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Susan Quick, Principal

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Dear St. Paul Lutheran families, staff, and all of those who support our school,

Welcome Back to the 2024-2025 school year. I hope that your summer has been filled with fun, friends, family, and a time to reflect on all the blessings that we receive.

Summer has gone by quickly here at school. Our staff, school board and other volunteers have been helping to get our school ready for the new year. Two big projects include the sidewalk ramp being repaired, and the music and Kingdom Kids rooms getting new insulation and ceiling tiles. This is much needed as we are again excited to say that we will have a Kingdom Kids Program this year. We are still looking for volunteers to help work with the coordinator in staffing this program. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this, please call the school office. We are so excited to have the students back in the building! Kingdom Kid hours will be Monday – Thursday 3:30 -5:30 and Friday 2:00 – 5:00.

I would like to also welcome our new staff members for this school year, Mrs. Amy Steinmeyer will be teaching K-1 and Ms. Stephanie Mashuga will be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Ms. Daisy Scholl will also be joining us as a new para-educator working with Pk/Tk and as the Kingdom Kids director.

This year the board has looked over and approved some new curriculum in regards to Social Emotional Learning. This curriculum, Generous Students, has an SEL framework that is biblically based and anchored in God's Word. Parents will receive a weekly newsletter on what the students will be learning in the classrooms and how to incorporate these skills into their everyday lives outside of school. The framework includes the following 5 skills; responsible decision making, relationship skills, self-awareness, self-management, and social awareness. The heart behind this program is helping students to live with purpose and joy; to love God and others, live a life of gratitude and Generosity, and build values that matter: compassion, empathy, forgiveness, honesty, honor, hope, humility, joy, kindness, leadership, patience, resilience, respect, and service, just to name a few. I am excited to see the positive impacts this will make in our classrooms, school, and our school culture. More information will go home on registration night.

A few housekeeping notes: Please take time to read through the handbooks, and new medication slips will need to be filled out for the new year. Also, if your student will be gone for any reason, or needs to leave early, **please call the office**, 402-372-2355. Teachers will not always have an opportunity to check their cell phones, and we do not want to miss any messages from our families. Finally, if you need to visit our building, please stop by the office to sign the check-in list.

***Reminder: School Registration will be Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm.***

Again, welcome back to the new school year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school office.

In HIS grace,

*Susan Quick*

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