

## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran School

As a parent of an incoming Kindergarten student, this truly is an exciting yet nervous time for you in regards to the future of your child's educational experience. Parents who are choosing a Christian education for their child have many questions that they want answered. Naturally we all want to know exactly what our child is going to be doing each day in school. Rest assured, we are here to help guide you and answer any questions that you might have in regards to our school.

Since 1910, St. Paul's has been serving families in Perham and the surrounding area. With Christ at the center of our education for over 110 years, we are committed to helping your child grow spiritually, emotionally, academically, physically, and socially with the love of Jesus. We take pride knowing that our school gives students the chance to reach their full potential, understand their self-worth, develop a positive attitude, and grow in their Christian faith.

As a Nationally Accredited Lutheran School, we are recognized as providing quality Christian education and are continually improving our school to meet the needs of our students. One area reviewed in the Accreditation process is curriculum. Our curriculum is reviewed and updated as we strive to match the constant changes in education. We also have a strong technology component in our school. Students have access to devices such as iPads and Chromebooks to use in the classrooms.

Learning also takes place outside of the classroom. Throughout the year we have field trips, a Christmas program, a spring musical, and many other events and activities. Our students also have opportunities to participate in a Spelling Bee, Bible Bowl, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, and Track & Field events.

Here at St. Paul's, your child is more than a number. Our state licensed teachers and smaller class sizes allow us a great opportunity to get to know your child and your family on a more personal level. We pray that we can be your partner in your child's education this year and beyond. If you have any questions about our teachers, curriculum, policies, or procedures, please feel free to contact us.

Blessings,  
Candice Bicondoa  
Principal



## Kindergarten Curriculum

Reading	Guided Reading
Writing	Benchmark Education, Writer's Workshop, 2013
Math	Kinder Math, 2020
Handwriting	Scott Foresman D'Nealian, 2007
Science	Christian Schools International, 2011
Social Studies	McMillan/McGraw Hill, 2005
Religion	One in Christ, 2013
Weekly Reader	Scholastic Weekly, 2015
Art	Arts Attack, 2010

## Immunization Policy

The state of Minnesota has established immunization guidelines that must be met before students are permitted to attend school. A form verifying proper immunization and current physical medical exam must be filed in the school office.

Requirements for students entering Kindergarten:

- 5 DTaP/DT (5th not required if 4th dose given on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 Polio (4th not required if 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday)
- 2 MMR
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Varicella or history of chickenpox disease

Exemptions: Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a non-medical exemption signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

## Early Childhood Screening

All kindergarten students are required by Minnesota state law to have an Early Childhood screening prior to entering Kindergarten. Early childhood screening includes checking your child's hearing, vision, growth, development, immunization status, and health status. Currently there are several options that may be utilized to accomplish this screening.

- Contact the Perham-Dent Public School at 346-6500 for information regarding screenings.
- If your child is attending Head Start, they do the components of ECS for their program. This screening does meet the criteria for Minnesota Law. Please inform us if your child is in the Head Start program.

Before the first day of school we need to have the following in the office:

1. Copy of your child's birth certificate issued by the state of birth
2. Immunization record
3. Early Childhood Screening form