



June 2017

2017-18 THEME – “It’s Still All About Jesus!”
Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Dear Immanuel families:

I hope this letter finds you in the middle of a wonderful summer! It seems that we just had our closing chapel service and already things are gearing up for the new school year. Below are several items of which you need to become aware:

WE HAVE 3 NEW TEACHERS! Less than a month ago we were dismissing the students for the summer and in that short time we have made several changes in staffing. Mrs. Gail Tripoli has retired! After spending over 20 years helping the young children of Immanuel grow into independent Christian learners, Mrs. Tripoli has chosen to spend more time on herself, her husband and her precious grandchildren. Mrs. Tripoli will certainly be missed, but we have replaced her with another energetic and dynamic new teacher. Mrs. Carole Fiesman has joined our staff and will be teaching our preschool classes. Mrs. Fiesman comes to us with a degree from the University of Iowa and Early Childhood certification from Judson University. She also has earned her Colloquy from Concordia University, Chicago, earning her a rostered position in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as a Commissioned Minister of Religion. Mrs. Fiesman spent 6 years as a preschool teacher at Immanuel, Dundee and 1 year as an assistant director and teacher at ABBA Daycare and Preschool in Glendale Heights. Described as enthusiastic, creative, and passionate she believes that all children can learn and thrive in a learning environment that is stimulating, comforting and appropriate to their unique talents and abilities. Her strengths outside of actual teaching include engaging parents and her visionary approach to developing young minds to their fullest extent.

Mrs. Tieman has repositioned and is now the Director of Connect Ministries for Immanuel Lutheran Church. Her skill set and personality will make this change a strong ministry of the church. Taking her place as third grade teacher is Mrs. Kendall Bhatta. Mrs. Bhatta is an alumnus of ILS. She earned her undergraduate degree at DePaul University in Education. She has been teaching the 4th grade at St. John’s Elgin since her graduation from college in 2013. While at St. John’s, she has been described as enthusiastic, organized, creative, inspiring, hard-working, and is a “natural for teaching.” Kendall is the daughter of Tom and Darlene Kozinski, long time members of Immanuel.

Mrs. Viets is moving into a new role as well. She will be our cooperating teacher. In this role she will assist other teachers, especially those teaching the 8th grade class. As they are only a year from high school, it is most important that we work closely with those students preparing them for the various high schools in our area. She will also be available to assist other classes as well, working with small groups, team teaching and being our substitute teacher when needed. Mrs. Monica Wolowiec will replace Mrs. Viets as the 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Wolowiec has been serving as part-time assistant to Pastor Tieman. Now she will be using her training and her background to teach 5th grade. Mrs. Wolowiec has 5 years of experience as a classroom teacher and holds a Masters Degree in Reading from Concordia University, Chicago. Her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education was earned at the University of Illinois. As a 5th grade teacher in Round Lake, IL, and in Hainesville, IL she was identified as creative, energetic and motivated. Mrs. Wolowiec will bring a great deal of excitement and energy to the school.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: The first day of school is Wednesday, August 23. That day school will be dismissed at 11:30. There will be bus service in the morning, but not for dismissal. Regular bus service will begin the next day both morning and afternoon.

EXTENDED CARE: We will, however, be having full day Extended Care beginning August 23, the first day of school. Mrs. Amy Swisher is our Extended Care Director. Extended Care will run each day we are in school from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm. More information will be available later this summer.

PARENT ORIENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE: On Monday, August 22, from 6 pm – 7:30pm, we will be hosting our Parent Orientation followed by a general Open House where you will have the opportunity to bring your school supplies to school, see your classroom and teacher and catch up with your classmates. During this time, you will also visit the various tables set up for you to purchase uniforms and spirit wear, bibles, catechisms, etc., see what opportunities there are to support the school through PTL activities, volunteering opportunities, and to sign up for other activities such as Upward.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Members of Immanuel (who have their children enrolled at ILS) are required to attend church at Immanuel Lutheran Church at least fifty percent of the Sunday worship services during the calendar year including summers. Make sure you fill out your blue Connection Card and place it in the offering plate during worship. Worship services to be counted toward attendance do not include weekly children's chapel but will include Lent, Advent and other special services.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM: This year the Sandwich Bar, Salad Bar, and Main Entrée will again be choices for the Hot Lunch Menu. However, a new item this year will be the Chicken Caesar Wrap. Prices for Hot Lunch remain the same (\$3.50) with the exception of the Sandwich Bar and Chicken Caesar Wrap. The cost to purchase through the Sandwich Bar and Caesar Wrap will be \$4.00. We will again offer the additional main entrée item for \$1.00.

SYCAMORE: Immanuel Lutheran School is using Sycamore just as last year. Sycamore will be a way to follow grades and it is where records are kept: student and family information; school attendance and grades; ordering of hot lunches, hot lunch financial balances; and extended care balances. Teachers may post classroom information, assignments, and calendar items to the Sycamore bulletin board. Parents may leave email messages and/or Pass It Notes to teachers.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: In an effort to keep tuition increase to a minimum and to encourage parent involvement, the Partnership Hours Program will continue. The Partnership Hours Program requires families to contribute a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer time over the course of the school year. Partnership hour tracking should be made on Sycamore. There are also forms and a list of opportunities for volunteering available in the school office and in the appendix of the Parent Handbook. Forms are completed by the parent doing the volunteer work and left in the box (by the electronic picture frame) in the school office.

BUS INFORMATION: Our list of students requesting bus service will be sent over to transportation in early July. They will enter each student into their computer system and generate bus routes. You will be notified directly from our transportation office as to your child(ren)'s route number, stop location and pick up time.

SPORTS PHYSICALS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR YOUR COACH BEFORE YOU CAN PRACTICE - Students wishing to participate in sports in grades 5 – 8 MUST have a sports physical in order to play any sports this school year. PLAN NOW! If you cannot schedule a physical before practice begins, please contact Mr. Lapp.

PHYSICALS - Physicals are **REQUIRED** for all students entering **preschool, Kindergarten and Sixth grade**. Don't forget to schedule your appointments as soon as possible.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES – Birth certificates are required for all new students (including Kindergarten) enrolling at Immanuel. We will be happy to make a photocopy for our files and return the original to you.

OPEN HOUSE/BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – Mark your calendars now for the “Open House” hosted by grades K – 5 on Monday, September 18 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. You can come with your children to their classrooms and they can lead you around their room to where you will be welcomed by the teacher and then they can show you the things that they have been working on. Then on Wednesday, September 20, Immanuel will host a “Back to School Night” for the parents of the students in grades 6-8. The evening begins at 7:00 when you will report to your child’s homeroom. From this point on, you will follow your child’s schedule going from class to class, teacher to teacher, and walk in your child’s footsteps. At each class you will meet with the teacher, hear the expectations and goals, and have a brief opportunity to ask questions which may have come up the first couple of weeks of school.

Enjoy the remaining days of the summer break and we will be looking forward to seeing everyone return to school next month!

Blessings,

Edward Bower
Principal