



**CENTRAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL ASSISTS OUR FAMILIES AND CONGREGATIONS BY PREPARING OUR CHILDREN TO BE DISCIPLES FOR THIS LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME.**



Dear CLS Parents,

The CLS staff have been preparing their classrooms and lessons for the 2021-2022 school year. We all look forward to a great school year with your precious gifts from our Creator! We are very blessed to have your children here at CLS and look forward to helping you in preparing your child/ren to be a disciple for this life and the life to come!

This letter will pinpoint some very important information on your child's return to school.

- COVID-19 and variant cases (Return to Learn plans...)
- Drop off and pick up
- Bus Passes for CLS Students
- Water Bottles

### **As COVID-19 and variant cases continue-**

#### Face Masks-

- Face masks are not required this year but are optional if students, parents, or staff wish to wear one. We cannot mandate employees, students, or members of the public to wear a facial covering for any purpose while in a school building or on school property.
- If a parent wants their child/ren to wear a mask, let the teacher know and check the box on the back of the emergency contact form for each child. The teacher will help remind the student to keep it on during the day.
- As of today, a federal executive CDC order remains in place that requires masks on public transportation, including school buses. We are waiting for further guidance on this topic and will communicate our next steps to students and parents very soon. So when CLS students ride Benton busses, students should be wearing a mask. They will be available to students as they get on the bus if a student does not have one.

As a school, we also encourage:

- Hand sanitizers as you enter and leave the building.
- Frequent hand washing
- Cough/sneeze etiquette will be reviewed and reminders shared as needed.
- Daily sanitizing of tables, desks, chairs and other items touched by students
- Some social distancing and spacing will take place when necessary and possible.
- We will operate as normal in regard to illnesses and contagious illnesses. Please have your student stay home when feeling ill and especially if a temperature over 100.4. Please do not send them back to school until fully recovered from an illness.

We are passing along the following information from the Iowa Department of Public Health in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Human Services. They announced updated isolation and quarantine guidelines for students including:

- Exposed students should no longer be required to stay home, regardless of mask usage when not exhibiting symptoms.
- Parents/guardians of exposed students will be given information around exposure to COVID-19 in order to make their own informed decisions regarding risk.
- COVID-19 positive and symptomatic students will still be excluded from school for the duration of their isolation period (10 days from symptom onset or 10 days from test collection if asymptomatic).

As the health and safety of all students and staff remain a priority, we will continue to monitor the local health situation and communicate any updates or modifications as necessary. If at any time teachers see a child is not feeling well, a recommendation will be made to you as a parent to please come pick up your child.

### **Drop off and Pick up**

Our school is still under construction. This will limit use of the parking lot and entering the building for a couple of months. Please show patience with dropping off and picking up your child/ren. Thank you. You are responsible for letting grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and neighbors know the following.

- Drop off and pick up at the main office doors
- West side of the parking lot and doors are off limits
- Enter in the East driveway ONLY, Exit out the West driveway ONLY
- Follow the map - Line up going the direction shown on B Avenue
- We don't want to block the 4 way stop before and after school
- Drop off Preschool - 8th grade students between 7:30 and 8:15AM in the main office doors
  - Students will then walk down the hallway to the big gym
  - In the gym they will sit quietly in their classes until dismissed to go to classrooms at 8.
  - Doors will be locked at 8:15.
- Do NOT come in the parking lot until the early bus leaves at 2:55 since we have limited space in our parking lot this year. After 2:55 you may get in line to pick up your child. We cannot block the road OR construction vehicles OR the early bus. Please follow the directions given by parking lot attendants.
  - Pick up students starting at 3:15. In large letters put your last name on paper and place in the passenger side window
  - This will make it easier for calling out students names to be dismissed from classrooms.
  - Again, please show patience - it takes longer buckling in smaller children in cars.
- Busses will be pulling into the parking lot by 3:30
- 8:30-2:45 Parking Lot - If coming to pick up a child during the day, dropping off forgotten items, purchasing SCRIP, etc.
  - Park in a spot close to the main office doors
  - Ring front door bell, you will be let in and enter to the office (2nd door on the right)
- Visitors
  - Must park close to main office doors
  - Check in at the office, receive a visitor badge, escorted to classroom
  - No eating lunch with children until our cafeteria is completed
  - If not feeling well, have a temperature, have COVID symptoms or in 10 day quarantine time period - please do not come into the building
- Preschool Drop off and Pick up
  - Morning classes - drop off at main entrance, gray doors anytime between 7:30 and 8:15
  - Morning classes - pick up - at main entrance, gray doors - At 11:15 - Park where available and come in to get your child. Wait in the hallway outside of the classroom.
  - Afternoon classes - drop off at main entrance, gray doors anytime between 12-12:10 - Park where available and bring your child in
  - Afternoon classes - pick up at main entrance, gray doors 3:15. Follow K-8 pick up guidelines listed above. Have your child's name in the passenger side window and a staff member will walk your child out to your car. Cars will not be allowed to pick up after school.

### **Bus Passes for CLS Students-**

- All CLS students get a bus picture/name badge (even if they don't ride it daily)
  - Field trips
  - Riding bus from opening service in Atkins to CLS building in Newhall
  - Staying overnight with friend
  - Just never know!
- Given out at Forms and Fees
- They clip on and should stay on child's backpack
- Older students with phones can take a picture so it can be scanned
- Any students getting on and leaving Benton busses will scan their badge
- This is a MUST to have this to ride a Benton bus

### **Water Bottles -**

- Please have your child bring a water bottle.
- Drinking fountains all have bottle fillers

At this point, we still do NOT have **lockers** for 2nd-8th grade students. Tubs and boxes will be used for our students until lockers arrive this year.