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Dear Parents / Guardians:

It is time to begin our annual enrollment / reenrollment process for the 2017-2018 school year. You are receiving this hard copy of the enrollment form, or you may also go to our website ([www.stpaulsconcordia.org](http://www.stpaulsconcordia.org)), look under school forms, print it out, fill it in, and return it.

The reason you are receiving this hard copy is to further explain the enrollment / reenrollment process and changes to fees and/or procedures. You may discuss these processes or changes at any time with the school office and, in particular, Mr. Snider our school Principal.

You will notice that the enrollment form has changed dramatically this year. Instead of having 3 separate enrollment forms for PreSchool/PreKindergarten, K-8, and Extended Care, we have one form. On the front side of the form are the fees which everyone pays: Enrollment Fee, Technology fees, and Tuition Fees. You will also indicate whether or not you will participate in the Scrip Reduction process, and whether or not you will need Financial Assistance. On the back side you will find information about optional fees: Sports, Band, Lunches, Bus, etc. as well as the Extended Care enrollment option. It is our hope that one form will make the process easier and clearer for everyone who plans their budgets including school expenses.

You can still reduce your **TUITION FEES** by 10% if you pay your total fees (Enrollment and Technology fees cannot be reduced) in full by April 1, 2017. From April 1 to May 31 it goes to a 5% reduction if paid in full.

You will note that the Enrollment fees have not changed for next year. This means that a FAMILY still pays \$100.00 if they have only a PreSchool (PS) and/or PreKindergarten (PK) child. All other FAMILIES pay a \$250.00 Enrollment Fee if they have children in PS-8 or PK-8.

To continue our technology connection with MOREnet fiber, use of iPads, chromebooks, and 5th-8th laptops, our technology fee is increasing \$25.00 per child. This means that PS / PK only FAMILIES will pay \$100.00 per child (maximum \$200.00). All other FAMILIES will pay \$125.00 per child (maximum \$250.00). This amounts to a 14 cents per day per child increase to keep our technology at its current level and up-to-date.

Tuition is increasing minimally as well. The AVERAGE cost per child for one year at St. Paul's Lutheran School was \$6,200.00 as of the 2015-2016 school year. We have increased our staff by 1 teacher and 1½ teacher aides this year. Everyone pays the same amount for Education Center (PS/PK) fees for 10 months: Preschool will be \$65.00 per month for 3 mornings per week, \$107.50 per month for 5 mornings per week, \$110.00 per month for 3 full days per week, and \$165.00 per month for 5 full days per week. PreKindergarten fees will be \$125.00 per month for 5 mornings per week and \$185.00 per month for 5 full days per week. These may seem like strange amounts for some sessions, but it was our hope to keep the increase small (an AVERAGE increase of 4.3 cents per day per child).



K-8 tuition is a little more complex. St. Paul's members pay a smaller amount because it is our hope that the family will support the total ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church through additional offerings in the church offering plate each week or month. Next year's tuition fee will be \$100.00 per month for 10 months (\$1,000.00) for the 1st 2 children in K-8, but **Education Center (PS/PK) fees apply first** if the family has one child in the Education Center (PS/PK) and one or more in K-8. This increase amounts to \$250.00 for the year (or \$1.44 per child per day). This also helps us reach a National Lutheran School Accreditation goal of 20% family and 80% church support for education at St. Paul's Lutheran School for St. Paul's members (for the 1st and 2nd child). The church subsidizes the remaining amount of each student's educational cost.

Members of another Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation pay \$400.00 per month for 10 months (\$4,000.00). Assistance with tuition is provided by some of the other LCMS congregations. This amounts to a \$500.00 increase for next year or a \$2.87 per child per day increase. It also assists our school in reaching the 80% original agreement of LCMS congregations with St. Paul's Lutheran Church by increasing tuition to 64.5% of the total based on last year. St. Paul's Lutheran Church continues to subsidize the remainder of the cost per student as part of the agreement with other LCMS churches who wish to send their children to our school.

Members of the community pay \$475.00 per month for 10 months (\$4,750.00). This also amounts to a \$500.00 increase for next year or a \$2.87 per child per day increase. St. Paul's Lutheran Church continues to subsidize the remainder of the cost per student to assist families in the community who wish to send their children to our school for a Christian education.

In an effort to help our families with the cost of a Christian education at St. Paul's, we have a SCRIP Program to help offset fees. SCRIP is like a gift card that you can buy at the school office or online. When a family chooses to participate, they can reduce their fees by \$175.00 if they purchase \$2,500.00 in SCRIP cards in one year, or by \$100.00 if they purchase \$1,500.00 in SCRIP cards in one year. 800 SCRIP companies participate in this program and include (but are not limited to) *Walmart, Home Depot, Bed-Bath-and Beyond, Applebee's, Shell*, and many many more. This year you will need to indicate in advance if you will participate.

We also have a limited amount of Financial Aid available for those who need financial help. There are forms and processes to follow which are evaluated by a Financial Aid Committee and approved by the Lutheran School Board. You will need to request Financial Aid forms from the school office if you wish to apply.

The back of the form lists other possible fees that may occur during the year. We are NOT increasing any sports fees or the band fee. You will notice an increase in lunch fees due to the Federal Hot Lunch Program guidelines which our school must follow. We should have raised it this year, but did not. Thus, the increase for next year will be 10 cents per lunch (with or without milk break) and 5 cents for milk alone.

Extended Care fees are increasing the same amount as the Education Center fees (4.3 cents per day per child). This is due to the additional staffing that we have with an increase of those who use the Extended Care program. Please note that for the safety of you children, Extended Care will NOT be offered on days when school is closed for inclement weather. Dates are also given when the program will be closed for a holiday.

Please contact the school office (especially Mr. Snider) if you have questions about the new form. We want your child to receive the best Christian education possible while keeping fee increases to a minimum. We wish you God's blessings and pray that God will bless all our efforts!

St. Paul's Lutheran School Board