



Monday, July 29, 2019

Dear Current and Prospective Parent's Day Out Program Parents,

I write this communication to your family to inform you that St. Paul's has recently experienced some changes in our Parent's Day Out Program.

As you may or may not already know, Mrs. Maghen Riek, our former director, had announced that she was taking a full-time position in an area public school system, so would not be able to direct our summer camp weeks in July or begin the program this fall. Mrs. Riek faithfully served St. Paul's for the past fifteen years as both teacher and director.

However, it is with great pleasure that I now can inform you that St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School PDO Program has found a very qualified candidate to serve as our new director. Mrs. Elizabeth Knehans has accepted the position of Director and looks forward to leading staff, families, and young students in this important children's ministry. Some of you may already know Mrs. Knehans, as she was a teacher in the program last year. In addition to her passion for learning and nurturing little ones and their families, she brings a great deal of professional business skill and management experience to the position. Mrs. Knehans is a long-term (30 + years) member of St. Paul's and a former ECC and St. Paul's School parent. She is excited to embrace opportunities that will strengthen the connection of the PDO program to the church and school.

I also, at this time, need to inform you that the program is still in need of a few staff members/lead teachers before we will be ready to begin. Staffing will be an immediate priority of the director, with the support of church, school, Early Childhood staff, and School Board.

We know this next announcement may inconvenience some of you and your family plans, and we are sincerely sorry for that; however, the Pastor, School Board, and I feel it will be a prudent and wise decision not to rush for the original Aug. 19th opening day, especially when all staff is currently not in place. Hence, we have collectively decided to delay the start of PDO classes by two weeks.

- **The new OPEN HOUSE date will be Friday, August 30, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**
- **The New Opening Day of class being Tuesday, September 3rd**

Again, we understand this may alter your current plans and we are sorry for the late summer change. If the status of your child's enrollment needs to change, please inform us as soon as possible.

Mrs. Knehans will be working various days in August to field your questions and comments. She can be reached in August via the St. Paul's phone number (314) 822-0447, extension 205, or via E-mail @ eknehans@stpaulsdesperes.org. I can also be reached at the school number of (314) 822-2771, extension 300 or via E-mail @ jprofilet@stpaulsdesperes.org if you have need further assistance.

Thank you again for your interest in our St. Paul's Parent's Day Out program. We look forward to serving you this year and over the months and years to come.

In His Grip,
Mrs. Janet L. Profilet
Principal (on behalf of the St. Paul's School Board)

