

Dear School Families,

April 24 - 28, 2011

A blessed Easter to all. I hope that everyone had their faith renewed with the message of Easter, that Christ took it upon himself to take away all of the sins that we commit on a daily basis. It is truly inspiring and overwhelming that He would choose to do that for those of us on earth.

We will be interviewing a candidate for the preschool position at the east campus this week. Mrs. Hoffmann has already met with one candidate and the **faculty and staff committee** will meet with her on Wednesday. We are using the portal from Northern Illinois District and have gotten several resumes for the position at the west site. Mrs. Hoffmann is making the initial contact and the committee will follow up on her recommendations.

The full board met last Wednesday, April 20, and we had a good discussion about the dress code. All of the emails we have received about this issue were discussed and we decided to take it back to the committee. I know this may seem like a waste of time to some, but at a parent's suggestion, we looked at St. Paul's dress code online and also some other Lutheran school dress codes in the area. These will be brought to the **academic committee** who will vote this week on Tuesday. This will be the final vote by this committee! Once they bring their recommendation to the board and the board votes, that vote will be final.

Colleen Grober continues to look into viable options for transportation. The estimates from bus companies we were given are a little high, so we continue to look for further options. We do have a representative from a bus company coming to the **academic meeting** on Tuesday to discuss our needs with us.

There is nothing new to report on the sports league as dress code and transportation issues have been taking up a lot of time.

Publicity for the Open Houses was given to each congregation. Flyers will be passed out in the neighborhoods of each site, and posters will be put up in area businesses. We encourage everyone to come to their site to meet their teacher. The times at the east site are from 11 -1 and at the west site from 1-3. Mrs. Hoffmann will be available at each site although she may not be at the west site exactly at 1:00, but she will try! Please remember that Mrs. Gyllstrom (west 7<sup>th</sup>), Mrs. Townsend (west 8<sup>th</sup>), and Mrs. Graf (west 1<sup>st</sup>) have previous engagements and will not be at the west site open house. Mrs. Hoffmann (east 2-3) may not be at the east site also. However, these teachers are more than willing to meet you if you want. Just email me and I will tell you how to get in touch with them.

Remember to turn in your registration fee by May 15. This ensures you get a discount on registration. You may also pay your entire tuition up front and get a 2% discount. We will be working with a tuition management company. The finance committee will pick one at their meeting this week. A parent asked me this week if we were asking for 2

months tuition up front and I told her I did not think so. However if I am wrong, I am sure the **finance committee** will let me know!

In my estimation, the space issue is a very big issue. The reality is that we do not have enough classrooms to have everyone on the main floor and two preschool classes. We have gotten several good ideas from parents and even faculty members about how to best use space and their suggestions will be discussed. We will try our best to accommodate everyone, but be aware that at least for this year, sacrifices may have to be made.

Prayers for this week continue to include St. Paul as they are waiting to hear from their pastoral candidate. Vanessa Ueltzen and Lynne are both recovering nicely. It was good to see both of them worshipping in church. Vanessa had a little set-back this week, so continue to keep her in your prayers. Keep on praying for all of us--students, parents, and board members--as we struggle to find solutions to problems that may seem insurmountable, but with God's help, will be solved.

Once again, if you have any comments or questions, or if you feel that you may be able to help us with contacts for our various committees, please email me at [dgrim58@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dgrim58@sbcglobal.net). We would be glad to hear your input. Please put consolidation in the subject line.

Blessings,  
Caryn Grim