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Salem Lutheran School Summer Mailing 2017

A Note from our Principal, Mr. Kellar:

We hope that your summer has been a time well spent with family and friends. Things are getting busy around Salem. Summer camp is filled with excited children, and we are preparing for a great school year in the fall.

This "Summer Mailing" is meant to be informative to you as a family of Salem. Families also are being sent this information through **TADS (e-mail)** and it is being posted on our website. Call the office with any questions or for help for your **TADS** information, TADS tuition payments, or user name issues.

Communication between the school and home built on respect and trust is very important for us to achieve our goals. We are committed to high quality, Christian education, built on care and forgiveness.

God's blessings to each of you during the remaining days of summer. If you have any needs or questions contact us in the office – we'd love to hear from you.

In His Service,

Robert J. Kellar
Principal

Welcome to our new families!

Whether you are new to Salem through a transfer of membership or this is your first experience in a school for your child --- **WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU TO THE SALEM FAMILY.** Information about the many programs available to you and your family is available at the church and school, many of them can be found on our website (www.slcas.org).

Weekly information in the School Newsletter, the **Principal's Pad**, will also be made available every Thursday.

Information included with this summer mailing:

- 2017-2018 School Calendar

Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 16th and we have early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. For reference, the calendar is also available on our website www.slcas.org

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS??- If you are having trouble or just need some clarification on our TADS system please call Mrs. Muratovic.

Welcome Home BBQ

Our Annual Welcome Home Barbeque is Sunday, August 13th noon – 2:00 p.m. This is immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also have a “Back to School Blessing” at each of the services August 12th and 13th. Join us on the back playground for lunch and fellowship with Salem families. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new families and staff members and reconnect with friends you haven’t seen since last school year. School Staff members will be introduced at 1:00 p.m. and classrooms will be open for students to drop off materials for their first day of school. **Gym uniforms, Student Daily Planners (required for students in 2nd – 8th grade), Bibles, Catechisms, and Spirit Wear** will be available for purchase during the barbeque. **(Please note: 4th Grade will need a gym uniform starting this year. 2nd – 4th Grade will need to purchase their planner from the office – 5th – 8th grade may use a planner of their choice)**

Orientation Night

- **Wednesday, August 9, 2017:**

ALL families to Salem are welcome to join us from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. for orientation and an overview of the School and Church programs. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and orientation will start at 6:00 p.m. This night will be an opportunity for ALL families to get oriented to Salem, sign up for our PATS (Parents and Teachers for Salem) activities, purchase gym uniforms (grades 4-8), planners, and receive information about other activities going on with the Church and School. **There will also be a presentation of the NEW TADS Educate Program that we will be using starting this year. We will no longer be using Fast Direct.**

Middle School Orientation (grades 6-8), will also be this same evening starting at 7:30p.m.. This will give you an opportunity to meet with your student’s teachers and discuss the year ahead.

Salem Lunch Program

- **Our lunch program operates on a pre-paid basis.** Parents are expected to monitor their account to ensure adequate funds are available for lunch. Parents may view and pay for lunch electronically through their TADS Educate account. Manually payments made by cash or check can also be accepted in the school office or one of the wildcat mailboxes.
- **Salem Lutheran School participates in the National Free and Reduced Lunch Program.** Applications are available online, during home visits, and at all Back to School Orientation nights.

A reminder that Registration Fees do not include costs for Field Trips or a Student Planner. Any field trips with costs will be collected prior to the trip along with the Field Trip Permission Slips.

Physicals

Health forms completed by a licensed health care provider are required **for all new students, sports participation, and students entering Kindergarten, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade.**

In addition, **all immunizations are required by law to be current.** Please schedule an appointment for your child so that they are ready for the beginning of the school year. Forms are available online at www.slcas.org. Go to <http://slcas.org/school/forms-flyers-and-events/> and scroll down to medical form to print.

Contact the office with any questions.

School Supply Lists 2017-2018 (available online)

An updated supply list is available online at <http://slcas.org/school/forms-flyers-and-events/>. For specific questions you may contact your child's teacher directly in person, over the phone, or by e-mailing the teacher or through **TADS Educate**.

Faculty and Staff News

We are excited to welcome the following teachers to Salem. Welcome to our family!

Mrs. Molly Phelps, Pre-K teacher (part-time)

Miss Pam Tosie, Kindergarten teacher

Miss Evangeline Stankey, 1st Grade teacher

Mrs. Dana Meyer, 4th Grade teacher

Reminders / Items to note

- If you signed up to pay tuition in full for the School Year, payment is due in August.
- Tuition payments for Salem are collected through TADS. Families who choose to make 10 or 12 monthly payments must register through TADS. They (TADS) assess a \$35.00 processing fee for the school year. Families who **cannot** use TADS tuition collection will be charged an administrative fee of \$10.00 per payment brought to or dropped off in the office with a yearly maximum of \$100. This arrangement must be approved by the Principal and a signed agreement must be on file.
- **TADS Educate** is a new system that will be used by our faculty and staff as a means of communication and a way for parents to track their student's progress. Families will receive further information and "how to" information during Orientation Night.
- Wildcat Club (before and after school) is billed at \$3.50 per hour (to nearest ½ hour). Beginning in August Wildcat Club will be billed twice a month and payments will be automatically drafted from your designated TADS account on the 10th and 25th.
- Summertime Church Attendance DOES count. Not only for your family's spiritual growth, but also for your Salem Member Agreement. Join us for worship Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or Sundays at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Dates to Remember:

- **Wednesday, August 9TH**
 - **ORIENTATION NIGHT for ALL FAMILIES (ALL GRADES) 6:00-8:30 p.m.**
--Middle School Orientation will be from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, August 12th or Sunday, August 13th**
 - **“Back to School Blessing”**
Saturday, 5:00p.m. and Sunday 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m Church Services (Teacher Installation is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.)
***Be sure to bring your backpack to church for a special blessing for the school year.**

- **Sunday, August 13TH**
 - **Teacher Dedication and installation 10:30 a.m. Service**
 - **Welcome Home BBQ Noon-2:00 p.m.**
 - **Early Childhood Orientation 1:00 p.m. (All Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students)**

- **Wednesday, August 16TH**
 - **First Day of School - 11:30 a.m. early dismissal (Chapel at 9:00 a.m.)**
 - **Welcome back Coffee and Conversation 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Church Atrium**