

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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December 20th, 2013

Dear Pre-K Parents,

Thank you for sharing your child with us for these very important first years of school. Here at Immanuel, we strive to help children learn to love school, as well as receive an extraordinary education in a caring Christian environment. We invite you to join us next year as well, so that we can continue to share God's love while educating your child.

The next school year should prove to be very exciting as we are hopeful of the new Family Life Center ("FLC") being ready for use in or around September, 2014. With a gymnasium soon available to ILS, this will make Immanuel even more attractive to prospective and returning students where a Christian education, with a solid academic curriculum, will be complemented with what should be wonderful athletic, drama, extra-curricular, and after school programs, all of which will be enhanced by the new FLC.

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins on January 2nd, 2014. Returning pre-kindergarten students are required to *reapply* for either the PK4 program or the Kindergarten program. Included with this letter, you will find an application form. Any child who registers for the 2014-15 school year must submit the application form and an application fee of \$100. Once we have received your application and fee, we will send you more information on the registration process – including testing information for Kindergarten applicants and SMART Tuition information. Applicants are accepted on a first come first served basis, so get your applications in early in order to ensure your spot in the class.

It is our goal to continue providing a caring, Christian education at an affordable rate. We intend to continue offering quality programs for PK3-8th grade. We are offering the same Pre-K programs as last year. The tuition rates indicated below include a slight 3% increase over last year's rates. ILS has not had any tuition increases for the last three years. However; this year, we will need a 3% increase in order to present a balanced budget for operating expenses. This increase will primarily cover the costs of salary increases (which we know the teachers deserve!) and the hiring of an additional teacher for 3rd and 4th grades to complement the current looping program. **This increase is not to help pay for the FLC.** All building/facility expenses (including utilities) are paid for by the Church's separate budget. As the Church is in partnership with the School, it considers the School a vital ministry in spreading the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Due to new tuition discount programs taking effect this year, many of our families will receive a \$100 tuition reduction as part of the Longevity Credit program. As a reminder, this is for all new 2013-14 enrollees going in to Kindergarten through 8th grades, and is a \$100 tuition reduction for every year you continue at ILS. It is our way of thanking you for your commitment to our school. If you have any questions on the tuition rate you will pay in 2014-15, please contact Bonnie in the school office.



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2014 – 2015 TUITION RATES

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

	<u>Monthly (for 10 months)</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
Full Day 3 & 4 year olds	\$601.30	\$6,013.00
Half Day 5 days: 3 & 4 year olds	\$360.30	\$3,603.00
Half Day 3 days: 3 year olds (M/W/F)	\$322.20	\$3,222.00

KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE

	<u>Monthly (for 10 months)</u>	<u>Yearly</u>
Full Day per Child	\$601.30	\$6,013.00

Remember, ILS continues to offer a **tuition referral credit** for any new student entering K-8 that you refer to the school. The tuition credit will be issued after the student completes 45 school days. Please visit the school office for a prospective student referral form that must be filled out in order to receive your credit. We hope that you will take this opportunity to let others know about the wonderful Christian education we offer here at Immanuel.

Please reapply early to reserve your child's spot in his or her class before it fills up. With the news circulating in the Danbury community of ILS building a FLC, we anticipate enrollment numbers to increase for some classes, God willing, reaching their capacity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. We wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

In Christ's Service,



Principal Palkewick



Phil Wiegand, BCDS President



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