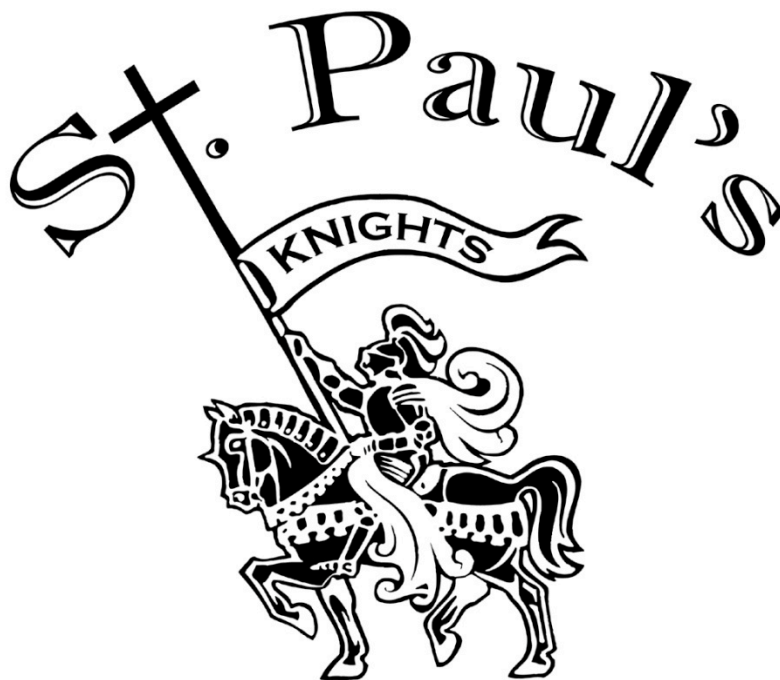


# Student Handbook



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## **INTRODUCTION**

Dear Christian Parents,

This handbook as adopted by the Education Committee will acquaint you with the program of Christian education offered by St. Paul's Lutheran School. It has been designed to give you a better understanding of the purpose, policies, and practices of our school. Please take time to read this handbook before the school year begins, and keep it handy for future reference. We believe that your personal review of your school's objectives and goals will assist you in your blessed work of Christian parenting.

This handbook can be helpful to you as you strive to "bring up your child in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4) Its contents will give you an understanding of how your school operates to assist you in providing a Christian education.

As we begin another school year together, may our gracious Lord bless the efforts put forth by you in providing a Christian education for your child in your home, your church, and your school.

Yours in Christ,

Faculty of St. Paul's Lutheran School

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran School is to assist parents in their God-given responsibility to train their children spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically for life and for eternity by nurturing them with the truth of God's Word in a caring Christian environment.

## **PURPOSE OF ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, mindful of God's command to train children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, have established a Christian Day School for their children. The Christian Day School assists believers in meeting their God-given duty to teach children the Word of the Lord. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

The members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church are also mindful of God's command to "go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) Therefore we believe that in order to carry out this command St. Paul's Lutheran School has been established to preach the good news to those who are not members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church. Through the school every effort will be made to bring that good news to all those who attend.

All subjects are taught in the light of God's Word. Thus religion is not confined to any one period of the day, but rather the light of God's wisdom and love is shown in all areas of learning throughout the day. Finally, in St. Paul's Lutheran School, God's love is the basis and the motive for Christian living. Other motives such as rewards, self-glory, personal gain, or fear are not desirable in the training of Christian children, nor can they have any eternal value. Rather, a child is daily reminded that he is a member of the family of God. He is to remember the Savior's great mercy and love for him, and then he is to live as

the Lord would have him live and act. The child is taught to do right, to love, and to serve his community and nation.

## **OUR GOALS**

**Spiritual:** The child will:

1. understand that he is a lost sinner, but saved by grace in the blood of Jesus.
2. demonstrate a love for God's Word.
3. demonstrate an ability to apply God's Word to life and to life's decisions (a discerning heart).
4. have the ability and desire to pray.
5. have the ability and desire to share his or her faith with others.
6. have an understanding of spiritual gifts.
7. be able to understand and appreciate formal worship.
8. have a desire to serve the Lord in a practice of good stewardship.

**Academic:** The child will:

1. have a working knowledge of Scriptural content which enables the child to use his or her Bible.
2. be a literate citizen able to function in society and contribute to the general welfare of all.
3. be competent in all areas of South Dakota curriculum standards according to God-given talents.
4. have a foundation in all subjects areas important to his or her continuing education, both secular and religious.
5. comprehend all knowledge in the light of God's Word.

**Personal/Social:** The child will:

1. see himself or herself as God does; no more and no less.
2. be able to build relationships important to daily life.
3. be well on the way toward building a useful Christian life of service to God and his or her fellow beings.
4. develop a wholesome work ethic.
5. appreciate the blessings God intends through the family.
6. be able to accept others as God directs in His word.

7. know how to practice appropriate etiquette.
8. have and use good communication skills.
9. practice cleanliness and good health habits.
10. be able to manage earthly forms of wealth without being materialistic.

## **HOME AND SCHOOL COOPERATION**

The Lord through His Word has bound the home and the school together as one unit with one and the same aim when He said: "These commandments I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deuteronomy. 6:6-7) Parents dare not give up this God-given responsibility when they send their children to school. The teacher's part is to give additional training so that the work of making our children wise unto salvation might continue uninterrupted and unhindered.

Parents and teachers must join so that our children may know and experience the joys of eternal life. In order to bring about cooperation in the great responsibility our Lord has given us, we must be sure of our aims and objectives. The source of our child-training is found in God's infallible Word. Christian parents and the teachers must dedicate themselves to an even greater study of God's Word so that they become more proficient in carrying out their task in a God-pleasing manner.

Parents will have many scheduled opportunities to meet with the faculty this year. These meetings are designed for the express purpose of building a still closer home-school relationship. Your presence at these meetings shows your desire to actively participate in studying mutual problems concerning the education of your children.

## **CURRICULUM**

Our school meets the requirements of the State of South Dakota and the Commission on Parish Schools of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The school is accredited and the teachers are certified as required by the South Dakota State Education Committee.

By curriculum we mean all the experiences of the child for which the school accepts responsibility. Every effort is made to keep our curriculum Christ-centered as well as current. It shall provide, within the limits of the school and personnel, for the spiritual, mental, physical, and social needs of every child.

The various subjects are taught in our school under the following headings:

### **RELIGION**

Bible History  
Catechism  
Hymnology

### **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

General Science  
Health

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Current Events  
Geography  
History

### **THE ARTS**

Art  
Creative Writing  
Choir  
Language  
Music  
Penmanship  
Phonics  
Reading/Literature  
Spelling

### **MATHEMATICS**

Math  
Algebra

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

See pg. 8

### **COMPUTER**

Word Processing  
Internet

## **CHOIR**

In order that the children appreciate and learn our Christian and Lutheran heritage of singing God's praises, all upper-grade children (4-8) are involved in the Junior Choir while all the lower-grade children (K-3) sing in the Little Lamb Choir. The choirs practice during the school hours. Junior Choir students will receive a letter grade. Each choir has the distinct privilege of

singing praises to God in church. As another part of every child's training at St. Paul's they are encouraged to be present and sing regularly. An excuse should be provided if your child is absent when his or her choir sings.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

The purpose of our physical education activities is to provide physical experiences, mental stimulation, and wholesome companionship. Physical Education helps a child understand that his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that it should be taken care of. It also provides opportunities to develop and express qualities, such as: cooperation, consideration for others, willingness to take turns, readiness to assume responsibility, fair play and sportsmanship. All students are expected to participate in physical education unless they are ill or excused by written request. In grades 4-8, a letter grade will be given to each student for physical education, reflecting their effort and participation in the physical education unit.

### **ENROLLMENT POLICY**

St. Paul's Lutheran School is an integral part of the Gospel ministry of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, and therefore is to be considered a parochial and not a private school. St. Paul's Lutheran School admits pupils upon approval by the Education Committee on the following basis:

1. **St. Paul's:** Members are urged and encouraged to send their children to our Lutheran Elementary School.
2. **Sister Congregations:** Children of sister congregations which do not have a Lutheran Elementary school will be allowed next to attend St. Paul's Lutheran School, provided there is room.
3. **Mission Prospects:** Parents who seek to send their children to St. Paul's Lutheran School and are not active

in a church will be allowed next to attend St. Paul's. Parents will be expected to attend a series of Bible information classes. Students will be expected to participate in Word of God and Confirmation Instruction classes. The enrollment of these children will be reconsidered with the beginning of each school term.

- 4. Other Churches:** Parents who wish to send their children to St. Paul's Lutheran School and are active members of another church body not in fellowship with St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church will be allowed next to attend St. Paul's Lutheran School. A meeting with the parents and principal or vice-principal to discuss matters of doctrine will be required. The parents will also be expected to attend a series of Bible information classes. The enrollment of these children will be reconsidered with the beginning of each school term. Further guidelines have been laid out by the Education Committee and should be consulted.

### **CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

Our Lord expects of His Children that by love we walk in His commandments and live lives pleasing to Him. It is our intent to help our parents instill the desire in their children to want to serve their Savior. With this attitude, our children will endeavor to conduct themselves accordingly.

The devil, the world, and our flesh work continuously to overcome these intentions. Children in error must be made to see their sin in the mirror of the Law, be brought to repentance, and then after disciplining, be persuaded by the Gospel to live, with God's help, a better life.

This discipline is done with every consideration for the child's home, health, gifts, and personality. The parents have given the teachers through the Education Committee, permission to use

appropriate correction. It is our hope that we together will maintain proper Christian rapport in all cases.

## **VIOLENCE**

Violence, whether acted out or threatened, is not consistent with our Christian principles. Faculty and staff are not to spank, forcibly hit, or physically threaten students. Students are not to forcibly hit or physically threaten peers or supervisors. Students engaging in such activity may be suspended or expelled at the Education Committee's discretion. If an act of violence is perpetrated against any student, that student should immediately inform a teacher or adult in charge.

## **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)**

If necessary, students may be required to serve an in-school suspension. If this becomes necessary parents will be notified. The ISS may be used where there is malicious intent to do harm to another student, excessive late or missed work, vandalism, or anything else that the principal or school board deems an appropriate reason.

The ISS will result in a letter grade of "F" for all assignments that were due during the ISS period. Parents should speak with the principal if they have any questions regarding ISS.

## **LATE WORK POLICY**

All classroom assignments are due by the beginning of the next class period, unless otherwise specified by the classroom teacher, as a result of an illness, or a pre-approved absence. An assignment that is not turned in at the appropriate time will be considered late. Each teacher will set forth his or her late work

policy each year. Parents and students will be informed of the late work policy at their home visit before the school year starts.

## **GRIEVANCES**

When problems and grievances relating to a school incident arise, courtesy and Christian love compel us to discuss these matters privately with the teacher involved as God directs in Matthew 18:15 (If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you.) If the situation is not resolved, the matter can be brought to the attention of the principal. If an extreme situation warrants other action, a meeting may be arranged with the Education Committee, the pastor, the principal, and any other parties involved. Matters concerning overall school policy or procedure should be brought directly to the principal with prayer and Christian love, allowing God's Word to lead us to peaceful and proper solutions.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Sexual harassment is a sin against the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment and shall be treated as such. Faculty, staff, and students are to honor God and their neighbor by leading pure and decent lives. Whether it be by word or action, sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is considered anything that is sexual in nature, including bra snapping.

St. Paul's Lutheran School will comply with federal and state laws relating to this matter. All reported instances of sexual harassment shall be referred to the Education Committee for resolution. If an individual feels that they have been sexually harassed, a teacher or an adult must be informed. In severe cases, a referral to the Education Committee and/or police authorities would follow.

## **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

Registration for next year will be in the spring before the school year ends. A registration fee of \$30 will be due when registering.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

St. Paul's Lutheran School admits students of any race, gender, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic or other school-administered programs.

## **EDUCATION FEE**

A minimum of \$30 will be due at registration time. The remainder of the \$495 education fee may be paid in two ways.

- Pay the entire education fee at orientation.
- Pay \$30 or more at registration and pay the remainder via electric funds transfer over 9 monthly payments beginning in August.

(Families who are not members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will also be required to make tuition payments of \$2,400 via EFT)

**If you are unable to pay the education fee, other arrangements must be made with the Education Committee.** The education fees cover the cost of textbooks, workbooks, art supplies, and other related school supplies. Future considerations, such as major textbook series changes or library expansion are planned to aid school growth. Sunday offerings of church members cover the cost of teachers' salaries, utilities, and major building additions or replacements.

## **TUITION**

No tuition will be charged to members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Tuition for mission prospects and sister congregations will be fixed by the Education Committee prior to the school year.

## **DRIVING REGULATIONS**

It is permissible for anyone who is of legal age to drive to school. *Please inform the principal before your child drives to school.* Anyone who would utilize this privilege must obey the following rules. First, all drivers must park their vehicles in the parking lot. Second, those persons must turn their keys in to the principal upon arriving to school in the morning. Third, before any student can drive to school they must have a copy of their driver's license and proof of insurance on file in the school office. Finally, no rides will be given to anyone with the exception of siblings.

## **APPEARANCE AND DRESS**

In general, we expect our students to dress neatly and modestly for class and for school activities. Clothes should be clean and free from holes and frayed edges. Clothing which contains advertising or slogans referring to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, musical groups of any kind, or with questionable innuendoes are not permitted. No baggy, sagging, or low-hanging pants are allowed at any time. Clothes that are too tight are not appropriate for school. Students are not to wear clothing that exposes the midriff. Low cut tops and short shorts are not allowed either. All final decisions on clothing are made at the teacher's discretion.

In hairstyle length, color, and style, students are to avoid extremes that draw undue attention to themselves. Students who adopt an extreme hairstyle will be asked to change it.

Body piercing (other than ears for girls) is not allowed. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings to school or school activities.

*Visible tattoos of any kind are not allowed at school.*

In the event that a student wears clothing that is deemed inappropriate, the parents will be asked to bring a change of clothing to school.

Good grooming, neat and clean clothes, as well as careful body hygiene are very desirable and necessary. **Students should wear proper fitting athletic shoes to school.** (Crocs, high heels, and flip-flops should not be worn.) It is within the sphere of the parent's responsibility to see that careful grooming, and physical cleanliness are all part of their children's preparation for school. This will benefit both child and school.

These guidelines have been adopted not to restrict the student or deprive them of their freedom of expression. Rather, they are an attempt to remind the student that they represent their Savior at all times and will want to make the best possible impression in the way they act and appear.

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

School hours for grades 1-8 are from 8:15 AM to 3:15 PM. Kindergarten students have school daily from 8:15 AM until 11:30 AM. Students who arrive before 7:45 AM will go to the before-school care room and will be charged at the same rate as after-school care. Under normal circumstances, students should plan to arrive at school around 8:00 AM.

There will be a lunch period. Students are free to leave the school for lunch during the noon recess, but parents are asked to inform the teachers when they do so, if it is not on a regular basis.

If students are not engaged in after-school activities (i.e. cleaning chores, sports) or waiting for rides, they should leave the school grounds immediately. Parents are asked to pick up their child by 3:30 PM. The teachers will not be responsible for students after 3:30 unless parents have made previous arrangements. If a child is to be detained for any reason after school, a parent will be notified.

### **EXTENDED SUPERVISION**

St. Paul's offers parents the opportunity to make use of an extended supervision program for after school hours. The extended supervision hours are from 6:30 to 7:45 AM and 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Contact the principal for further information and cost for such use. Drop-ins are also welcome.

### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

All children are to attend school every day that school is in session. Excuses will be given for absences due to illness or other emergencies. Either a written note or a phone call from the parent, before 8:15 AM, will excuse your child from school. Students are considered unexcused until an acceptable excuse is received from the parent. If your child is tardy or needs to leave early, please inform the teacher through a phone call or note.

Students who do not attend school a minimum of 90% may not be allowed to pass on to the next grade. All decisions by the school board on grade retention related to attendance will be dealt with on an individual basis in consultation with the principal and the student's teacher.

Please note that written excuses or phone calls are required for the parents' and teachers' information. Surely all parents

would want to be contacted if their child has not attended or has arrived late or left school early without their knowledge. For this reason, parents will be contacted if an excuse is not provided for any of the above situations. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Absence from school does not excuse the student from schoolwork. Following a child's absence, make-up work must be completed.

### **CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

God encourages us to hold His Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it. Regular attendance at worship services is a vital part of every child's training at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Every effort will be made by each teacher to encourage regular Sunday attendance on the part of all children. We, in turn, will be expecting all parents to do all in their power to assist in the child's spiritual growth and welfare. If a child does not regularly attend church before confirmation, it's almost a certainty he will not develop the church-going habit after he has been confirmed. All the good intentions and wishful thinking will not change that fact, as sad as it may be.

### **CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASSES**

To help prepare the children for communicate membership at St. Paul's the pastors will conduct catechism classes for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the school day.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will be issued quarterly. This report gives the teachers an opportunity to evaluate the child's strengths and weaknesses and indicate the same to the parents. Comments on your part will help the teacher and are appreciated.

Parent/teacher consultations will be scheduled during the year. After such consultations it is important that the report card be carefully evaluated and then discussed with the child. Consultation, by appointment, with the teacher at any time is welcomed.

Please consult the yearly calendar for marking periods.

### **GRADES**

Students must have a passing grade in all core subjects (Math, English, Reading, Science, Social Studies). Any student not obtaining a passing grade in two or more core subjects may not be allowed to pass on to the next grade level. All decisions by the school board on grade retention related to grades will be dealt with on an individual basis in consultation with the principal and the student's teacher.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

In keeping with South Dakota state law, children that are five years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, are eligible to enroll in St. Paul's Kindergarten. Each child will be screened by the Kindergarten teacher in order to sample the knowledge and skills of the child. This assessment, which is completed in the Spring prior to entering school, is a means to evaluate the child's readiness for school activities.

### **HEALTH**

South Dakota state law requires that all children entering a South Dakota school system for the first time in grades Kindergarten through twelve, provide proof of the required immunizations. Anyone transferring immunizations will have 60 days to do so.

New students and kindergartners must bring a completed "Certificate of Immunization" (available at the school) upon enrollment. A visit to your doctor or the local health center will take care of this. Parents are asked to keep the school updated when other immunizations are required, including shots received during summer months.

A nurse will visit our school once a year. Health records will be kept for each student. Vision and hearing are checked periodically. Individual physical assessments will be completed as necessary.

If your child has specific health problems, they should be indicated in writing on the registration form. This confidential information is very important for the teacher who spends much time with your child.

If for health reasons a child is to be excused from physical education class or from going outside for recess, a written note or verbal communication from the parents is to be presented to the teacher.

## **MEDICATIONS**

State and federal laws state that no medication may be taken by a student without supervision. This includes aspirin, cough suppressants and over-the-counter drugs. If a student needs to take medicine during school hours, the parents must provide the teacher the medication in the original container and with the written instructions. A medication dispensing card must be filled and given to the teacher for each medication taken. These cards will be destroyed after the student stops taking that medication.

## **ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

The main purpose of our athletic program is to allow our students to participate in the area of interscholastic competitive sports. An opportunity for both boys and girls to participate is given. In this way, the children attending our school will be given an opportunity to develop their bodies, skills, and coordination, to lead themselves and others to appreciate their God-given talents, and to use their talents to the best of their ability. Our purpose is not to promote competition, to praise athletically superior students, or to produce professional athletes. Parents and students are to keep the following guidelines in mind concerning our athletic program:

1. Participation in this program is a privilege and should be considered an honor.
2. Only those who are willing to sacrifice their time and are receptive to the coach's instruction and discipline will have the privilege of participating.
3. Before the privilege of participation will be given, a student must show an honest use of his or her God-given talents in the classroom, school attendance, homework, and all other requirements of the school.
4. All students are eligible for extra-curricular activities unless there is a noticeable drop in academic performance.
5. If a student is absent from school on the day of a game or practice, he/she will not be allowed to participate.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

### **SCHOOL BEGINS**

The first day of school will begin with an opening service at 8:15 AM in the church. All parents are invited to attend.

Each child should come prepared with books and materials suggested by his or her teacher.

### **ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY**

There may be times when students are asked to do some graded work beyond the scope of regular homework. If situations such as this arise, teachers will inform the parents in writing no less than two weeks prior to the date of completion. Parents will be asked to send a signed notice back to the teacher, so that the teacher knows that all parents have been informed of the upcoming activity.

### **AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS**

St. Paul's has available for its use 30 computer centers, VCR's and TV sets, projectors, tape and record players.

### **BIKES**

No bikes are to be ridden on the school property during the school day. Infractions will jeopardize the privilege of bicycle transportation.

### **CARE OF PROPERTY**

We are very thankful for the fine school and materials God has provided for us. Students are expected to take good care of the school and the materials provided for their education. Parents of students who are careless with materials and willfully damage schoolbooks or property will be expected to pay for damages. Students who lose books during the year will be expected to pay for replacements.

### **EMERGENCY SHOOOL CLOSINGS**

If we find it necessary to close or delay school because of a situation such as bad weather, notice will be given over local radio stations and television. St. Paul's Lutheran School will make those decisions as a separate entity from the Rapid City Public Schools.

## **LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Students who, for good reasons other than going home for lunch or emergencies, need to leave school grounds during the school day, must have the permission of their parents and permission of the classroom teacher. Whenever such permission has been granted, full responsibility then rests with the students and the parents.

## **LIBRARY SERVICE**

Dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, reference books, and 1,000 plus library books are supplied for the children's use by the school. Students will be charged \$0.10 for each week that a book is past its due date. Any lost books will need to be replaced by the student or compensation given to the school for the cost of the book. Student's report card will be held if late fees or lost books are not collected.

## **MILK PROGRAM**

Milk tickets are available at \$5.00

## **LUNCH PROGRAM**

A school lunch will be offered if available. Students are able to purchase lunch tickets. *Please purchase tickets in the school office.*

## **MISSION OFFERINGS**

The students are encouraged to bring a weekly mission offering to our chapel service each Wednesday. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Chapel begins at 8:15 and is held in the church.

Each year the faculty chooses the missions to which the money is given. The students mission money helps in the work of spreading the Gospel to those here at home and around the world.

## **RECESS**

The children are also expected to make use of the playground during recess and noon hour. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the day's weather (Coat and footwear). If a child is not to go out during recess and noon hour for a special reason, please advise the teacher in writing. Should the weather be disagreeable, the teacher will use good judgment to determine whether the children may play indoors. The teachers always supervise the playground and physical education activities.

## **SCHOOL PARTIES**

Parties can be arranged by the teachers and interested parents. Students may bring birthday treats to be distributed to the class with the permission of the teacher at a time determined by the teacher.

## **SCHOOL PHONE**

Children and parents are to make arrangements concerning the means of getting home, visiting a friend's house, or other after school activities **before** the child comes to school. Students may use the school telephone only after securing permission from a teacher. Unnecessary calls will be discouraged.

Parents are strongly encouraged to use discretion when calling the school during the day. Many valuable teaching situations are ruined when the telephone must be answered. Please carefully weigh the magnitude of your calls to school during the day.

## **CELL PHONES**

All cell phones must be turned off and turned in to the principal each day. Any phone that is not turned in will be confiscated. Parents wishing to contact their child during the school day may call the school office.

**SCHOOL ADDRESS**

St. Paul's Lutheran School  
835 E. Fairmont Blvd.  
Rapid City, SD 57701

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### **The parent can help the child:**

1. By seeing to it that the child is regular and prompt in attendance.
2. By encouraging him/her to eat a well-balanced diet.
3. By encouraging him/her to play games suitable to age and skill.
4. By encouraging children who are physically well to walk to and from school as often as possible.
5. By encouraging sufficient hours of sleep.
6. By discouraging him/her from taking items to school which may be a distraction from learning.
7. By encouraging him/her to be considerate and courteous on the playground and in school.
8. By having the child wear boots and appropriate clothing in inclement weather.
9. By refraining from being critical of school procedures in the presence of the child.
10. By attending church regularly with your child.
11. By having family devotions and table prayers.
12. By letting the Word of God be the sole and "soul" guide in all phases of daily living and conduct.
13. By consulting regularly with the child's teacher, especially should a problem or question arise.
14. By attempting to set aside some time in the evening when you and the child can sit and talk about the day's events or homework your child may have.