

# **LIFE LUTHERAN SCHOOL**



## **Parent/Student Handbook 2009-2010**

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## Mission Statement

LIFE! Lutheran School serves families by providing a quality Christian education for their children to help prepare them for life and for joyfully sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

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### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Individual accident insurance coverage is presently carried by LIFE Lutheran School. Should a family already have insurance coverage, that company would be the primary carrier. Our company, Church Mutual, will evaluate coverage for the unpaid balance. Should a family have no coverage, then Church Mutual would become the primary carrier.

### **ACCREDITATION**

Life Lutheran School is registered with the Oregon State Department of Education.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The School is owned and operated by the Lutheran Interfaith Family Education (LIFE) Association and the Lutheran church congregations which make it up in the Eugene-Springfield area.

To effectively carry out the purpose of the school, the Association has assigned responsibility for operation of the school to the LIFE School Board.

The School Board also calls a School Administrator/Principal whose responsibility it is to administer the school. The Principal is the primary contact person for the faculty, parents, and public with regard to school operation.

### **ADMISSION POLICY**

When families enroll in LIFE they acknowledge that:

1. Each child will receive training in the teachings of the Bible as taught throughout the curriculum of Life Lutheran School.
2. Children will participate in school related activities throughout the year, including school programs, field trips, chapel, extra-curricular activities, and other functions.
3. Academic capability of the child must be in line with grade placement.
4. The children meet the following minimum age requirements upon entry into school:
  - Pre-Kindergarten: 3 or 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> and be toilet trained.
  - Kindergarten: 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - First Grade: 6 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Academically, some students may need to be admitted under a probationary contract. Life School may not be able to meet the needs of children whose academic disabilities are of a complex nature.
6. Those students with a continued history of behavior problems in other schools may not be admitted.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

Life 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, admission policies, tuition assistance and endowment programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

### **ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

Enrollment forms are available from the school office

### **ADMISSION PRIORITIES**

A current student/school family re-enrollment period will be offered in the spring before open enrollment in order to allow returning students and family members prioritized enrollment opportunities.

Classroom size guidelines are:

- 10 in Pre-K, 3 year old
- 10 in Pre-K, 4 year old
- 15 in Kindergarten
- 18 in Grades 1-2
- 18 in Grades 3-4-5
- 18 in Grades 6-7-8

(After classes are full, a waiting list begins.)

### **ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY - STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIME**

Life Lutheran School Child Care services begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year. For additional details about Child Care, please refer to the Childcare Parent Handbook available in the main office and/or from the Childcare Coordinator.

In the interest of proper supervision, we request that students arrive on the school grounds after 8:00 a.m. The Life Lutheran School doors will open at 8:15 a.m. Any children needing to arrive earlier due to transportation, parent work schedules, or other valid reasons should make arrangements with the teacher or Principal and will need to be enrolled in child care.

For school liability and security reasons, children will not be allowed to be outdoors alone prior to 8:00 a.m. and after 3:00 p.m. Students arriving between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. will remain outdoors on the sidewalk leading to the front entrance. This area will be supervised between 8:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. by either parents or teachers. Students will not be allowed in the classrooms prior to 8:15 a.m. unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher, and then only if they are under the direct supervision of an adult. We therefore encourage your children to arrive after 8:15 a.m. if at all possible.

School starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. will be required to get a tardy pass from the office.

Regular attendance is essential if a student is to make use of the educational opportunities the school offers. As stated previously, our goal is to continuously improve student learning and achievement. Regular attendance develops dependability and responsibility in the student and contributes to his/her academic achievement.

Parents should call the school office, (342-5433) before 8:30 a.m. to report your child's absence. If a student's absence has not been verified by a parent by 9:00 a.m., the office will call the parent.

A student absent due to illness is not allowed to participate in any after school activities that day. In case of an absence due to illness, the student must be well enough to participate fully in school upon his/her return. In case of a fever, the student must hold a normal temperature for 24 hours before returning to school.

Students arriving after 10:00 a.m. or leaving before 1:30 p.m. will be considered a half day absent.

Parents/students are responsible for maintaining regular attendance and for being aware of the number of absences that are accumulated in a given grading period. Students who exceed the number of allowed absences risk the loss of academic credit and may in extreme instances, face dismissal.

Notices will be sent to the parents after the 5<sup>th</sup> absence in a 9 week grading period. Where absence results from extended illness, notices will not be sent.

### **BIBLES**

The New International Version (NIV) translation is used as our basic class room text. All students in grades 2-8 are to have this translation. Other translations may certainly be used for individual reading or for class preparation; however, it becomes very confusing to work together or read together as a group when different wording becomes involved. The school office has a good print size NIV Bible available at a very reasonable cost.

### **CHRISTIAN GROWTH/WORSHIP**

Means to achieve Christian growth include: daily devotions, prayer, weekly chapel services, Bible study time, and worship.

Chapel Offerings are gathered for special mission projects. (We urge our students to contribute money they have earned in the effort to help them develop an attitude of giving which is becoming of a truly grateful child of God.)

### **CLASSROOM VISITING**

Life Lutheran School has an **Open House policy**, which means that all parents are welcome to come and visit the classrooms. Parents are welcome to visit a classroom for up to fifteen minutes without prior arrangements. Parents visiting classrooms should do so with as little interruption to the class as possible. If you have questions or comments, please wait for a time when the teacher is available.

**Parents, please make prior arrangements with teacher if you wish to stay longer than 15 minutes.** After you have visited, you are welcome to contact the office to set up an appointment to visit with the teacher or administrator.

### **CLASS SCHEDULES/CLASS TIME, ARRIVAL,DEPARTURE**

- Life Lutheran School Childcare will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The pre-3 class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. with the doors opening at 8:15 a.m. The class will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
- The pre-4 class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with the doors opening at 8:15 a.m. and the class beginning at 8:30 a.m. The class will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
- Our kindergarten class begins at 8:30 a.m., with the doors opening at 8:15 a.m. Dismissal takes place at 11:30 a.m.
- Grade 1-8 students attend class Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **CURRICULUM/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**At Life Lutheran School our curriculum consists of the following:** Language Arts/Reading/Spelling, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Health Education, Religion, Fine Arts-Art/Music/Drama, Technology/Computer Education, Physical Education, Spanish, and Library/Media Education.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities include:**

Volleyball, basketball, dance team, cheerleading,, fieldtrips, L.E.S.T (Lutheran Elementary School Tournament).

## **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

The authority of parents over their children is, naturally, regarded as primary. When children are placed in the school, this authority is vested in the teachers, administrator, and other school personnel.

In a school setting, it becomes necessary to define those boundaries that are in keeping with a wholesome Christian school environment. The student at Life Lutheran School will regard his/her teachers and other school staff as God's servants, and the teachers and other staff will regard the students as precious young people that they have been entrusted by God to teach.

All students are expected to conduct themselves in a such a way daily for the following to occur:

- Treat peers/other students with RESPECT and dignity at all times.
- Treat all in authority with RESPECT and dignity at all times.

These are Life Lutheran Schools' standards:

1. **Respect God.** We want to honor God in our thoughts, words, and actions in response to the love and respect He has shown for us. We want to show reverence for Him and His name and concern that His Word be applied to our daily living.
2. **Respect People.** We want to follow the directions of those in authority. We wish to demonstrate our love for others in our thoughts, words, and actions.
3. **Respect Property.** We are protective of school and church property and that which belongs to other people.
4. **Respect Learning.** We want to insure that the teaching-learning process is not disrupted and that students are not prevented from learning by other students.

When the above expectations are not met, consequences are determined by the teacher. In serious or continuous cases, a disciplinary referral will be issued. Disciplinary referrals are given.

### **Each disciplinary referral may result in the following:**

The first referral will be completed by the teacher, with a copy sent to the home and one copy kept by the teacher. The teacher will also speak with the parents as a follow-up to the referral, either in person or by phone the same day.

A second referral within a semester will result in a meeting with the administrator, teacher, parents, and child.

A third referral within a semester may result in an automatic suspension. An administrator-parent meeting will also be held. The suspension could last up to 10 calendar days.

A fourth referral within a semester may result in dismissal from school.

The administrator may use his discretion to supersede the above procedures.

### **General Student Regulations, Rules, and Guidelines**

Life Lutheran School has adopted a number of rules which cover certain routines. These will also be presented to students at the beginning of the school year. Specific classroom rules will be shared at the home visit or back to school night. Each teacher will develop classroom procedures and routines which will vary with the maturity of the pupils and the plans of the teachers.

The following are some general regulations, rules, and guidelines which apply to all students:

1. Life Lutheran School has a closed campus. A student is not allowed to leave the campus unless permission is granted by the adult in legal custody, parent, or guardian directly responsible for the student.
2. Any type of weapons, play or real, will not be allowed on the school campus.
3. Any type of play or activity representing violent behavior will not be allowed.
4. The appearance of a student is the responsibility of the student and the parents. We expect students to maintain an appearance which is not distracting to teachers or other students nor draws undue attention or in any way disrupts the instructional program or learning environment of the school. The dress code specifics are available on the web page. Neat, clean, and modest are the basic guidelines. The principal is the final authority in this area.
5. Any other items that students have at school or school-sponsored activities that are considered disruptive to learning and/or express values that are contrary to Christian teaching will not be allowed.
6. School authorities may seize any item the possession of which is illegal, or any item which violates a school rule or poses a hazard to the health, safety, and/or good order of the school. School authorities may search students and/or their personal property when they have reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of something prohibited by school rules or by law.
7. Students are asked to leave the following items at home so that they do not come into the possession of the teacher or principal: skateboards, comic books, matches, weapons of any kind, squirt guns, water filled balloons, MP3's, cell phones, CD players, electronic games.
8. All students shall show respect and consideration for the property rights of others. If, through carelessness or maliciousness, a child is responsible for damage to school/church property or the property of another child, he/she will be

held accountable and restitution in the form of payment for the repair and/or replacement of damaged item will be sought.

9. Pop machines are available to students only after 3:00 p.m.
10. Bicycles are to remain parked and locked during school hours.

**Bullying/Coercion/Hazing/Intimidation/Menacing/Harassment/Sexual Harassment-** This includes language or behavior, which insults, ridicules, or torments another person. This also includes an intentional serious threat by word or act. **ZERO TOLERANCE.**

**Weapons/Bringing/Possessing/Concealing/Using a Weapon- ZERO TOLERANCE.** Dangerous weapon is defined in Oregon law as any weapon, device, instrument, material, any look-alike device, or substance which, under the circumstance in which is used, attempted to be used or threatens to be used, is readily capable of causing death or serious injury. Violation shall result in a referral to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

**The following are explanations of the range of administrative, due process, disciplinary actions that may be taken.**

1. **Administrative Intervention-**The school administrator will talk with the student and his/her parent/guardian to reach an agreement regarding the student's behavior.
2. **Loss of Privileges-**The school administrator or staff member may notify the parent of privilege suspension. These privileges may include removing the student from the playground, lunch room, library/media center, class participation or extra-curricular activities.
3. **Parent Involved Conferences-**A conference with the student, parent, administrator and appropriate staff members will be scheduled. Parents will be informed of the problem area and a plan for improving behavior will be established. This plan may include a written behavioral contract.
4. **Suspension-** The school administrator will exclude the student from regularly scheduled classes and all extra-curricular activities. Suspension will be for a period up to ten calendar days. The School Board and administrator reserve the right to refuse re-enrollment to a child who has had repeated suspensions.
5. **Expulsion-**The decision to expel a student will be made by the School Administrator/Principal. The Administrator will reserve the right to refuse re-enrollment to any child who has had a previous expulsion. All fees are non-refundable in an expulsion situation.

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

Students may be dropped off at the walkway end from 8:00-8:30 A.M.

Pick up begins at 3:00 P.M.

**CHILDCARE BY DEFAULT** Those children that are already signed up for after school child care will go directly to day care after school and will be cared for there. The children that are expecting their parents to pick them up after school, yet have not been picked up by 3:15 p.m. will also be placed in child care since many of our teachers have extra-curricular responsibilities after school and will not be available to supervise students not picked up on time.

We know that there are those rare cases when parents may not make it here between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m. for the normal pick up due to an unforeseen emergency. Thus, our decision to care for those children by having our childcare provider be the ones who oversee their supervision after 3:15 p.m. until parents arrive and pick them up.

There will be no charge for this supervision for a first time occurrence. After one late occurrence, parents will be charged the normal rates for child care.

### **EXTENDED SCHOOL CARE/CHILD CARE**

Life Lutheran School Child Care will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during the school year.

The Life Lutheran School Child Care Center operates under the auspices of the School Board and has been placed under the general supervision of the school administrator. Our child care givers are caring and loving Christians who are committed to children and parents and to providing quality care in a safe environment.

Life Lutheran School Child Care is a facility and program licensed by the State of Oregon Child Care Division.

For more detailed information about the program, registration forms, and a copy of the Child Care Parent Handbook, please stop by the main office of the school or contact Child Care Center staff.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

A “field trip”, for the purposes of Life Lutheran School, shall be defined as an authorized off-campus class time devoted to educational and/or social learning experiences.

All off-campus field trips shall be authorized by the principal and be adequately supervised according to student age and class size as determined by the teacher and principal.

Parent’s or guardian’s permission for off-campus field trips is required. A universal permission form allowing your child to participate in any off-campus activity will be filled out and signed at the beginning of the school year. Teachers will send home notes regarding any field trips they plan to take in the near future. If any fees are necessary, please honor any and all deadlines to prevent possible complications.

If a parent decides that the child will not participate in an approved field trip or other school activity, it is understood that the school will not provide alternate supervision or instruction as these trips are part of our educational and fellowship activities.

All field trip drivers must have a copy of their current driver's license and proof of insurance card on file in the school office. It is important that parents inform teachers of any student medical needs during field trips.

### **GRADING(SEE ALSO HONOR ROLL/GRADING SCALE)**

In all grades, teachers evaluate student performance based on learning objectives. When errors occur, skills are reviewed and errors corrected. Grades are based upon the students' homework, class participation and test results. For more detailed information on grading, contact your student's teacher.

### **HONOR ROLL**

An academic honor roll is posted each quarter. Honor Roll certificates are handed out at the end of the year for the following:

- (80%) Average = *Honors*
- (90%) Average = *High Honors*
- (95% ) Average= *Top Honors*

### **GRIEVANCES**

Mathew 18:15 states, "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves."

If anyone has a complaint about another person or a situation, it is properly handled by going to the individual. In the case of a teacher, after talking with the teacher, if the matter needs to be pursued, the next step is the School Principal. Following this scriptural approach is very important to keeping a unified school community.

### **HEALTH AND ILLNESS**

Because of the potential for the spread of infectious diseases in the classroom, the following guidelines should be observed:

1. When a student is in school, he/she is to be considered able to participate in all activities both indoor and outdoor depending on the weather.
2. If a student becomes nauseous, begins to run a fever, or is seriously injured, parents will be contacted. However, if they cannot be reached, the school reserves the right to use its own good judgment and will follow the information given by the parent on the emergency form.
3. Teachers are unable to administer medication. Please send any doctor prescribed medication to the office with appropriate documents and instructions.

### **HOMEWORK/MAKE-UP WORK**

It is understood that all work not completed at school will be completed as homework. We ask that parents provide a regular study area and study time for children and follow through to see that homework is complete.

All homework make-up due to any absence can be coordinated with the student's teacher when the student returns to class.

### **TESTING**

We believe that academic standards, tests, and evaluations should provide measures for children to evaluate their strengths, weaknesses, and limitations.

Assessment is based on the achievement of learning objectives. Objectives may be measured through a variety of evaluative processes such as homework, quizzes, tests, classroom discussion, individual or group projects, written or oral reports, demonstrations, etc.

Two scales are used for evaluation in our classes. One is a percentage scale used where appropriate according to level and work. O, S, S+, P, and N are used for more subjective grading and used where appropriate at grade level and for subject matter.

Grades:	A = 90% and above	O = Outstanding
	B = 80% - 89%	S = Satisfactory
	C = 70% - 79%	S+ = Satisfactory Plus
	D = 60% - 69%	P = Progress Being Made
	F = Below 60%	N = Needs Improvement

Failing or below average grades should **never be a surprise** to anyone, especially the parents; --reasonable warning is a reasonable expectation. Before a child receives an N or a grade below 70% in any subject, the "subject" teacher will make parents aware of the impending grade and offer a plan for remedy.

### **HOT LUNCH/MILK**

Hot lunches are available on Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, a hot dog lunch is served as a fundraiser. Lunches will cost \$ **2.50 this** year. For information about either the hot lunch or milk program please contact the main office.

### **LEAVING CAMPUS/EARLY DISMISSAL**

Please call in advance for early dismissal. When you arrive to pick up your child, proceed to the office to sign him/her out.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

All articles found at school will be turned in to the Lost and Found area. At the end of the school year any articles that have not been claimed will be distributed to benefit others.

### **MEDICATION**

All medications will be stored and dispensed out of the school office. At least one week's supply of medication should be on hand in the school office.

- Long term medication will be dispensed with authorization from a licensed physician and the child's parent.
- Short-term non-prescription medication such as pain relievers or cough syrup should be labeled with the child's name and recent date. This medication is administered to the child only on written authorization from a licensed physician and the child's parent. Please send complete written, dated and signed directions, including times, for any medication.
- Prescription medication should be in the original container which is labeled with the child's name, a recent date (within 6 months), written directions, including times, and the physician's name.
- The school secretary should be informed in writing if medication is begun, discontinued, changed, or used on a trial basis.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Twenty minute conferences will be held at the end of the first and third quarters.

### **PAYMENTS/TUITION/FEE COLLECTION PROCESS**

A statement of fees and tuition costs is provided to each parent during the enrollment process.

All money sent to school should be enclosed in an envelope with the student's name, grade, amount, and purpose for the money written on the envelope. Child Care and Hot Lunch pre-payments should not be combined with other payments such as field trips, book orders, etc.

Report cards and diplomas will not be released until all accounts are paid in full unless arrangements have been made with the administrator. Re-enrollment will be allowed if accounts are current.

### **TUITION/FEES**

Please see our web page for current costs.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports are given in all grades at the close of each quarter. Midterm progress reports for grades 3-8 are also sent home via the students to keep you informed, particularly if there is a dramatic change in your child's grades. Please sign these reports and return them within three days of receiving them.

### **RELIGION/CHAPEL**

Students have religion integrated into their normal school day and the curriculum in which they study the Scriptures and learn what the Lutheran church believes. Other faiths are not belittled nor are students encouraged to switch churches, however, students are encouraged to attend worship services regularly.

A weekly chapel service is conducted each Wednesday. This is an opportunity for our students to worship and praise our Lord for His daily blessings to them. An offering is received at these services. The children are not required to participate in the offering. The staff uses this opportunity as training in stewardship, an opportunity for our children to express their thanks, and an opportunity for our children to become familiar with various areas of mission and institutional work.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Parents are encouraged to call the school office for a list of the supplies your student will need to start school. These lists are available from your child's teacher for each grade level.

### **SECULAR CELEBRATIONS**

Life Lutheran School will use a Christian approach to secular celebrations and they will be given a Christian emphasis. During Christmas we will emphasize the concept of God's gift to us in the form of Jesus and our response to Him.

**During Halloween:** No witch, vampire etc. stuff please. Reformation and other forms of celebration. Families must decide their level of sensitivity and consequently their own participation in particular Halloween activities. To respect this decision of parents, we will attempt to provide alternative activities along with our Halloween art projects. Certainly no child is compelled to participate in activities which the family finds offensive.

**Valentines Day** is a day to celebrate the love we have for others since Christ first loved us, and how we can share that love. **Easter**, of course is the greatest celebration we have in knowing Christ rose again for us so that we can inherit heaven.

Birthday parties may be celebrated in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher and parent. You may purchase treats to bring for the classroom or make them at school. We will not allow party invitations to be passed out at school if any students are not being invited.

### **STUDENT RECORDS**

All student records maintained by the school will be made available for inspection if requested by the parent/guardian, eligible student, or a representative of a parent if authorized in writing by the parent. LIFE will comply within a reasonable period of time, but in no case more than 10 days after it receives the request. Behavioral or treatment records will be released only to a physician or another appropriate professional qualified to interpret the records.

While your child is enrolled at LIFE and within 10 days of our receipt of a request to transfer records, you have a right to review your student's records and request amendment to the content of the records if you believe the contents are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the rights of the student. If the school does not agree with the amendment, you shall further be given an opportunity for a hearing with a reasonable time period to challenge that decision. The hearing will be conducted by a neutral hearings officer who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.

Should your child enroll in another school, the originals of all student records will be sent directly to the new school within 10 days of receiving written notification of that student's enrollment and a signed records release/transfer request. In accordance with school policy adopted by the Delegate Assembly, no records will be transferred if monies are still owed to the school.

### **TELEPHONE**

'We've got a school to run here.' Please be considerate in requesting messages.

## **TEXTS**

While all textbooks are faculty approved so that we meet high standards, our curriculum is Christ-centered. It is specifically intended to reflect the school's philosophical and mission statements. The choice of textbooks is made by the faculty based on an assessment of needs, our curriculum objectives, review of both Christian and state adopted texts and supplemental materials, and state standards. The replacement of lost or damaged textbooks is the responsibility of each family.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Please send a note to the teacher if your child is going with someone else. Bikes need to be in racks provided during school hours. Children walking home may leave the school grounds by 3:15 p.m.

## **WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES/SNOW AND ICE DELAYS**

AS GOES 4j, SO GOES LIFE! If 4j is taking one of their MANY no school days, your teacher will call your home before 7:00AM with the principal's decision.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

It is our sincere hope that parents will set a fine example by attending church, Bible class, or Sunday School regularly with their children. This shows the importance placed upon worship together in fellowship with their Lord and Savior.

## **WHAT PARENTS CAN DO FOR SUCCESS**

1. Instill in your child a respect and admiration for his teacher as one who is helping him to be a responsible child of God.
2. Do not speak negatively about your child's teacher or the school in front of your child or other children or adults. This is not to say that our teachers do not make mistakes, but nothing can injure the teacher-child or community-school relationship more than the child or community having the feeling that parents do not like Life Lutheran School teachers or appreciate their efforts.
3. When homework is assigned for your child, do not do it for him or her. Instead, set aside a time and an appropriate area in the home for him/her to accomplish these tasks. Ask questions, seek to have your child explain his/her problems, and above all else, give sincere praise when it is due.
4. When absences occur, make certain that your child has received past due assignments. These must be made up and completed for full credit to be given. Also, please remember to send a written excuse upon your child's return to school.
5. If problems seem to be arising at school, be sure to receive both sides of the story. The surest way to have both sides is to contact the teacher, who was present. If after contacting the teacher, you feel it is necessary for the administrator to be aware of the situation, please feel free to call.
6. Participate whenever possible in the programs offered to you as parents.
7. Expect communications to come home frequently with your child. Newsletters letters such as the "Panther Pause", will be sent home with your child. They contain bits of news and information needed by your family to assist your child in the process of education. Also, expect frequent papers and especially mid and full-quarter reports.

8. Please call the teacher if you feel that something is not quite right. We have found that it is best to ask a simple question and solve an easy problem than to wait until larger misunderstandings take place. Let's solve little problems early by working together.
9. It is recommended that parents have their children's eyes checked prior to entering kindergarten, second, fourth, sixth and eighth grades. Oregon requires that immunizations be complete for school enrollment to be allowed.

### **WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO FOR SUCCESS**

1. Be sure that all notes, report cards, and messages to and from your teacher are not lost or forgotten. A special place in your book bag may help you to remember these items.
2. School will start right on time. Your teacher appreciates your promptness because items such as attendance and lunch count will only need to be done once, if all arrive on time. Being in your seat ready for class at 8:30 a.m. will avoid any tardy reports.
3. If you have a party or special gift for only a few in your class, please do not give the invitation or gift at school. If all students in your class are included, then invitations may be given at school.
4. Books, assignments, book orders and other items including slips that need to be returned to the office by a specific date, are your responsibility. Please take care of these items as a responsible person. Only in special cases will moms and dads be called to bring forgotten items.
5. Your behavior as a child of God will benefit yourself and others. The Golden Rule of doing to others what you would like them to do to you" will help you to have friends and a fun day at school.

**MOTTO – “I can do all things through HIM who gives me strength”.  
(Philippians 4:13)**

**COLORS – Purple**

**MASCOT – The Panthers**

**NEWSLETTER – The Panther Pause**

# Life Lutheran School

Established in 1978 by four Lutheran Congregations in the Eugene-Springfield area.

Today, Life is affiliated with other Lutheran schools throughout the United States. There are currently over 1,000 elementary schools operated by Lutheran congregations belonging to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

The Lutheran Interparish Family Education (LIFE) Association exists to serve families by providing and promoting Christian education. The LIFE Association includes:

**Grace Lutheran Church** – 710 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401; Phone: 541-342-4844; Philip Schoenherr, Pastor

**Hope Lutheran Church** – 1369 B Street, Springfield, OR 97477  
Phone: 541-746-1255; John Luther, Pastor

**Messiah Lutheran Church** – 3280 River Road, Eugene, OR 97404; Phone: 541-688-0735; Pastor Richard Chamberlain

**Pleasant Hill Lutheran Church** – 84421 Gaupp Lane, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455 Phone: 541-747-8913; Chris Curry, Pastor

