



August 21, 2020

## **NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

## **CLASSROOMS WILL BE OPEN**

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> before the 9:30am church service. **Please do not come during the 9:30am service.** If our service is cancelled due to bad weather the school will be open from 10:30am until 11:00am. Students may drop off their school supplies at their desk and locate their cubby, coat hook or locker. Gr.5 & 6 Mr. Neuman's classroom has been moved to the Multipurpose room.

## **WELCOME T-BOLTS!**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 we will begin our 178<sup>th</sup> school year. The students should go to their respective classrooms when they come to school.

## **Morning Chapel Service Change**

This year our Morning Chapel Service will only be with the students. Due to current Health Department recommendations, we can only have the students in the gym at this time.

## **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

5K-8<sup>th</sup> 8:30-3:30pm

4K-8:30-11:30am

## **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

3K 8:30-11:30am

## **BUSING STUDENTS**

Reminder- Johnson Bus, West Bend will not be providing school bus transportation before September 1, 2020.

Only children assigned to the bus route will be allowed to ride the bus. **NO** guest will be permitted to ride with them.

Dear Parents,

Since the Back to School Plan was sent out a month ago numerous questions have come up. The David's Star teaching staff is looking forward to being back in the classroom with the students. It is their hope that David's Star's plan will keep everyone healthy and able to learn at school.

Hopefully, this will update everyone on the current guidelines at David's Star.

1. Out of kindness and respect for everyone, we ask if your child is not feeling well before school starts in the morning, please do not send them to school. It will also be important that you communicate with the school (secretary or classroom teacher) why your child is not in school.
2. Yes, we still plan on beginning school with face-to-face instruction on Wednesday, August 26.
3. Teachers and students (5-years- old and up) should wear masks while in the school building. This is based on the State Mandate. Your child does not have to wear a mask if they have a health reason for not wearing a mask. Please let the classroom teacher know why your child will not be wearing a mask.
4. Please make sure your child has a clean mask for each school day.
5. All visitors to the school must wear a mask.
6. Each morning students will have their temperature taken, and that will again later in the morning.
7. Wherever possible, we will practice social distancing.
8. The school building will be cleaned daily. The teachers will sanitize their classrooms at the end of each day. We will also use a UV sanitizer when we receive it and an electrostatic sprayer.
9. The teachers and students will be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands regularly during the day.
10. The principal, pastors, and Board of Education will decide when school should close and switch to virtual learning.

David's Star Faculty

# Here's how to **CONTACT US!**

Best methods to contact faculty and staff members include:

- Faculty and Staff email address
- School phone
- Fast Direct
- Text or call teacher's personal phone number, if given by the teacher.

**For privacy reasons, please do not contact staff or teachers via social media for school / student related concerns.**



## **DISINFECTING WIPES FOR SCHOOL**

David Star Parents' Group is already hard at work planning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. As we have begun our planning, the safety of our children has been a priority.

With the high demand of disinfecting wipes and the difficulty it takes to find them in a store, we are asking families to instead consider a **monetary donation for wipes as part of the school supply list**. For example, instead of buying a canister of Lysol/Clorox wipes for \$4, **please send \$4 (or any donation amount!) in an envelope labeled "Wipes."** We can then purchase wipes through a wholesaler.

Parent's Group has already purchased a bucket of disinfecting wipes for each classroom as well as the front office and childcare room (\$610.32).

Parent's Group has also funded an Electrostatic sprayer to be used to disinfect classrooms (\$1,914.44).

We thank you in advance for your help in adding this to your child's school supply list (all grades). Please send your donation along with your child on supply drop-off day, **Sunday, August 23, 2020, from 10:30-11 a.m.**

In His Service,

David's Star Parents' Group

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email: [parentsgroup@davidstar.org](mailto:parentsgroup@davidstar.org)

## **DROPOFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES DURING COVID**

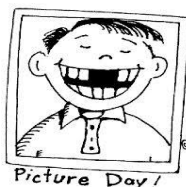
We are asking parents to please limit coming into the school building only when necessary. If you do need to come to school during school hours, we still require you to sign in and wear a visitor badge.

## **Dropoff Procedures and Expectations**

- a. 3K-5K parents may bring students in the building, but the other grades (1-8), parents should drop off their children at the school door.
- b. Temperature checks will be done at the main entrance, so parents should wait to see if their child passes the temperature check before leaving.
- c. Bus students will still be dropped off at the front door, but if they fail the temperature check then parents will be contacted right away, so the student can be sent home.
- d. Morning Childcare- Temperatures will be taken on arrival so parents should bring their child to the Childcare room.

## **Pickup Procedures**

- a. Parent Pick-up- Students will be grouped by family, so some distancing can be maintained and limit the contact with other students.
- b. Bus students- They will still be dismissed at the front door, and students will need to be spread out as they wait for the busses to arrive.



## **STUDENT PICTURES**

**Grades 3K, 5K-8 -Thursday, Sept. 17  
4K & Picture Retake Friday, Oct. 16**

Visual Image Photography, Inc. will be taking our students photo this year. It is important that you know that they have gone paperless. All ordering will be done online. Please see the attached flyer for more information regarding online ordering.



**JAM** (Jesus and Me) is a Christ-centered program aimed at serving families with children who are not yet old enough for Kindergarten.

Children can be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, babysitter, etc. Activities include: Bible lessons, singing, free play, craft and snack time.

Save these **WEDNESDAYS** on your calendar and join us!

**September 2,16,30**

**October 14,28**

**November 11**

**December 2**

**December 16**

We begin around **8:30AM** in the church fellowship area.  
Hope you can join us. Feel free to invite a friend!

For additional information or questions contact  
**Jen Mueller 414-331-5347**



[www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com)

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION  
SCHOOL FUNDRAISING**

Box Tops program is changing to become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label. With thousands of products and hundreds of brands, this transition will take some time; we will continue to honor traditional clips until they reach their expiration dates.



**FAMILY POLICY HANDBOOK**

The school handbook is available on the school website: [www.davidsstar.org](http://www.davidsstar.org) and on Fast Direct [www.fastdir.com/davidsstar/](http://www.fastdir.com/davidsstar/)

**SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY**

**MAIN DOOR ENTRANCE (West Doors)** – All families are **REQUIRED** to enter through the main entrance (west doors) located by the office. This includes all drop-off students, childcare and preschool.

**PARENTS & VISITORS** – All visitors, including parents of students, **MUST** sign in at the school office, upon entering the building. A visitor's pass is required before going to the classroom, lunchroom, and playground areas. Parents/Visitors are asked to return to the office, return the visitor's pass, and sign out prior to leaving the building.

**ALL VISITORS MUST WEAR A MASK-STATE MANDATE**

- If you are dropping anything off for your child, please leave it in the school office and we will deliver the item to your child.
- When picking up a child from school, please go to the office rather than the child's classroom. The secretary will call the child to the office. This will reduce the chances of disturbing the entire class and enables the secretary to keep track of who is in the building and who is not.
- Parents are encouraged to visit school at any time. However, teachers appreciate knowing in advance when parents are planning to visit. Please call 262-677-2412 and set up a visitation time to avoid scheduling conflicts.

## **FAST DIRECT INFORMATION**

If you forgot your login/password or have any questions about your Fast Direct account, please contact the school office.

*It is very important that your contact information is current and have all the **REQUIRED** information listed below on your Fast Direct account.*

**Cell Phone Number & Service Provider**

**Email Address**

**Emergency Contact**

**Work Phone**

**Current Address**

**TEXT ALERTS:** You must opt in to receive text alerts. DS parents will receive a text alert for the following:

**School Closings**

**2 Hour Delay**

**Early Release (weather, plumbing & heating issues)**

**Pay: Credit/Debit Card**

Parents can make Hot Lunch and Childcare payments right in their Fast Direct account. All major credit cards and debit cards are accepted and recorded in their Fast Direct Finance Module. There is a 3% transaction fee for each transaction.

## **HOT LUNCH & CHILDCARE BALANCES:**

Payments are due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of every month. (\$25.00 charge for any returned checks due to insufficient funds.)

- Please note if your account shows a (-) negative balance that means, you owe that amount.
- Prepaying on your account is allowed.
- **ORDERING HOT LUNCH & MILK:**
- Fast Direct will notify parents when you may order milk/lunches.

**THUNDERBOLT WEEKLY:** All DS parents will receive the school newsletter via email every Friday. Newsletters will be available to view on the school website [www.davidsstar.org](http://www.davidsstar.org) and on Fast Direct.

A classroom note from your child's teacher will be sent home weekly with the students on Fridays. Be sure to check their backpacks!

## **BUSING**

Parents we ask that you please contact the bus company directly regarding bus pick up/drop off times or any other concerns that you may have regarding bus transportation.

**Cedarburg, Germantown, and West Bend School Districts** – 3K students will not be allowed to ride the bus per School District Busing Policy. 4K students must ride and sit with an older sibling at all times. They will NOT bus children home at noon. In lieu of the busing, the District will pay each family for picking up their child at noon.

**Slinger School District** – Please call them to find out if you are eligible for a Parent Transportation Contract since we do not have a WELS/ELS school in their district.

### **Bus Company Contacts:**

West Bend – Johnson Bus Co.  
262-334-3146

Germantown – Riteway Bus Co.  
262-677-3282

Cedarburg – Riteway Bus Co.  
262-375-3102

## **DISMISSAL PROCEDURE**

**Bus Students** - Bus pick up Main Entrance (West Doors) by school office.

**3K-4K Students** - Follow procedure from teacher.

**Car Riders** (Parent pick up) use South Parking Lot from Spring Valley Road.

- **Do not drive through the cemetery.**
- Do not park and leave your car unattended under the overhang we ask that you park your car in the parking lot so that we may keep it open for parents dropping and picking up their children.
- Line up beginning under the overhang and the students will be dismissed from the concession area.
- If your child is not in the concession area to be excused, you will be asked to circle around and go to the end of the line.

## DRESS CODE REMINDER

### KEY WORD: MODESTY

There have been improvements in the past year, but there are still some problems with how the girls dress at times. **Most of the violations occur in the upper grades, but the lower grades need to meet the dress code as well.** Many of you have worked hard to follow the dress code, so please keep monitoring, and following the guidelines.

I wanted to share this information with you, so when you shop for back to school clothes for your daughters this summer, please keep the dress code in mind. If you have any questions or comments, you can email me at [tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org).

- Tops should extend past the top of pants at all times so there are no bare midriffs. Tops should not be low-cut, revealing, or suggestive. Sleeveless shirts may be worn if the shoulder is covered.
- Spaghetti straps, tank tops, and low-cut tops are not allowed unless a t-shirt is worn underneath.
  - Cut-offs or tight-fitting shorts, such as spandex shorts, are not to be worn.
  - Jeans/Pants may not have holes or tears and may not be worn lower than the hips.
  - Dresses, skirts, and shorts should be modest in length and appearance and no higher than the middle of the thigh are allowed. (This would also include when the student is sitting, standing, or their hand is raised above their head.) No short shorts! Sun dresses may only be worn with a t-shirt underneath.
  - Undergarments should be covered and not able to be seen through the clothing. Stomachs and lower backs should remain covered even when an arm is raised.

## HOT LUNCH

If you have any questions regarding hot lunch. Please contact, Jenny Gauthier at [hotlunch@davidstar.org](mailto:hotlunch@davidstar.org) or through Fast Direct.

**Hot Lunch Days:** Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

**Cost:** \$3.25 per meal (milk is separate from the meal)

**Extra Entrée:** \$1.00

**Milk:** .25 – *Please note milk prices may fluctuate.*

- **Ordering Lunch** - Fast Direct will notify parents when you may order milk/lunches.
- **Monday & Tuesday** hot lunch is **NOT** available. Students will need to bring their own bag lunch.
- **Billing** - Fast Direct will show your lunch balance. **Payments are due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of every month.** Due to the bank charging us a fee, we need to charge \$25.00 for any returned checks due to insufficient funds. Payments can also be paid by your Credit/Debit Card on your Fast Direct account.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

*Medical Forms are available on Fast Direct.*

### **Allergies:**

If your child has a severe allergy to a particular food or bee sting that would require the immediate administration of a medication, such as an antihistamine or epinephrine injection to prevent a medical emergency, please fill in the **ALLERGY ACTION PLAN FORM**. This form needs to be filled out and signed by your physician yearly to ensure that the correct procedure and dosage is administered. This protects your child, the school and is required by law. Your doctor's nurse could facilitate this if your child is not due for a checkup.

**Asthma** or any other medical condition that we would need to be made aware of.

## Immunizations:

Please make sure your child/ren vaccinations are up to date before October 7, 2020. If you have an appointment scheduled please call the school office to notify us of your child's appointment date.

**Student Immunization Record (or simply called "record"):** This includes the vaccine date and number of doses the student has received.

**Vaccination waiver:** There are two types of waivers. The first is a **medical waiver** used when a student cannot get a vaccine due to a medical issue.

The second type is due to an objection to one or more vaccinations by a parent or adult student based on a **personal or religious objection** (under Wis. Stat. § 252.04). A signed, written waiver must be provided to the school and updated when new vaccines are due. Note: Proof of previously administered vaccinations must be provided to the school.

## School Theme 2020-2021



## Our School Mission

*David's Star Lutheran School uses God's Word to reach out and to nurture, educate, and equip children for a life of Christian service and ultimately life in heaven.*

## CLASSROOM WISHLIST

Throughout the year we have been asked by families if any of our classrooms are in need for anything. If you wish to donate an item to any of our classrooms, they would greatly appreciate it! Be sure to check our list for changes.

***We thank you for your support!***

### CHILDCARE

**Crayola Washable Tempra Paints** any color (cost \$3/bottle)

**Watercolor paints** – 8 count

**Glue sticks**

**9x12 Construction Paper**- any color, *NEED* black

**White Printer Paper**

**Easel Pads** (*Example: Post-It, Melissa & Doug, Staples*)

**Puzzles** 100-200 piece

**Games:** Guess Who, Card Games (*No UNO have plenty*)

**Kleenex/Tissues**

### PRE-K

**Gift Wrapping Ribbon**

**Cloth Ribbon**

**Googly Eyes**

**Glass Baby Food Jars**

**Yarn**

**Cotton Balls**

**Clothes Pins**

**Puzzles** 5-12 piece (cost \$5)

**Buttons** – *Old or New*

**Airplanes** small size 4"-12" (cost \$5-20)

**Plastic Animals** – SAFE NON-TOXIC (cost \$6-8)

**Small Hand Pump Soap** (cost \$1) *Dollar Store*

### **David's Star School Board Members**

Jason Walz – President

Jeff McCoy

Jeff Munn

Todd Oestreich

John Schwalenberg

### **PARENTS GROUP MEMBERS 2020-21**

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email:

[parentsgroup@davidsstar.org](mailto:parentsgroup@davidsstar.org)

8<sup>th</sup> – Heidi Walz (President)

7<sup>th</sup> – Jolie Abitz

6<sup>th</sup> – Erin Gundrum, Gina Kruse

5<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Schumacher (Secretary)

4<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Wolfgram

3<sup>rd</sup> – Rulena Guenther (Treasurer)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Krista Kuber

1<sup>st</sup> – Jennifer Mueller

5K – Chrissy Durr, Kari Hartwig

4K – Krista Traucht

3K – Amanda Clausing

Principal – Tim Gustafson

Board of Ed – Jeff Munn

There are many volunteer opportunities for parents to get involved and help support your children's school events. Please consider becoming a volunteer!

***"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."***