



ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Living, Learning, and Leading through Jesus Christ

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Dear Zion Lutheran School Families,

On behalf of your school staff, Pastor Mark Demel, and Board of Education, I'd like to provide you with updated information regarding the school operations for next year and invite you to the first of hopefully many opportunities for us to hear from you in person.

I'm pleased to let you know that due to the efforts of our staff and their devotion to this ministry, we are able to accelerate our schedule in providing you details, and reschedule the community open forum to a date that is prior to the end of the school year. The new date for this meeting is **Wednesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Zion Fellowship Center. All members of our parent and student communities and congregation are invited to attend. We look forward to sharing more details of our school plans at this meeting and gathering your input for our summer planning sessions with the staff.

Over the last ten days, teams of teachers, Board of Education members, Pastor Demel and staff have gathered to work on our operating plans for next year. I have been in awe of the energy, expertise, and enthusiasm of our staff in dedicating themselves to providing the highest degree of quality to our academic offerings while ensuring that the Love of Jesus shows in everything we do for your children at Zion. Going forward, we will be more efficient in using your tuition dollars by running under a departmentalized team-teaching model. This plan will enable us to provide concentrated core grade level curriculum instruction via a dedicated grade level expert for most of the school day, while providing enrichment opportunities within department levels, and at times, across the campus. More details of this plan will be provided at the open forum, but some highlights are listed below:

- Your Middle School (grades 6-8) Department Head will be Mr. Dan Fischer (7th grade), working with Ms. Charlene Soon (6th grade), and Mrs. Sandie Fischer (8th grade).
- Your Upper Primary (grades 3-5) Department Head will be Mrs. Donna Woods (5th grade), working with Ms. Bev Arnett (4th grade) and Ms. C.J. Greenwald (3rd grade).
- Your Lower Primary (grades K-2) Department Head will be Mrs. Tamara Hanford (Kindergarten), working with Miss Susie Ellis (1st grade) and Mrs. Karen Gordenier (2nd grade).
- Your Preschool teachers will be Mrs. Debby Schmidt, Ms. Darcie Gibson, and Mrs. Danena Riggs.
- Technology Education will be led by Mrs. Pam Thomas, and Physical Education will be taught by Mrs. LaDorna Bunt and Mr. Greg Carle.

I am thrilled to announce that the day-to-day management of the school will be led by Mrs. Woods as Principal, with assistance and support from the Department Heads.

Our teachers, support staff, Board of Education, Pastor and I are all very excited about being able to offer an even higher level of academic excellence, enhanced with the Technology Education, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Christian Education that you have come to expect from Zion Lutheran School. We treasure the opportunity to spread the Gospel of our Savior in this academic setting, and value each of the children you entrust to us. I hope to see you on the 9th!

In Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. K. Thomas".

Gordon Thomas
Chair, Zion Lutheran Board of Education
Mark 12:30-31