

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL
FIFTH GRADE
2006 - 2007

Information Sheet

This handout is made with you parents in mind. Hopefully, it will help you understand what is taking place in the classroom and what is expected of your child. If major changes should occur, you will be informed of them. More information about curriculum and grading will be shared at the "Back to School Nite" on August 10th.

1. **THE TEACHER:** Mrs. Thomas Patterson (Myra) or Mrs. P.
Experience: My classroom experience spans K-8 in 37 years of teaching in Lutheran schools, and two years teaching 6th grade in the public school in Waco, NE. Lutheran positions held were 4-5th in Wichita, KS, 1-2nd in Lodi, CA, K in San Francisco, 7-8th in Stockton, CA, 3-4th in San Leandro, CA, and in Kahului, HI, 1-2nd and 5-6th. I worked as a receptionist/secretary for an Aiea dermatologist before joining the staff at Our Savior in 1985.

Extra Duties: My experience has been in music for church and schools, conducting choirs and playing the organ. Athletics have taken much time coaching in volleyball, basketball, and softball, and conducting PE for girls in 5-9th grades. Beginning Band was added to my duties here at OS some 13 years ago.

Family: My husband, Tom, was a partner in education, is currently on medical disability. He is adapting to using prosthesis. Our adopted son, David, is a 2001 high school graduate, surfs during any free time, and free lances as a surfboard shaper. We also have Tom's two children on the Mainland, Tom, Jr., married with 5 children, and Kathryn, also married, with 4 children.
2. **ASSIGNMENTS** will be given orally and written on the board. They must be written down in the agenda book provided by the school. Late assignments will result in a lowered grade for each day late up to 2 days and then a zero, and may result in a loss of privileges until the work is completed. Upon the second missed assignment in a week, parents will be notified by phone. Further missed assignments in the same quarter will result in an Academic Notification. This needs to be signed and returned the next day. Arrangements can be made to pick up work in the office after school or in Day Care room 201. ALL TESTS will be taken home, signed, and returned within two school days. Failure to return the test signed on day 2, results in walking 4 laps each recess and a phone call to parents. Further delay in returning the test will result in sitting out recesses.
3. **STUDENTS** will arrive and leave promptly according to school policy. When arriving late, (after 7:50 A.M.), please report to the office with your child or give them a written excuse. A tardy slip must accompany the student to our classroom, #302. New policy: after 5 tardies in a quarter, a 2-hour work Saturday is organized.
4. **SUPPLIES** must be marked and here on the first day. All textbooks must be covered by *Friday* of the first full week of school. Recheck the supply list several times during the year to see everything is there.
5. **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** for 5th grade meets twice a week, beginning on Thursday, Aug. 3rd. Uniforms are necessary and can be purchased in the school office. This uniform must be the correct size. *Shirts must be tucked* into the shorts. PE is conducted on the school grounds, up at Pearlridge Park, and the Loop. This will involve team and individual sports, games, and physical fitness testing. A student's grade will be lowered upon the 2nd infraction of dress during each quarter. Mrs. P. will conduct a coed class on Monday and Thursday at 8:40 A.M. Students may arrive at school in PE dress, but will change into regular school clothing later. (Upon the 2nd missed change out of PE clothes in a quarter, a discipline mark will be made.)
During an athletic season, team members may stay in the PE uniform all day on game/practice days.
(If your size is not available yet, please wear other shorts and a white T-shirt for PE until the order can be filled.)
6. **THE FINE ARTS** information has already been given to you. All students in 5-8 must be in Choir or Beginning Band. These groups meet at 12:25 P.M. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Classroom Art will be taught by Ms.Shusta during Sem.1 on Tuesday, 8 - 9:15 AM. It is important to be in attendance and on time.

7. **DRESS CODE:** Please review the dress code for uniforms as printed in your materials from the summer. Footwear with laces must be tied securely. Infractions of the dress uniform will be sent home as needed. Be aware of the specifications for jacket or sweater wear. Please mark all clothing items carefully. When changing for PE or sport activities, many items will look alike. Keep a spare belt in your backpack for "insurance"; belts will be checked each morning by 8 AM.
8. **BIRTHDAYS** will be celebrated in a simple manner. Students may bring treats for the class (27+ 1 for now) or buy a game or book for us to enjoy. Please contact me at least a day ahead. We usually share our treat during the afternoon. Those with summer birthdays may choose an alternate date.
9. **FIELD TRIPS** will be taken when it applies to classroom learning. Permission slips have already been signed, so only information about the trip will be sent home. Drivers are needed for some of these trips. We see the Colonial room at the Academy of Fine Arts, visit the Arizona Memorial, and attend the Symphony and Hawaii Youth Theater.
10. **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB AND COMPUTER CLUB FOR ARROW** orders will be given out once a month. Make checks payable to the Arrow Book Club. No one is obligated to order.
11. At **LUNCH** each student will eat the lunch provided by his or her parents, hot lunch or sack lunch. If you must bring in a late lunch, please have it here by NOON. Your child will need to know that it must be picked up in the office. (There is a microwave in the room available to the students, but lunchtime is limited to 25 minutes.) Snack is optional; it will be eaten on the bleachers before playing during the first 10 min. of the 10:20 AM recess.
12. **DISCIPLINE:** Please go over the discipline policy that is available to you. Christian discipline is commanded by God, and administered for the purpose of enabling its recipient to respond to God's love often and properly. Students are responsible for maintaining the highest of Christian conduct. The teacher will administer all routine correction. A set of classroom rules and procedures will be given at "Back to School Nite".
13. **ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE POLICY:** The policy has been outlined for you in your handbook. Students with a low grade point average may be placed on academic probation and are ineligible for after school sports.
14. **COMMUNICATION** must be a cooperation of students, teacher, and parents. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss any matter concerning your child. Please feel free to write a note or make an appointment to see me after school. I will try to contact you if things are not going smoothly at school. Keep me informed of any situations of family or neighborhood that may affect your child's behavior or attitude at school.
15. **OUTDOOR EDUCATION** will be Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1. All Lutheran fifth graders have been involved together as a group for many years. More information will be forth coming. The site is the YMCA Camp Erdman in Mokuleia. Cost to each student is appx. \$96. There is no fund-raiser for this project, so please contact me if funding is a problem. We do have a source for limited financial assistance through a church group. We will need help in transporting the students to and from camp to keep cost at this level. We do collect plastic bottles to help defray the cost of the Kites. Help us out if you can: collect bottles/take bottles to recycle center.
16. **PARTIES** will occur four (4) times during the year. You may sign-up to bring refreshments or paper goods. All parents will be assigned a party if they do not sign up at Registration/Open House. Parents are not expected at the parties. The end of the year party will need more help.

I am looking forward to working with your child this year. We have a lot to accomplish, but together we can make it an enjoyable learning experience.

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