

JULY NOTES

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“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

“Hello Atonement families and friends,

Summer is flying by! My encouragement for you this summer is to find some “quality time” during this ever-changing pandemic environment we are now living. Spend quality time with your Lord in Word and prayer. Spend quality time with your family. Spend quality time preparing as best you can for the upcoming school year.

Atonement will continue to teach and preach the love that our Savior has for each of us and that he died to give us eternal life with him in heaven. Thanks be to God!

The faculty and staff will work diligently and respectfully. The same expectations and standards we hold to ourselves we also hold to students and families. We will mold young minds and hearts with the help of God.

I look forward to the 2020-'21 school year and the partnership with your family. I ask for your prayers and support as we advance His ministry at Atonement. Feel free to contact me anytime with your questions.

Your Servant in Christ,

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2020- 2021 Tuition Rates

The tuition rates for 2020 – 2021 are as follows:

Tuition Rates	monthly payment	Grades	
Members of Atonement			
\$2,900.00	\$322.00	4K/5K: Full day	First Child
\$1,450.00	\$161.00	4K/5K: Full day	Extra Child
Members of Atonement			
\$1,900.00	\$212.00	1st – 8th grade	First Child
\$950.00	\$106.00	1st – 8th grade	Extra Child
Non-member Tuition Rates			
\$6,300.00	\$700.00	4K & 5K: Full day	First Child
\$3,150.00	\$350.00	4K & 5K: Full day	Extra Child
Non-member Tuition Rates			
\$5,000.00	\$556.00	1st - 8th grade	First Child
\$2,500.00	\$278.00	1st - 8th grade	Extra Child

The actual cost of educating a child at Atonement Lutheran School is \$7,800. Members pay a lower fee due to membership offerings. **Tuition assistance** is available to members of Atonement Lutheran Church if applying by August 4.

Supply Lists

Student supply lists for each grade are attached. You may bring supplies when you meet with your child’s teacher at your scheduled school appointment August 10-18 or on the first day of school, August 24. We want every child ready to learn the first day!

School Uniform Polos

Our uniform provider is French Toast. You order directly on their website at the link: <https://www.frenchtoast.com/schoolbox/schools/atonement-lutheran-school-QS458JN> All students 3K-8th grade must order and wear the exclusive embroidered polo shirts from our school shopping area on the French Toast website. Student uniforms consist of khaki pants or skirts, black belt, white or black socks, and black or brown casual shoes which all may be purchased at the store of your choice. Students may wear knee length khaki shorts from May 1- September 30 only. Place your order today so your child is ready for our planned face-to-face opening August 24.

Enrollment Appointments - August 10-18

-Covid 19 Guidelines-

All parents are required to have a personal appointment with their child's teacher at school August 10-18. The teacher will contact you to meet at school, fill out and sign forms, verify registration information, pay your \$20 Tech & Sports fee, and pay your first tuition payment if applicable. Classroom teachers will provide information to parents regarding classroom procedures and expectations, and present guidelines we will have in place due to the **Covid 19 pandemic.**

We will have thermal imaging cameras at our entrances, non-contact sanitizer dispensers at classroom doors, no contact thermometers, an equipped private quarantine room, social distancing reminders, and we will practice a "closed" campus. Parents and visitors will not be allowed in the building unless it is an emergency. We want to lessen foot traffic to keep our students as safe as possible. Your support and cooperation during the ever-changing pandemic guidelines and protocol is appreciated.

First Days of School

August 24: 4K – 8th grade

September 1: 3K & Extended Care begins

Our school days Monday through Friday end with staggered dismissal times as follows:

8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. for grades 4K-6th and 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. for grades 7th & 8th.

These staggered times meet DPI regulations and promote more efficient pick-ups. North doors open every morning at 7:30 a.m. We request students not be dropped off before 7:30 a.m. as there is no supervision and we hold no liability until they enter the school building.

Lunch and breakfast will be served every day as part of the Federal Nutrition Program beginning August 24 and will be contactless.

Opening Installation Service – August 16

The **opening church and installation service** for school will be incorporated into the **10:00 a.m. worship service** at Atonement Lutheran Church on **Sunday, August 16.** Introduction and installation of new faculty members will take place during the service. We welcome Mr. Joshua Tietz, Miss Kasandra Wagner, Miss Rebecca Hussman, Mrs. Sydney Schroeder, and Miss Emily Callies to our school faculty. We pray for God's continued blessing as they serve His children at Atonement!

2020-'21 School Calendar

The 2020-'21 school calendar is attached for your use. Please keep it handy so you can reference it daily and be aware of your child's upcoming school events and activities. Extra calendars are available in the lobby and dates are subject to change. Please be aware with the changing Covid 19 pandemic guidelines, our dates and times of starting and operation may change quickly based on the City of Milwaukee Health Department, the State of Wisconsin, and the DPI. We will keep you current on information as we receive it. Stay tuned!

Student Information Updates & Changes

Please contact school if your address, phone number, or emergency information has changed. Call or e-mail Gail Demitros at gail.demitros@atonementmke.org with your updated information. Your cooperation is important and allows us to share time sensitive information and keep your child on a positive educational path.

School Tuition and Fees

All fees for the 2019 – '20 school year must be paid in full or a payment plan set up prior to a child starting school for the 2020 – '21 school year. This is school policy. You may pay your tuition in monthly payments, the first payment due August 24 and the first

of each month thereafter, October 2020 – May 2021. You may pay by cash or check. Families receiving MPCP vouchers do not pay tuition, but are responsible for purchasing their own uniforms, a **\$20 per child Tech & Sports fee**, and other non-tuition expenses required on the supply list. **Please come prepared to your in-school teacher meeting to pay your \$20 Tech & Sports fee** and your first tuition payment if your child does not receive Choice.

School Drop-Offs and Absences

School begins promptly every day at 8:00 a.m. for all grades. **Atonement will open the north doors at 7:30 a.m.** All students should be in their desks and ready to learn when the bell rings. Student arrivals after 8:00 a.m. must enter and check in at the office. Please communicate late arrivals and absences to **Mrs. Demitros or your child's teacher** before 8:00 a.m. so it may be properly recorded and we can anticipate their safe arrival.

Students with excessive tardies or absences may serve detentions or suspensions and may jeopardize their enrollment. Attendance policies are highlighted in the Family Handbook and considered very important.

After School Pick-Up / North Door

School dismisses at 3:30 p.m. (4K-6th gr) and 3:45 p.m. (7th & 8th gr) Monday through Friday. *Please note we now have full days on Fridays starting this year.*

Drivers should park their vehicles in the lot, on 42nd Street, or on Ruby Ave. and walk to the north doors to pick up children.

Children are never to run to their vehicles or leave the school grounds without prior consent from a parent or guardian. Your cooperation and safe driving practice will help prevent a potential hazard. **Students who are released early will be marked with an early dismissal which counts against attendance** and removes them from

a full day of required learning. Attendance is important and is the building block to future success.

School Communications

The weekly newsletter titled “Atonement School Notes” and classroom newsletters will be sent out via e-mail. Please update emails so we keep communication lines open. Please share your cell number with the teacher so they can call or text when a concern or question arises. If you have a change in your family contact information, please alert the school office and your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Atonement Early Childhood Center

The Atonement ECC offers a **3 year old program during the school year and before and after school care.** You must register in advance and supply the necessary paperwork to be properly enrolled. The ECC accepts W2 and private pay. Contact the ECC Director, Ms. Jennie Schleiden, at #414-445-1011 for more information and to secure your child's spot for the year.

PLEASE NOTE: The first day of ECC service will be September 1 for 3K and for before and after school care.

Please be prepared for the six days of school we have scheduled without extended service.

School Immunizations

Children entering 4K – 8th grades must be properly immunized as per state of Wisconsin health requirements and have an immunization record on file. Our **5K - 8th grade children** need a **second Varicella vaccine** and students entering **6th grade** need a **Tdap booster vaccine** to be up-to-date. These are first semester requirements. Please let Mrs. Demitros know the name and date of vaccines received this year so it may be recorded by September 1. We need all our children to be properly immunized and remain as healthy as possible.

Medical Authorization Forms

Students who use medication must have a medical authorization form on file. The school cannot administer or maintain any prescription or over-the-counter supplies without this signed form. If your child needs supplies (inhalers, cough drops, Epipens, medicine, etc.), this form must be on file. The forms are available from the office. Contact Gail Demitros with questions about our medical forms and policy at gail.demitros@atonementmke.org

Student Food Service: 2020-'21

Our breakfast program offers low fat milk and our lunch program offers more fruits, vegetables, grains, and meats/meat alternatives. We encourage our students to eat a healthy breakfast and lunch every day, as well as healthy snacks. You may contact our Food Service Director, Mr. Schafer, with your breakfast and lunch program questions at #414-431-2086.

Hot Lunch & Breakfast Programs

Atonement's food programs are serviced by Milwaukee Center for Independence. They provide quality meals for our students. Atonement participates in the **Federal Hot Lunch and Breakfast Program** which provides free breakfast and lunch for all students. All students are expected to take hot lunch unless a note is provided by the parent or medical provider indicating otherwise. The school uses a **direct certification process** for all enrolled students to determine automatic eligibility.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, **all breakfast, lunch, and snack will be served in the classrooms and will be contactless.** Mr. Schafer and his crew have been working on contactless protocol and procedures the past three months to continue to serve our students safe and nutritious food options beginning August 24.

School Milk Program

Cartons of whole, 2%, skim, and chocolate milk are offered. **Breakfast and lunch include milk.** Soda is not allowed in school and should not be consumed on site by our students. Milk is the beverage of choice!

School Pictures – September 16

Pictures of our 3K – 8th grade students will be taken September 16 by Moments and Memories Photography. Order forms will be distributed to students before that date. A limited supply of 2019 - '20 yearbooks are still available for \$20. Please contact Gail Demitros in the office if you are interested in purchasing one.

Seal-A-Smile Dental Program

Atonement participates in the Wisconsin Dental Association Seal-A-Smile program. This bi-yearly program provides student dental care, tooth sealants, and assessments to our 3K-8th graders at no cost to parents. The program is operated by certified dentists and dental hygienists working in Milwaukee. We hope to participate this year with stricter guidelines and protocols set by the Wisconsin Dental Association. permission slips with more information home before the first appointments are made. Please continue to encourage your children to practice good dental hygiene.

“This institution is an equal opportunity provider.”

“All dates, times, and information is subject to change.”

We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we move closer to starting the school year. We will keep you up-to-date on calendar changes as they become available to us during this fluid Covid 19 pandemic. Keep the faith and stay close to God.

Have a safe and blessed summer!