



PRINCE OF PEACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

August 15, 2020

Dear Prince of Peace School Family,

We are less than one week from school starting up for grades K-8 and the entire faculty is so excited at the opportunity to physically see your children at school again each and every day. This has been our goal in all the planning to this point and will remain our goal as we continually adapt to the ever-changing rules and regulations that COVID-19 puts in our way as stumbling blocks.

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Yesterday, the Governor added some clarifications to the previous K-12 health order that now mandates all schools, public and private, to wear masks while in the school building unless there is an underlying condition or IEP stating they are not required to. This still allows us to provide mask breaks during recess as long as social distancing is in place. While this is an unfortunate addendum to the previous health order, it does not diminish the fact that we still get to meet in-person and continue to grow academically, physically, socially, and most importantly spiritually with one another on a daily basis.

When thinking of the current challenges in our world, I am reminded of a section from the book of James; "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." This pandemic is certainly testing all of us, and the devil would like nothing more than to have it break us apart so that we are not able to meet together and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

But that is not the case. We will be together. We will grow together. And we will get through this together. I am beyond ready to welcome your children back to PoP this coming Wednesday and look forward to another year of God's blessings this 2020-2021 school year.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael E. Paulsen".

Michael E. Paulsen
Principal