



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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2009-2010 School Year

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Second Grade

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Third Grade

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Fifth Grade

Brian Lerret
Sixth Grade

Erin Wilson
Seventh Grade

Lyn Martin
Eighth Grade

Dear Parents:

We are pleased that you have inquired about Mount Olive Lutheran School for your child's education. Enclosed you will find registration information and forms relating to enrolling your child. Should you have any questions, please call the school office or schedule an appointment with the principal.

The first required step to enrolling your child is an informational meeting with the principal. We would prefer to have both parents in attendance at this meeting. These appointments are usually to be made during the school day. We do, however, sometimes schedule evening meetings for those who cannot meet during the day. You are also welcome to visit the school if you will first let us know when you would like to come. For the 2009-2010 school year, our school hours will be from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for 4-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade.

We look forward to meeting you. May God bless you and your family in your lives of service to Him.

Your friends in Christ,

Mount Olive Lutheran School Faculty & Staff



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Our Mission

Mount Olive Lutheran School is a place where the whole child can grow – in mind, in body, and in soul. As our Mission Statement says, we're **“Preparing a New Generation in the Faith.”** We offer full-day classes for students in 4-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade. All of our students benefit from an excellent, accredited academic curriculum, educators who share their Christian values, small class sizes, a strong parent organization, and lasting, Christian friendships.

Academics – Mount Olive's faculty has always proudly promoted a superior level of academic excellence in our students. Take, for example, the recent achievement test scores for our eighth graders. The class placed in the 93rd percentile for math, and in the 92nd percentile for reading. Plus, Mount Olive's students earned higher scores in science than 98% of other eighth grade students. In addition, our fourth graders performed at sixth and seventh grade levels in math and science. We are truly blessed.

Of course, those results come as no surprise when you consider the positive environment in which our students learn. Our school is fully accredited through National Lutheran School Accreditation. We maintain a state-of-the-art computer laboratory, integrated classroom computers, controlled access to the Internet, and a structured technology curriculum. All of our grades have small class sizes, which allows for a more personal learning experience, and we offer full-day 4K.

Extracurriculars – Life at Mount Olive isn't just about pencils and textbooks. Students also have ample opportunities to participate in a wide assortment of extracurricular activities and events, including sports teams and tournaments, vocal and bell choirs, Boy and Girl Scout groups, an annual school stage production, an orchestral band, and much more.

Child Care – Mount Olive offers an excellent before-and-after-school child care program for all students in 4-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade. This service is available weekdays when Mount Olive School is in session. Care is available before school from 6:00 to 8:15 a.m., and after school from 3:15 to 6:00 p.m.

Financial Obligations – Here at Mount Olive, we believe that financial considerations shouldn't limit a family's opportunity to provide its children with a good, values-based education. So we offer generous assistance to all families who qualify for school choice through our exclusive **Olive Branch Program**. Supported by individual donations from church members, alumni, and other friends, the Olive Branch Program helps Mount Olive to extend its mission of serving the children in our community.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church provides the major support since the focus of our school is Christian education. Parents who are members of the congregation contribute to the needs of both the church and its school. All parents pay a **School Fee** (\$820 per child) to provide for books, supplies, and salaries for part-time staff. Families who are not members of the congregation pay an additional **Tuition Fee** (\$1,950 for the first child and \$695 for each additional child), which is substantially less than our per pupil cost.

Non-Discrimination Policy – Mount Olive admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.



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Statement of Philosophy

I. Mount Olive Lutheran School will be a place where the love of Christ is proclaimed and shared with all who are a part of the school community.

Objectives:

1. To use Holy Scripture as the norm for truth, for conduct, and for relationships.
2. To inculcate Biblical truths, particularly as these relate to our relationship to our loving God through Word and Sacrament.
3. To teach the unique relationship we have with all who are in the Body of Christ and our concern for those who have not yet come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
4. To stress the blessing that is ours as a part of the Lutheran community of believers.
5. To teach that the church continues to provide Christians the opportunity for service.
6. To serve as an outreach arm of the congregation into the community by encouraging non-member families to enroll their children and encouraging the unchurched to join Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

II. The comprehensive Christian education program of Mount Olive Lutheran School will afford students the opportunity to develop their God-given gifts and prepare them for secondary education.

Objectives:

1. To develop curricula in areas designated by the Board of Christian Day School as being a part of a “comprehensive Christian education program.”
2. To recognize within the curriculum that God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier are included in every aspect of knowledge (*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.* [II Timothy 3:16]) and in our activities (*We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.* [Romans 8:28])
3. To assist students to become self-directed learners, always striving for excellence. Emphasis will be placed on developing process skills (e.g., decision-making, problem-solving, and critical thinking).
4. To present knowledge and skills as valuable instruments for service to our Lord, not as ends in themselves.
5. To enable students through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to develop talents and enjoy fellowship in God-pleasing ways outside the classroom.

III. Mount Olive Lutheran School will help children recognize themselves as responsible persons of worth who are loved by God and blessed to serve.

Objectives:

1. To daily remind children of their Baptism and their inclusion in God’s forgiven family of believers.
2. To lead children to recognize that, in Christ, the totality of their lives is important.
3. To help students recognize that responsibilities imposed by society, culture, family, peers, etc., are opportunities to respond to the love of God in Christ.

IV. The teachers at Mount Olive Lutheran School will maintain a high standard of competence because they are given the opportunity to grow professionally and to work collaboratively.

Objectives:

1. To call or contract only those teachers who have exhibited dedicated Christian lives and excellence in their field, or who have a high potential for the same.
2. To encourage each teacher, by providing financial assistance, to grow professionally and to maintain certification.
3. To enroll each teacher in a professional organization at Board expense.
4. To budget money for conference and workshop fees.
5. To provide opportunity within the school day for collaborative efforts (e.g., joint planning, team teaching, etc.)



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Mount Olive Lutheran School?

Mount Olive Lutheran School is a caring setting where children can develop their God-given talents and prepare for a successful experience in high school. We help children have a purposeful childhood. Our mission is *Preparing a New Generation in the Faith*.

2. What grades are taught at Mount Olive?

We start with a kindergarten for four-year-old children and provide classes through the eight grade. Both four- and five-year-old kindergartens meet for a full day.

3. How large are the classes?

We will enroll as many as 15 in the kindergarten classes. We enroll up to 20 students per class in the grades. The average class size is about 12 students.

4. What kind of teachers do you have?

Our teachers are our strength, our greatest blessing. All are experienced. All are college graduates. Some have earned graduate degrees. All are certified by the State of Wisconsin. All are Lutheran Christians certified by our parent church, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

5. What is the curriculum?

This question does not have an easy answer. We teach all the traditional subjects, but we teach them differently--from a Christian perspective. An instrumental music program is also available at the school. Field trips into the community supplement and enhance the children's education.

6. Are there extracurricular opportunities?

Most certainly. Beginning with fifth grade, all students have the opportunity to sing in choir. The lower grades, beyond music class, also sing in church several times each year. We have handbell choirs for the upper grades. We have an extensive athletic program (in addition to our physical education classes) for older boys and girls. Scouting groups are open to boys and girls of all ages.

7. How is the school supported?

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Parental Pledge of Cooperation

We want to be assured that the parents are aware of some basic policies and agree to cooperate with us in carrying them out. Please read the following, sign the sheet, and return it to the school office. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the principal.

1. Regular church attendance is a must. If enrolled children miss more than three services in a marking period, additional fees may be assessed. We strongly urge that Sunday morning worship be a family affair.
2. Communicant members of Mount Olive commune regularly. Their financial support is the primary source of funding for church and school. Their volunteer help is also a great blessing to the church and school.
3. Children should be in the school on school days except when they are ill or there is another valid reason for absence. When children are absent, the school should be notified before 9:00 a.m.
4. Medication will not be administered by school personnel unless procedures outlined in the HANDBOOK are followed.
5. Parents support the school by reinforcing the necessity that their children live by school rules. Persistent misbehavior may result in suspension or expulsion. Parents must understand that immediate suspension results when students possess dangerous materials (e.g., guns, knives, smoking materials, alcohol, or other illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia).
6. If there are grievances, parents will first meet with the teacher involved. Only after that step has been taken, and if resolution has not been achieved, will the principal become involved. If the grievance remains unresolved, then the Board of Christian Day School may be approached through the Board Chairman.
7. Registration fees must be paid in full by the first day of the school year. A payment plan through another organization is available for parents who need more time. The collection fee charged by this organization is also the responsibility of the parents who use this service.
8. Monthly tuition payments for non-members are due on the first of each month beginning August 1.

Your signature below indicates that you have read the above, that you understand the rules, and that you will abide by them to the best of your ability. Successful education is dependent on the Lord's blessing and the home and school working together toward a common purpose.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____



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2009 – 2010 School Year Student Registration

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	D.O.B.:
Address:		City/State/Zip:	
Ethnic Origin: <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native-American <input type="checkbox"/> White			
Grade Going Into:	Student Baptized: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, date and church:		
Present School:			

PARENTAL INFORMATION

Father's Name:		Mother's Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City/State/Zip:		City/State/Zip:	
Occupation:		Occupation:	
Location:		Location:	
Daytime Phone:	Ext:	Daytime Phone:	Ext:
Evening Phone	Ext:	Evening Phone:	Ext:
Cell Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Daytime Email:		Daytime Email:	
Evening Email:		Evening Email:	
Require Separate Mailing of School Info: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Require Separate Mailing of School Info: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

EMERGENCY CONTACT / HEALTH INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name:	Phone:	Relationship to Student:
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Allergies:		
Other Health Issues:		

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Interviewed:	Date notified of action on application:
Payments Made	
Registration	\$_____ Check #_____ Cash_____ Date_____
Milk:	\$_____ Check #_____ Cash_____ Date_____
My Devotions:	\$_____ Check #_____ Cash_____ Date_____
Immunizations submitted (date):	Completed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Financial Aid applicant: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Financial Aid granted: