

February 19

Greetings, Families,

Today marks an important event for our school as we finished our re-accreditation process. Originally scheduled for March of 2020, our visit was postponed due to the pandemic, and eventually, a process was developed for a virtual visit. We have the distinct privilege of being the first Lutheran school in the country to complete accreditation virtually. Visiting team members used Zoom to interview staff, “visit” classrooms, and communicate with one another. Thank you to all who helped with getting the original documentation prepared for this, way back in 2019.

Monday marked a change in the way we respond to weather related closings. Traditionally, if MAPS closed, so did with. With increased use of virtual learning days, MAPS now closes to in person on days that formerly may have been delay days. We are committed to not having one day virtual days. While we would never compromise the safety of our students and hold school when it is dangerous to travel (snow or ice storms, etc.) we will independently chose our closures. We appreciate those of you who use buses for providing transportation on those days. Please check our Facebook page and/or FastDirect for communication about potential weather closings, and if we close, it will be a true snow day.

Attached to this message is the calendar for the 2021-22 school year. We still do not know start and end times, but anticipate it to be similar to this year. The calendar can also be found under “Links” in FastDirect, and will be linked to our school website.

Last week, we announced information about summer baseball. Additionally, we have information about girls softball (ages 6 – 17) and high school trap for those 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. You can request that in the school office.

We have noticed that an increasing number of students are coming in so late that they are tardy. Be sure to be at school by 7:45 each morning to ensure a smooth morning routine for your children. Also, please pick up promptly at 3:00(K-4) or 3:15 (5-8).

Two important calendar dates next week: On Monday, there will be no buses running. On Friday, there is no school as we have an in-service day. We also will continue to participate in 10:30 church throughout the season of Lent, so be sure to join us on Facebook each week.

Blessings,

Kathy Yahr  
School Administrator

