



May 8, 2020

Hope families,

Attached you will find the calendar for the 2020/2021 school year, and I apologize that it's coming out so late this year. One side shows the basic calendar for K-8 elementary families, and the other side shows the calendar for preschool families (half-day preschool and full-day sand dollar club) and extended school care (ESC).

One change for next year is that our annual Lutheran Schools Elementary Tournament (LEST) in Portland, Oregon will experience a change in format and location. At this time, it is expected LEST 2021 will be shorter and be located in Tacoma, Washington, most likely on Friday and Saturday of the same weekend it was previously (President's Day weekend). We are really excited that the LEST tradition will continue! We have changed our usual time off accordingly to take Friday only off, although it is possible that will change still for our families in grades 5-8. Also as a result of this, we are taking the entire following week off for mid-winter break.

Of course, at this time there is some uncertainty around what fall will look like for all schools. Based on what we know currently, I believe we will be able to begin the school year as scheduled on September 2, 2020. In order for that to happen safely, we are considering what protocols and processes we can change and update prior to school starting up. This could include wellness checks for students and staff, students staggering times for recess, eating lunch in their classrooms, and specialists traveling to classrooms instead of students traveling to specialists' classrooms. Currently we are focused on this school year and finishing up strong, but we will soon shift to full fall 2020 planning and will keep you updated.

Blessings,

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