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## CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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July 2019

Dear Parents:

God willing, Crown of Life Lutheran School will begin on **Monday, August 26, 2019**. Our opening service will be at 8:05 am and parents are invited to join us.

For the 2019/2020 school year, the teachers will be as follows:

<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Mrs. Amber Johnson	Pre-K
Mrs. Michelle Kom	Kindergarten
Mrs. Elizabeth Stokke	Grade 1/Choristers
Miss Rebecca Kramer	Grade 2
Mrs. Beth Plath	Grade 3
Mrs. Penny Mielke	Grade 4
Mr. Justin Ohm	Grade 5/Athletic Director/PE 5-8
Mrs. Rachelle Danner	Art 5-8
Mr. Brett Fuhrmann	Grade 6 Homeroom/6-8 Language Arts/Math – Course 3
Mr. David Noack	Grade 7 Homeroom/Science 6-8/SS 7 & 8/Math Course 2
Mr. Daniel Plath	Grade 8 Homeroom/Math - Alg 1/Principal

### Registration

If you have not yet registered your child for school for the 2018/2019 school year, please do so soon. Call the school office (651-451-3832) or contact Mr. Plath (612-239-8447).

### Important Dates

Please keep the following dates in mind:

**August 7**      **4:00 – 7:00 p.m.    \*\*BACK-TO-SCHOOL REGISTRATION NIGHT\*\***  
**Required for ALL families with students entering K – 8**  
***This evening is set aside for parents to come in and take care of filling out school and district forms, making arrangements for tuition payments if needed. Come anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. It should take less than 30 minutes.***

**August 14**      **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.    COL Parents' Meeting**  
**Required for all parents of students Pre-K through grade 8.**  
*You will receive school information from our principal, Mr. Plath, as well as from your child's teacher(s).*

- August 21**                    **5:00 – 6:30 p.m.    Open House** – Parents and children welcome.  
*Take this opportunity to bring your child's school supplies to the classroom and get them into their desk before the first day of school.*
- August 26**                    **First Day of School - Opening Service 8:05 am - Hot Lunch program begins**  
***All parents are welcome and invited to attend the opening service!***
- September 3**                Bus service from District 197 begins

## **News Updates**

### ***New Teacher***

Miss Rebecca Kramer is our new second grade teacher. She is a 2006 graduate of Martin Luther College in New Ulm. She has had experience at the PreK level, but has spent the majority of her ministry in grades 1-2. She moved to West St Paul from Columbus, Wisconsin. Please introduce yourself and welcome her to Crown of Life when the opportunity presents itself.

### ***PreK/Kindergarten Playground***

This summer marked the completion of the PreK/Kindergarten playground on the northwest side of the property. If you have an opportunity to walk over to that side of the building, you will certainly be impressed by the quality of the playground. I think it will bring many years of joy to the younger students.

### ***Spanish***

Spanish is a ***required*** class in grades 5-8.

### ***Band***

Advanced band will again be going to St. Croix to practice with the SC middle school students. Mr. John Fenske will be directing the middle school band. Roger Zoldan is the lesson teacher here at COL. He will be working with many of the first year students. More information will be available at registration.

### ***MNSAA/School Strategic Plan Update***

Crown of Life continues to be accredited through the Minnesota Nonpublic Accrediting Association. A review of the Crown of Life School Strategic Plan is complete. We will be posting it on our website within a week. I encourage you to read it so you can see our plans for the future.

Part of our accreditation process this year will be a self-study of our school. This involves an in depth look at all areas of the school as well as the church's involvement in the school. We will need all hands on deck as this a short but very intense project. Please keep an eye out for your opportunity to be involved.

### ***Work Done at School this Summer***

Thanks to our janitors and others who have made some wonderful updates around the school. A major part of the work done this summer was painting. All school hallways were repainted and look very nice. We added a few accent colors to complement the walls a bit. Once again, we are working to keep our school up to date and looking great!

### **Open Forums**

We will be holding at least one open forum for the parents to attend and contribute thoughts on how we can serve you and your students better. Please watch the newsletters and emails for those dates. It will likely be the end of October.

**School Year Theme – “Forward in Faith”** is the theme for this upcoming school year. It is based on Philippians 1:6 – “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

### **Administrative Program**

Crown of Life uses an administrative program called PraxiSchool. This combines all the necessary tools under one program. Student records, daily assignments, tuition, lunch program, health records, after school care, and other pertinent information will be available to parents and students. Regular communication will be available through daily and weekly announcements as well. New families will be sent a link to set up their family’s account. Please watch for this email.

### **Pre-Kindergarten**

We offer a preschool program for children 3-5 years of age that is flexible, offering a minimum of two half-days per week and up to five full days per week, with extended after school care.

Hours:	Half Day Preschool (Mornings)	Monday – Friday 8:00 – 11:00 am
	Half Day Preschool (Afternoons)	Monday – Friday 12:30 – 3:10 pm
	All Day Preschool	Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:10 pm
	After School Care	Monday – Friday 3:10 – 5:30 pm <i>(on days with a full day of school)</i>

**\*\*There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$100.00.**

**Fees:**                   **\$22 each half-day**  
                                 **\$40 each full day**

Monthly fees are paid through the PraxiSchool program by cash or check to the office. The registration fee should be made by cash or check (payable to Crown of Life) along with your registration form.

**\*\*Classes for Pre-K begin August 26, 2019.**

### **General Information**

#### **School Supply List**

It is that time...stores are preparing the shelves and I have seen ads for school supplies. Check out the school website ([crownoflifemn.org](http://crownoflifemn.org)) under “School” and then “Forms.” You will find an updated school supply list. Happy shopping!

#### **Transportation**

**Students in grades K-8 living in District #197** will receive bus information from the district as to the time and place of pickup. This schedule usually arrives by mail from the district about one week before school begins. You must be registered at Crown of Life Lutheran School in order to get on the

bus list. Transportation policy states that a student must be transported to the same location five days a week; this can be in the morning, afternoon or both.

**The school district requires families to register their transportation needs with the school district. This form is found on the district website at [www.isd197.org](http://www.isd197.org). (Go to Parents/Transportation/E-Forms/Non-public school bus registration form.) *This form needs to be filled out and returned to the school district office by August 1.***

*If you are looking for someone with which to carpool, please contact the school office. We will try to help you with names of others in your area.*

### ***School Hours***

School will begin at **8:00 am and end at 3:10 pm** every day for all grades, **Pre-Kindergarten through 8**. Please note these times so that your child is given enough time before school to get their backpacks unloaded and prepared for the day. We would also ask that you pick your child up promptly at the end of each day. **If you are going to be late dropping off or picking up, please call the school office at 651-451-3832.**

### ***Before School Care***

The West parking lot door will open at 7:00 am. Students will be supervised in the Fellowship Hall. They will be dismissed to their classrooms at 7:45. The main school doors will open at 7:45 am. There will be a \$50 fee per family assessed per semester after three times used.

### ***After School Care***

After School Care is offered Monday - Friday from 3:10 - 5:30 pm, except for Early Dismissal days. The cost is \$2.50 per half hour per child, with a \$20 per child registration fee. ASC may be used as needed; please inform your child's teacher if your child should go to ASC. Charges will be billed to your Praxi account monthly, for the prior month's use.

### ***Lunch and Milk***

**CKC Good Food will again serve our lunches. We are currently evaluating our program. Please watch for a survey to help us in this process.**

### ***Physical Exams***

Physical exams are required for students entering Kindergarten and those entering Grade 7 who are planning to be in sports. Proper forms for these were distributed in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade report cards and are also available at the school office. A new law is in effect for students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. All 7<sup>th</sup> graders need TWO measles shots. If your child has had only one shot, he/she will need to receive another shot at this time. A good time to do this is during the 7<sup>th</sup> grade physical.

We look forward to seeing your child/ren at Crown of Life this fall!

In Christ,

Daniel L. Plath, Principal