



Dear Christian Parents,

On behalf of the entire staff at Our Redeemer, it is my pleasure to welcome your family to the 2017-2018 school year! Our school theme this year is ***One in Christ***, based on Romans 12:5: ***So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*** As we move forward as a church and school, we celebrate and embrace our individual gifts, seeking to serve the Lord together in this place and in our community.

Families have entrusted their most precious gift, their children, to the care of the Our Redeemer family because they know that Jesus' love will be shared every day in all we do. While life as a family is full of ups and downs, we know that Jesus' care for us is unwavering, and we seek to share that daily.

We enter the new school year with a highly qualified and eager staff looking forward to working with your children: 3K: Mrs. Cherney, 4K: Mrs. Schultz, 5K: Mrs. Timm and Mrs. Beckman, 1st: Mrs. (Rose) Steffen, 2nd: Miss Alexander, 3rd: Mrs. Voigt, 4th: Mrs. Sapiro, 5th: Mrs. Hans & Mrs. Smith, 6th: Mrs. Bietz & Mrs. Van Dellen, Junior High: Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Soderbeck and Mr. Williamson (STEM), Spanish: Mrs. Maldonado, P.E.: Mr. Timm, and Music: Mrs. Rosebrock and Mrs. Schmalz. Speech Services: Mrs. Emily Fernandez and Title I Reading Support: Mrs. Lori Hale.

Classrooms will be open on Sunday, August 20th, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for those who wish to drop off school supplies prior to the start of the school year.

School begins on Wednesday, August 23th. Our first day of school will be a wonderful time to formally welcome our new families. After our opening Chapel Service (Gr.1-8), which begins at 8:40 a.m., our Volunteer Ministry will host a "Woo-hoo! Boo-hoo! Parent Party" under the skylights. Enjoy a beverage and snack while meeting new friends and renewing friendships with those already familiar to you!

The School Registration Process will begin on Monday, July 24th, and end on Friday, July 28th. We will use the mail-in system so our office staff is allowed to process the volume of work that is required without frequent interruptions. Families may mail in their completed school fee forms including checks for fees anytime that week. **Please read the enclosed materials carefully and follow all directions.** Two additional reminders about our registration process:

- Registration fees are due payable, IN FULL, by July 28th, 2017, unless you have made arrangements for payments paid directly to SMART Tuition Management.
- As an incentive for FULL payment of tuition at the time of registration for non-members only, a 5% discount will be awarded for accounts paid by July 28th, 2017.
- Please include three separate payments to ORLS:
 - 1) Registration form items (gym suits, kindergarten milk, Bibles, catechisms, yearbooks, birthday books, etc.);
 - 2) Lunch payments; and
 - 3) Child Care payments.

Child Care Fees are assessed at \$6.50 per hour per child. This is a PREPAYMENT PROGRAM and prepayments will be strictly adhered to! **Late fees will be assessed at \$5.00 (weekly) to outstanding balances.** New this year: there is no fee to register your child to attend childcare!

Classroom assignments will be posted in the 1st grade display cases on Sunday, July 30th. Lists will indicate which teacher(s) will serve your child(ren) during the year.

Continuing This Year...

- In lieu of home visits we host an opportunity for parents called “*Tell the Teacher More Day.*” Parents can choose one of two available time blocks to choose an appointment time to meet with the teacher at school to share important information for the teacher to know about their child. (Dates are Wednesday, August 16, Thursday, August 17 & Monday, August 21). Follow the enclosed instructions to schedule your “*Tell the Teacher More*” appointment on Sycamore. Please bring the enclosed questionnaire (blue form) with you to the appointment!
- Families of ALL students entering grades 6, 7, & 8 are required to attend one junior high group meeting night. The dates for meetings are Thursday, August 17 & Monday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Health Code Requirements – The Wauwatosa Public Health Department reminds all parents of their responsibility to notify the school of completed immunizations. Contact your physician or call the Wauwatosa Health Department (414-479-8936) if you have questions regarding requirements:

- Children entering 5 yr. old Kdg. – your child must have 2 chicken pox vaccinations (varicella), or already had chicken pox, along with a 2nd MMR vaccination, and a 4th polio (4 doses are required).
- Children entering 6th grade – one Tdap (adolescent tetanus). Let’s begin the year with 100% compliance in this area!

Hot Lunch Program – Two entrees will be offered at lunchtime. Students may opt for either entrée (#1 or #2) in addition to the sides that accompany the main entrée selections for the day. The cost of lunch is \$2.90 per meal for students and \$3.55 for adults. Second helpings of the chosen entrée are available for an extra \$1.25. Extra milk is sold for 45¢ per half-pint. Lunch payments are collected in the school office every MONDAY morning. Your compliance with this procedure helps us manage our workload more effectively.

We pray that your summer has been, and will continue to be, an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with your family and with those around you. We look forward to coming back together as **one family in Christ**. May God bring us back together safely, and ready to carry out His mission of bringing Christ into the world.

In His service and yours,

James Van Dellen
Principal

Enclosures:

- July/August/September 2017 calendar & meeting explanation
- Questionnaire for your child’s “*Tell the Teacher More Day*” appointment
- Instructions for scheduling “*Tell the Teacher More Day*” appointment on Sycamore
- School Registration Fee form
- Lunch program information with menu & white lunch envelope
- Child Care information & gold child care envelope
- Library birthday book information
- 2017-2018 School Calendar
- OR PTL “Save the Date” picnic flyer