

## INTRODUCTION TO FLEX MODEL OF TUITION

As approved by St. Paul's Lutheran School Board, here are a few highlights for the new school year, beginning in August 2023:

**+YEAR ROUND** classes will now be using a Flex Model for scheduling and tuition. Rather than the previous "all inclusive" model of paying one price for the entire 11 hours, families will now get to enroll in 3 different services. Parents may choose a different number of days for the Extra Services (ie, 5 days for the core School Day, but only M/W/F for Before Care and M/T/W/Th for After Care) Parents will choose these options at enrollment time.

Payment will be tabulated and added to your monthly statement for these three separate services:

- 8AM-4PM School Day, the core portion designed with developmentally appropriate activities by trained teachers
- 7AM-8AM Before Care, a loving welcome for those desiring early drop-off
- 4PM-6PM After Care, enrichment, exercise, and more socializing to extend the day

This Flex Model is being implemented as a service to our families to choose the schedule that works best for you and only pay for what you need. It is also in response to the continued staffing shortage in our world. Knowing how many children will be present at each time of service will help us to staff accordingly.

**+SCHOOL YEAR** classes will continue with the same "a la carte" options that are currently offered. This is only available for children who are 3 or 4 by August 1. Here are a few changes to the calendar:

- On days off, Extended Care will no longer be offered
- We will still basically follow the K-8 calendar, but most "Early Dismissal Days" will now be offered as full days as a courtesy to parents.
- School Year classes will have 15 more "days off school" between August 14 and Memorial Day than the Year Round classes.
- There is no guarantee that summer care will be available for School Year students.

+We have moved to a new student information system called **FACTS**. This will allow our re-enrollment to be online! School and ECC will all be unified using FACTS.

**I'm also happy to report some aspects of St. Paul's Lutheran ECC that will not change.** In reviewing different area schools, we are blessed to continue these unique benefits for our families:

- Teachers who are well-prepared to lead their classes and give your children developmentally appropriate activities and lessons each day (BA & MA teaching degrees, LCMS trained, continuing professional development)
- Infant and Toddler classes exceed the legal student/adult ratio (4:1) by having 3 full time staff for each classroom of 8 children.
- New commercial kitchen with hot lunch and snacks provided daily
- New HVAC system for the Eastland building
- High quality security cameras covering outdoor spaces and entrances
- Seven different outdoor spaces for exploring God's amazing world
- An overall philosophy that we are all "Growing in God's grace in our Neighborhood of Learning"

### **+ENROLLMENT SCHEDULE:**

- **FIRST WAVE:** enrollment opens for all of our current ECC children and siblings
- **SECOND WAVE:** enrollment opens for any member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and families in St. Paul's Lutheran School or PDO
- **FINAL WAVE:** open enrollment for the community and those on our waiting list (Note: We have more than 300 inquiries of new families wanting to enroll, so we ask for you to enroll quickly during your scheduled time to ensure your spot for 23/24)