rental fee is charged to cover the cost of textbooks, classroom supplies, and items directly related to your child's education. The Book Rent fee for this school year is **\$350 per child with a family cap of \$1,200**. The fee must be paid in full at registration or Fees Day. If you are not able to pay the amount in full, you must enroll in the FACTS program, an electronic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. If you have questions, please contact the school office for more information concerning the FACTS program or ask to speak with the school principal. **This fee is included in the voucher payments for students participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program.**

If your child's textbook is lost or shows more than normal wear, a fine will be assessed at the close of the school year.

SCHOOL CLEANING

In order to be good stewards of our church and school, each school family is responsible for cleaning the school building with a group of families on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings three (3) times a year. A schedule will be published for the year and regular reminders will be in the Lancer Letter. *If you are not able to make a date, please contact your team captain to switch with someone else or schedule a make-up date.* Failure to participate in cleaning the school will incur a \$100 fee per time.

VOLUNTEERING

From serving lunch, helping kids learn, answering phones, serving on the Board of Christian Education, or as a leader for the School Friends, there are many opportunities to volunteer at St. Lucas Church and School. Many of these opportunities will be published in the church bulletin, church newsletter, or the Lancer Letter. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact the principal or secretary.

Daily operations, academic opportunities, and athletic events are opportunities for parents to volunteer.

Athletic event volunteers would serve a number of roles: hall monitors, concessions, scoreboard operators, general supervision, etc. Scheduling will try to accommodate parents so that they can still enjoy watching their son/daughter's event. This cooperation is greatly appreciated by the athletic department and the St. Lucas Board of Christian Education.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND CONDUCT

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is essential for acquiring a quality, Christian education. Realizing that situations may keep a student from being in school on a given day or for a period of time (sickness, death of relative, dentist, etc.), we ask that you **call the school by 9:00 a.m.** if your child will not be attending that day. The school secretary will call your home if we do not hear from you by 9:00 a.m. When your child returns, a written excuse from the parent is needed.

The parents/guardians of a student who misses 20 days during a given school year will be notified by the school office. If a student misses 30 days, he/she will be retained and his/her continued enrollment at St. Lucas will be reviewed in accordance with Christian judgment and governmental guidelines. The school reserves the right to waive the retention following a parent-school conference on the matter. Special situations involving medical or other reasons that require an extended absence will be taken into consideration.

ABSENCES/TRUANCY

St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran School has a makeup policy to ensure uniformity. The student is responsible to ask for homework when absent from class. The student will be allowed to make up work within a period of time equal to the length of his/her absence.

A written excuse is necessary for all absences. In addition, we ask that you **call the school by 9:00 a.m.** if your child is absent. A child who has been absent all or part of a day due to illness or disciplinary action will not be permitted to participate in any afternoon or evening extra curricular activities on that day. Both doctor's appointments and tardiness count against a student's perfect attendance record. Also, the difference between tardiness and part-day absence will depend on the circumstances.

When students arrive late or must leave school at any time before dismissal, they must be signed in or out in the school office. *The students themselves* must report to the office if arriving late and receive a late arrival slip. If an early departure is necessary, such as for a doctor appointment, *the parent* picking up the student must report to the office and sign out his or her child. This student will then be summoned to the office to meet the parent there.

TARDINESS

Regular attendance is a prerequisite for satisfactory performance. School is a proper setting for children to learn the value of reliable attendance and punctuality. In school, students who are tardy disrupt classroom teaching and the educational process.

Doors open at 7:50am. Students are expected to be in the classroom and ready for the day which begins at 8:10am.

Tardy records are kept each quarter.

- The first three tardy events are marked in the daily attendance records as such with a notice that will be sent home.

- Upon the 4th tardy, the student will receive a detention and the parents must meet with the principal and representative of the BOCE.
- Upon the 5th tardy, the student will receive a detention.
- Upon the 6th tardy, a second meeting shall be held with the parent, principal, and BOCE representative and the BOCE Discipline of Student policies may be implemented

Tardiness is a disturbance to a classroom's learning atmosphere. Repeated tardy marks by an individual must be dealt with for the good of the class. **The school administration will address the issue with families who are repeatedly tardy in their attendance.**

CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the focus of all our teaching and living here at St. Lucas Lutheran School. We trust in His promises and we live by His will, moved by His saving love for us.

As partners in Christian education, the school board and faculty, solicit your support as parents in expecting and encouraging the following Christian attitudes in our students for a Christ-centered atmosphere in our school:

- giving their Savior and His Word top priority in their lives
- showing honor, love and respect for all authorities the Lord has placed over them at home, church, and school, including extra-curricular activities
- showing Christian love and consideration for their classmates in school and their fellow human beings outside of school

A Christian attitude also extends beyond our relationship with God or other people. Situations also require us to apply our Christian faith. Here are a few reminders:

- Books, classrooms and school property are to be treated with respect and good stewardship. Unnecessary damage will require compensation by parents and/or students. **Good stewardship also applies to the property of fellow students, teachers, and others.**
- Running, loud talking and unruly behavior in halls, classrooms and restrooms is not permitted. Profane, obscene and vulgar language is not tolerated.
- Spitting and gum chewing are not permitted in the school building, or on the grounds.
- Public displays of romantic affection between students will not be permitted.

Other rules may be found under various headings throughout this handbook.

It is our prayer that through proper direction and guidance from God's Word the children of our school may live their faith more fully as they apply the Scriptural principles to their daily lives.

INTERNET USAGE

The Internet is a communication network which allows users to access information stored on computers around the world. St. Lucas begins instruction of this powerful tool, the Internet, as early as **the primary grades**. The Internet enables our students and staff to learn in a variety of ways (pictures, videos, music, text), to expand and improve research, and to obtain current information in a timely fashion.

Because of its nature, the Internet presents certain dangers. It provides opportunities for sinful and/or illegal activities (such as exposure to inappropriate language and pornography). Because of the limited restrictions of what can and cannot be placed on the Internet, the quality and validity of the material varies greatly. Our students will need to learn how to distinguish between worthwhile and less worthwhile sites. It is also imperative that our students understand that as they use the Internet, they must “. . . **take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ**” (2 Cor. 10:5b NIV). They will need to exercise common sense and good Christian judgment.

Since there is no way to completely block undesirable sites, students will only be allowed on the Internet **or in the computer lab** under adult supervision. Students will be required to have the written permission of their parents to use the Internet.

The following guidelines have been developed to define acceptable use of the Internet.

Appropriate Use of the Internet:

- All research should reflect Christian principles and be in pursuit of educational goals (example: research for a homework assignment).
- Respect copyright right laws.
- E-mail may be sent or received only under the direct supervision of an instructor. (Recognize that electronic communication is not private.)

Inappropriate Use of the Internet:

- Intentionally damaging or destroying data
- Using any name, username, or password other than your own
- Accessing inappropriate web sites
- Sending or receiving obscene or sinful material
- Plagiarism (cheating by copying or slightly changing other's work and submitting it as your own)
- Engaging in illegal or unchristian activities

Consequences for unacceptable use of the Internet:

- The privilege of using the Internet and/or school computers will be suspended or permanently revoked.
- School discipline will be administered as deemed necessary by the Principal.
- Criminal acts will be referred to the proper government authority.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Any item that becomes a nuisance or, in the opinion of the teacher/principal, is unnecessary or a disruption to the educational process will be confiscated. Confiscated items will only be returned to the parent or upon parent request. The following items are NOT to be present at school: chewing gum, cap guns, water pistols, laser lights, white-out solutions, comic books, trading and/or game cards, **all personal electronic devices**, or cell phones. Items may be transported in a student's backpack, but at no time are to be used or visible during school hours or at school related events.

A "zero tolerance" policy applies to both weapons and controlled substances.

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

LATE MARK POLICY

Assignments are given to evaluate the progress of each student, develop strong study habits, and foster continued learning. Student failure to have an assignment completed and present at the time it is requested by the teacher will result in a late mark.

The Late Mark Form will be sent home to be signed by the parent/guardian and returned the next day. Only one late mark per day is usually given. Neither the late mark nor the form is a punishment, but simply a

means to communicate to the family that the student has not completed or turned in a particular assignment (s).

However if a 2nd-8th Grade student has 3 or more incomplete assignments in a given quarter, the third late mark will result in an academic recovery session (guidelines listed below). In academic recovery the student is required to bring homework to the recovery. If classroom assignments are completed, a student must bring a book(s) to read. At the beginning of each quarter, a student's record begins free of the late marks from the previous quarter/marketing period.

Late Marks #1-2: Late Mark Form to Communicate with Parent/Guardian

Late Mark #3: Academic recovery and contact call from the teacher

Late Mark #4: Academic recovery and contact call from the teacher

Late Mark #5: Academic recovery, parent meeting with teacher and principal

Late Mark #6: Academic recovery, parent/student meeting with the teacher principal, and BOCE representative. The BOCE Discipline of Student Policy may be implemented at the meeting.

DETENTION

Behavioral detentions are given by the teacher or principal for student infractions of school or classroom rules. Detentions are up to 45-minute periods that follow the school day (3:15-4:00 p.m.). During a behavioral detention students are NOT allowed to work on homework, but may be required to do additional work established by the teacher. (Examples are writing an apology letter(s), essay concerning future behavior, or late assignments.) Parents will be notified of the reason for the detention, along with the date and time the detention is to be served. This form is to be signed and returned the next day.

SUSPENSION

If your child is repetitive in certain undesirable behavior, lack of schoolwork completed, or is involved in a serious infraction, he/she may be suspended from school for one or more days. A written notification of the suspension will be sent home with the reason, the date to be served, and requesting a signature to verify that the information has been received.

EXPULSION

If there are three suspensions, one of the steps in the expulsion procedure will be taken. (The three steps are a letter from the Principal to the parents, a meeting with the Board, and the actual expulsion). In cases of a very serious infraction, immediate expulsion may occur.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

HOT LUNCH/MILK

St. Lucas School operates a hot lunch program. We participate in government subsidized hot lunch programs that provide free or reduced lunches to qualified families. **Cost for hot during the 2009-2010 school year is \$2.50 per meal.** Students who do not qualify for government subsidized lunches **or wish to bring their own lunch from home** may purchase milk for the year. **Full payment for milk is due the first week of school. Cost of milk during the 2009-2010 school year is \$59.00.**

St. Lucas contracts hot lunch service with an outside provider. Given that fact, payments for hot lunch must be kept current by families who use the service. Notice shall be given to parents by the office regarding a child's lunch ticket status. Students are given three meals past due to remit payment for hot lunch. Food service would provide a regular meal during this tie. On the fourth day past expiration, food service will provide only a sandwich and to the student. Past that time, food service is not required to serve the student.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY).

STUDENT HEALTH AT SCHOOL

The physical health of students is a concern for every school and family. In order to reduce the health risks that spread illness or disease, St. Lucas Lutheran School reserves the right to send home students that have high temperature or fever, display poor personal hygiene, **have communicable pathogens (head lice, pink eye, etc.)** or put other students at risk due to continued sickness. This is not done as a punishment to the student **or to burden the family**, but to ensure the general health of all students, families, and staff.

OUTSIDE RECESS - WEATHER CONDITIONS

For the safety of our students outside recess will be canceled when the **National Weather Service Temperature Index reaches zero degrees or below**. It may also be necessary to cancel outside recess due to other weather related. Students and staff will follow the inside recess/gym rotation schedule.

IMMUNIZATION LAW

Under the State of Wisconsin Student Immunization Law **parents are responsible** to ensure that their child (ren) has met the number of required immunizations prior to school. Failure to do so may result in a fine up to \$25 per day from the local district attorney. Upon the 40th day of school, St. Lucas is required by law to file a report with the district attorney's office and the local health department of all our students who are not in compliance with the Immunization Law.

PROFESSIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Our school is happy to make available to our families the services of professionally licensed, Christian counselors through two different agencies affiliated with our church. In both cases counselors consult with parents and students (and teachers if requested) about difficult or troubling situations. Christian counseling can help members of our school family to resolve problems, addictions, and loss in a Bible-based, God-pleasing manner. Anyone seeking such counseling may contact the principal or one of our teachers or pastors, or may contact one of the agencies directly.

Christian Family Counseling
2401 N. Mayfair Rd., Suite 308
Wauwatosa, WI 53226
Phone: 476-1772 or (800) 438-1772

Wisconsin Lutheran Christian Counseling
9555 S. Howell Av.
Oak Creek, WI 53154
Phone: 768-9979

SAFETY PATROL

7th grade students serve as safety patrol personnel at the end of each day. They are to assist the children across the street, monitor the area in front of the school, and assist wherever necessary in providing for the safety of all our students as directed by our safety coordinator. **Teachers monitor the crosswalks at dismissal time**. The City of Milwaukee provides crossing guards at the corner of Dover and Howell and Dover and Kinnickinnic. **Parents and students are reminded to cross Dover St. only at the marked cross walks.**

STUDENT MEDICATION

Should your child need to take any form of medication that is sent from home, please fill out the Request for Medical Administration During School Hours Form and return it to the school office. Should any type of prescription medication need to be taken on a regular basis for an extended period of time, a copy of the doctor's orders must be on file with the school office. No medication, including prescription and non-prescription drugs, including aspirin or ibuprofen, will be given out by school personnel unless the required forms are received from home. Please make sure all medication is in a secure container with your child's name on it.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ADMISSION AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran School will make decisions regarding student admissions, participation in student programs, and administration of its educational policies in keeping with its mission of providing a Christ-centered, quality education. In keeping with Christ's love for all people, St. Lucas School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. St. Lucas School is a participant in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (MPCP).

AGE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADE PLACEMENT

All students must be 5 on or before September 1st of the year they enter kindergarten and 6 on or before September 1st of the year they enter first grade. Children will be admitted to other grades upon presentation of records showing satisfactory completion of previous grades. All new students are tested prior to grade placement. The school reserves the right to determine the grade placement of a child through testing.

SCHOOL AND OFFICE HOURS

School hours are from 8:10 a.m.—3:15 p.m. on regularly scheduled school days. Students will be allowed into the school at 7:50 a.m. If your child needs to be dropped off earlier, you need to check your child into the childcare. After school students will be allowed to wait in the lobby until 3:30 p.m., at which time he/she will be sent to the childcare. (Any time spent in childcare will incur a cost.)

Office hours are from 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACCESS TO SCHOOL

Parent/Guardian partners in education are always welcome at school! For the well being of our students and the entire school community, we need to know who is in the building and where they are. Please follow these procedures:

1. All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the office every time they have been admitted to the building.
2. All visitors and volunteers must receive from the office and display a visitor or volunteer pass.
3. School students and/or their families are to enter through the west doors of the school except when arriving specifically for care or contact with the Child Care department.

4. Parents/Guardians who want to accompany their children to their classroom must observe the above guidelines.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

If there is inclement weather, school may be canceled or closed early. Information will be listed on the following stations: WTMJ - 620 or WISN - 1130, or television channels 4, 6, 12, or 58, or may be found on the television station websites. If our school is not specifically mentioned, the general policy prevails that if Milwaukee Public Schools or Wisconsin Lutheran High School cancels classes before the school day begins, our school is also closed. We will also call in our own cancellation at such times, but we cannot guarantee just when it will be announced. These closings will be listed on the 6:00 AM and/or subsequent broadcasts. However, if MPS and/or WLHS closes for bad weather **during** the school day, we are not necessarily closed. Under such circumstances, please tune in to the broadcast stations or websites listed above.

VEHICLE PARKING

Parking is not permitted on Dover Street during school hours in front of or across the street from our school. The Dover Street School lot is not available to parents of our students during their school day. Thank you for helping us maintain a good working relationship with our Dover Street School neighbors.

SOLICITING

Prior approval by the school administration is required for any items to be sold, distributed, promoted, or announced by students or parents in or outside of the school building.

TRANSPORTATION - REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS

Under Wisconsin law parents that provide transportation for their child(ren) to school may be eligible to receive a reimbursement check from the state. Participation in the program requires that families are eligible and sign a contract. The eligibility requirements are a student must live more than two miles from St. Lucas but within our geographic attendance area (as established by MPS Transportation Department). MPS does verify each child's address to determine if eligible.

The amount per child is established by the MPS Transportation Department at the beginning of each school year. (Last year the reimbursement was approximately \$647/child.) Contracts are distributed in the fall by MPS through our school office.

SCHOOL AND BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTORY

FACULTY AND STAFF

Mr. Michael Koestler	Principal	262-456-0901
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Mr. Matthew Schiebel	Grade 7	262-456-0080
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Miss Tiffany Straseske	Grade 2	483-9463
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Mrs. Nancy Schmidt	Kindergarten	483-0434
Mrs. Tracy Unnasch	Extended Learning	481-0246
Mrs. Debbie Kiedrowski	School Secretary	764-0097
Mrs. Susan Zeitler	Pre-school/Before-After School Care	262-542-4530

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PASTORS

Pastor Robert Gurgel	Lead Pastor	281-4649
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Pastor Peter Unnasch	Outreach Pastor	481-0246