SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Summer Mailing 2026

Thank you for being an important part of our Salem Family.

Dear Families,
As we begin a new school year, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for all that God has in store for our students, families, and staff. A new year brings fresh opportunities to learn, grow, build lasting friendships, and deepen our relationship with Christ. It is a privilege to partner with you in providing a Christ-centered education where students are encouraged to grow academically, socially, and spiritually each day.

Our theme for this school year, "Rooted in Christ," is inspired by Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV): *"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."*

Just as a healthy tree draws strength from deep roots, we pray that all people connected to Salem will become firmly rooted in God's Word, finding their identity, purpose, and strength in Christ. Throughout the year, we will encourage one another to grow in faith, stand firm in God's promises, and allow His love to be the foundation for everything we do. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to bless our school community as we grow together, Rooted in Christ. In Christ, Matthew Foster

We are pleased to announce the following Staffing Changes at Salem for the Coming Year:

Ms/Mrs. Sarah Juenger, PreK Co-Teacher
Mrs. Katelyn Underwood, 5/6th Grade Teacher
Ms. Shelby Waggoner, 7th Grade Teacher
Mr. Jason Groerich, Athletic Director

<u>Included in this mailing, you will find important information for the upcoming year:</u>
This mailer is full of helpful info! If you have any questions specific to your family regarding documentation or payment arrangements, please contact the school office.

ADD THESE UPCOMING DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

- Saturday, August 8th, 9 - 12pm. Campus Clean Up Day
- Sunday, August 16th, 8am & 10:30am Worship Services:
  - Back to School Blessing and Teacher Rededication
- Monday, August 17th,
  - School Supply Drop Off & Back to School BBQ, 4:30 - 6:30pm:
    Drop off supplies, check out classrooms, say hello to teachers, and buy your planner, spiritwear and PE clothes. A Free Dinner will be served at 5:30pm in the Salem cafeteria.
  - Middle School Orientation Night, 6pm:
- Wednesday, August 19th, First Day of School:
  - Parents are welcome to join for opening Chapel at 9am. School will dismiss at 11:30am. Wildcat Club will be open until 6pm and requires pre registration. Students staying will need to bring their lunch and any naptime things.
- Friday, August 28th, 6pm. PATS Family Bingo Night

Important Policy Updates for 2026-2027

These are abbreviated versions of recently updated policies. Additional information can be found in the Parent Student Handbook.

Afterschool Dismissal:

All students, K-8th grade, will be dismissed at 3:15pm from the upper parking lot.

Wildcat Club Update:

Families will be assigned unique FACTS IDs for Wildcat Club Pick Up!

As a reminder, students must be physically accompanied into morning Wildcat Club each day by a parent or guardian to ensure they are signed in correctly. Similarly, a parent or guardian must physically enter the building at the completion of Afternoon Wildcat Club in order to sign out students.

Early Childhood Center Late Arrival:

All preschool students must be dropped off and checked in by 10:00am, or kept at home for the day. Exceptions will be made for scheduled medical or dental appointments accompanied by a formal note from the provider, or for emergency situations evaluated at the discretion of the Director. Parents must notify the school office via email or phone no later than 9:00am on the morning of the appointment. No late drop-offs will be accommodated between 11:30am and 2:30pm, regardless of an appointment note.

Discipline Policy Updates:

Please refer to the Discipline section of the handbook to learn more regarding new updates to this policy. Further details will be sent home with your student on the first day of class for review.

Family Volunteer Service Hours Tracking: Families are required to volunteer for Church and School programs for a total of 10 adult hours per K-8 family & 5 adult hours per preschool family.
Hours worked must be entered in the tracker to count. Log hours at https://bit.ly/SLCAStracker or scan

Join us for the first opportunity:
CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY
Saturday, August 8th
9am - Noon

School Dress Code Policy

Students of Salem Lutheran School, grades K-8th , are to wear:

- Yellow, gray or black short or long sleeved solid colored polos or oxford shirts of any material are acceptable. Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.
- Dress or docker style pants are permitted in solid colors of khaki, gray or black. Only solid color gray or black leggings that are free from any pattern, design, lace or frills, may be worn underneath skirts, dresses or jumpers.
- Beginning in 3rd grade, brown or black belts, without any accessories, must be worn at all times with pants, shorts or skorts that have belt loops.
- Tennis shoes are recommended. Backless shoes, slippers, sandals, Crocs or flip-flops are not acceptable.

This is an abbreviated version of the dress code policy. Additional information can be found in the Parent Student Handbook.

Stay connected with Salem using the FACTS Family App.
It is your mobile hub for school success. Track students grades, homework & attendance.
Pay tuition and view lunch menus in one easy place. Download today from the Apple or Google Play Store.

Find us on Facebook at Salem Lutheran School Affton, MO & Salem Lutheran School PATS

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Visit Salem's Current Families webpage slcas.org/school/current-families/ for additional information on following topics, *including a digital copy of this mailer that includes clickable links!*

- 2026 - 2027 School Calendar, also included in this mailing.
- School Supply List - Contact your child's teacher directly with any specific questions, also included in this mailing
- 2026 - 2027 Early Childhood Handbook and Parent Student Handbook - Whether you are a new family or returning, it is important that you review it. New policy changes will affect you, such as School Pick-Up, Discipline, Dress Code, Athletics, Family Volunteer Hours.
- Wildcat Club Registration - Student care is available from 7 - 8am. and 3:30 - 6pm. It is billed at $12 per hour for the 1st child to the nearest ½ hour. Any additional children per family is billed at $8 per hour. Drop off or pickup outside of the posted hours will be billed at $1 per minute.
- Membership Attendance Pledge - Salem Members benefit from a generous discount toward their Lutheran Education. Please review and complete the Pledge at https://bit.ly/Attendancepledge **
- Health forms that must be completed by a licensed healthcare provider
  Required for:
  All new students,
  Students entering Kindergarten, 3rd, 5th, 7th grade,
  Students participating in sports
  Please note: All immunizations are required by law to be current. Schedule an appointment now to ensure your child is ready for the new year!
- Monthly School Menu - Lunch program operates on a prepaid basis and is $4.50 per day. Parents are expected to monitor their accounts through FACTS to ensure adequate funds are available for lunch. Manual cash or check payments can be dropped in the school office, a Wildcat mailbox or online.
- Wildcat Weekly - School newsletter is sent via email every Thursday, but you can also find it here. The first issue will be sent out the first full week of school.
- Tuition - If you signed for a 10-month payment plan, the first tuition payment will be processed in July. Tuition payments are collected through FACTS, allowing the choice of 10 or 12 monthly payments. FACTS does assess a $55 processing fee for the school year.

  Tuition payments made in the office are charged an administrative fee of $10 per payment, with a yearly maximum of $100. These arrangements require preapproval and a signed agreement must be on file in the school office.
- FACTS - Salem's communication program provides a way for faculty, staff, and families to stay in contact through email. Parents can track their student's progress and lunch balances.
  If you do not know your FACTS login information, please call the school office.

Faith Family Shirt Order Form: Help us get shirts ordered early by recording your student's shirt size. Additional student and adult shirts are available for $10 each. https://bit.ly/FaithFamilyOrders

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Important Upcoming Dates

August
Backpack Blessings, Aug 15th-16th, 5pm, 8am & 10:30am
Teacher Rededication, Aug 16th, 10:30am
Supply Drop Off, Aug 17th, 4:30-6:30pm
Back to School BBQ, Aug 17th, 5:30pm
Middle School Orientation, Aug 17th, 6pm
First Day of School & Early Dismissal, Aug 19th
Salem Family Bingo Night, Aug 28th

September
LESA Teacher Inservice, Sept 4th , No School
Labor Day, Sept 7th, No School
Salem Car Show, Sept 12th, 10am-1pm
Fall School Picture Day, Sept 9th & 10th
Affton Days Parade, Sept 19th

October
NWEA Testing Week, Oct 12th-16th
Brew in the Lou, Oct 10th, 1-5pm
End of 1st Quarter, Oct 16th
Salem Fall Festival, Oct 17th
Trunk or Treat, October 23rd
Parent Teacher Conferences, Oct 28th & 29th
No School, Oct 30th

November
Veterans Day Assembly & Early Dismissal, Nov 11th
Wildcat Players Fall Production, Nov 12th & 13th
Thanksgiving Break, Nov 23rd-27th, No School

December
Giving Tuesday, Dec 1st
Santa's Cottage, Dec 9th-11th
Christmas Service, Dec 16th
End of 2nd Quarter, Dec 18th
Christmas Chapel & Early Dismissal, Dec 18th, 9-10am
Christmas Break, Dec 21st-Jan 1st, No School

January
Classes Resume, Jan 4th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan 18th, No School
All School Sing, Jan 23rd & 24th
Salem Open House, Jan 24th
National Lutheran Schools Week, Jan 25th-29th
Early Dismissal for Teacher Inservice, Jan 29th

February
Ash Wednesday Chapel, Feb 10th
Parent Teacher Conferences, Feb 11th
Early Dismissal, Feb 12th
Presidents Day, Feb 15th, No School
Spring School Picture Day, Feb 24th & 25th

March
Salem Men's Club Sausage Supper, March 7th
End of 3rd Quarter, March 12th
Spring Musical, March 11th & 12th
K-8 Grandparents Day & Early Dismissal, March 12th
Spring Break, Mar 15th-19th, No School
Easter Break, March 26th-29th, No School
Salem Men's Club Easter Egg Hunt, March 27th

April
Graduation Pictures, April 1st
NWEA Testing Week, April 5th-9th
Confirmand Exam & Christian Witness, April 18th

May
Salem Community Fair, May 1st, 1-4pm
Confirmation, May 2nd
Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3rd-7th
Give STL Day, May 6th
Athletic Banquet, May 11th
Spring Concerts, May 19th 6:30pm
May Madness & Early Dismissal, May 21st
Kindergarten Graduation, May 24th
8th Grade Graduation, May 25th
Closing Chapel, May 25th, 9am
Last Day of School & Early Dismissal, May 25th

Early Childhood Center Special Days

Fall Feast, Nov 20th, 5:30-6:30pm
Preschool 2/3s Cookie Decorating, Dec 8th, 6-7pm
Pre-Kindergarten Cookie Decorating, Dec 11th, 6-7pm
Preschool 2/3s Christmas Songs, Dec 6th, 10:30am
Grandparents & Special Friends Day, March 30th & 31st
End of the Year Preschool Celebration, May 14th, 5pm

Preschool Playdates: Second Saturdays, 10am
Sept 12th, Oct 10th, Nov 14th, Feb 13th,
Jan 9th, March 13th, April 10th & May 8th

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2026-2027 Academic Calendar

August 2026

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School Closed

See below for Event Information

Parent Teacher Conferences

Report Cards

First and Last Day of School

Aug 19	First Day of School- Early Dismissal
Sept 4	LESA In-service - No School
Sept 7	Labor Day - No School
Oct 28-29	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 30	No School
Nov 11	Veteran's Day - Early Dismissal
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 18	Early Dismissal
Dec 21-Jan 1	Christmas Break
Jan 4	Classes Resume
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
Jan 29	Teacher In-Service - Early Dismissal
Feb 11	Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 12	Early Dismissal
Feb 15	Presidents Day - No School
Mar 12	Early Dismissal
Mar 15-19	Spring Break
March 26-29	Easter Break
May 21	May Madness - Early Dismissal
May 25	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal

Grading Periods

End 1st Qtr	Oct 16
End 2nd Qtr	Dec 18
End 3rd Qtr	Mar 12