



Tiger Tracks

Special edition August 2024

WELCOME BACK to Our Redeemer for the 2024-2025 school year! We are beginning our 97th academic year. If this is your first year with us, we are so happy to have you! We welcome Mrs. Mindee Mohr as your new principal! See us in the school office if you have any questions, or concerns. You can also call the office, 532-6421, or email Mrs. Mohr at mmohrorls@gmail.com or Mrs. Amber at orls.np@gmail.com or you can text Amber at 308-660-0094.

**Bibles for grades 2-8, and Bible story books for all new preschool students, are a gift from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and available in the school Office.*

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Staff:

*Principal: Mindee Mohr
School Secretary: Amber McConville
Preschool Teachers: Amber Eller and Linda Shafer
Preschool Para: Melinda Mitchell
Kindergarten Teacher: Deann Montgomery
Kindergarten Para: Grandma Lorna
1st-2nd Grade Teacher: Kathy Beisner
1st-6th Grade helper: Ron Beisner
3rd-4th Grade Teacher: Heidi Pavel
Para Volunteer: Grandma White
5th-6th Grade Teacher: Ben Salyer
7th-8th Grade Teacher: Linda Groves
5th-8th Grade Para Volunteer: Val Bohan
Cook: Chelsea Jensen
Church Secretary: Donna Melvin
Pastor: Dan Ramsey*

SWEET AND GREET AUGUST 18

(3 p.m. Kindergarten, All Grades 4 p.m.)

It's August 18! Welcome to our *Sweet and Greet!* **POP IN** and check out your classroom, meet your teacher, and stop in the lunchroom after for a treat and conversation with your friends. Thanks to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for the Bibles and Bible story books which may be picked up at that time.

SCHOOL BEGINS

(August 21st)

Please drop your children off between 7:45-8:15 at the main entrance. (No earlier than 7:45 please.) We will have an early dismissal at 11:15 a.m. that day only.

GRADELINK

You can track your child's grades, attendance, etc. via Gradelink.com. To receive your login information, please see or email the school office!

SCHOOL HEALTH CHECKS

Health checks for grades K-8 will be on August 23. Nurses will check ears, eyes, mouth, height and weight. You will receive a letter from the nurses if they detect a problem for your child.

CHAPEL THEME

Our theme, which is based on Hebrews 12:1-3, is: *ENDURE*. The teachers and staff are looking forward to helping the students understand how we can trust in Jesus to help us *endure* our everyday tasks and our lives.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” Hebrews 12:1-3

PRESCHOOL MEET AND GREET

This will be held in the mornings (8 a.m.-12 p.m.) on August 22-23. Come check out the classroom and greet Mrs. Eller and Mrs. Shafer! You may drop off your school supplies so that your first day of school goes smoothly.

VOLLEYBALL SIGN UP

The girls in grades 4-8 will have a meeting on August 23 after school. Girls and parents should attend, discuss the rules, get a schedule, meet the coaches, and have a snack.

SALT HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Please see the attached Salt hour opportunities that we know about for the year. Others will pop up and you will be notified of them. Please contact the office to sign up ahead of time for help! Please mark your calendars to keep these opportunities on your schedules.

BOOK FAIR

We will be setting up the Book Fair on Monday, September 16th, and will need 2-3 volunteers to help us sort books and set up. The book fair will run before and after school Tuesday, September 17th - Thursday, September 26th. We need your help as a cashier. On Friday, September 27th, we will take down the book fair and will need 2-3 people to help. Please let the office know if you are available.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After School care is available daily from 3:30-5:30. Your child needs to report to their teacher during attendance each day whether they will be staying or not. If circumstances change during the day, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can have the appropriate supplies and adult coverage. Please make sure when you drop your child(ren) off for school that they know whether they are staying or not. Thank you for your help in this.

Visit Our
Website

<http://ourredeemerschoolnp.com>

On the website are important forms you can download, pictures, lunch menus, and calendars. Use it to keep tabs on school news!

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP OF NEBRASKA

So far the total scholarships awarded to students in our school has been about \$5,000. This scholarship opportunity is income based according to the government guidelines. This year the focus is on students entering Kindergarten. Also, students entering private school from public school may be eligible. Remember that our school can also receive tax affiliated donations to this scholarship fund. If questions, please ask Mrs. Mohr.

PTO NEWS –

Be on the lookout for our ORLS apparel fundraiser at the beginning of this year. More information to come home on the first day of school. Make sure you order your ORLS swag to help support our school, and sports teams!

Our PTO exists to partner with the school as parents and help plan fun activities for our students and teachers. We would love you to join! We do not have consistent monthly meetings, but we meet together as needed to plan for the upcoming school year and months. If you are interested in helping us plan or execute activities – please reach out to the school office and she will get you in touch with a PTO member for more information.

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER TUITION AND LUNCH BILLS

Remember to keep a positive balance in your child's lunch/milk account. Your tuition and lunch statements will be sent by the end of each month. August tuition will be due the first day of school, and September tuition will be due on or before September 13th.

Be sure to speak with Mrs. Mohr or the Board of Education if you have a need to communicate your intent for payments. We appreciate your promptness and communication always!



August 2: PTO Meeting at 12 p.m.

August 21: 1st day of K-8th grade, 8:15-11:15, opening Chapel at 8:30

August 22-23: Preschool meet and greet 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

August 23: Volleyball sign up after school at 3:30 p.m. in the gym (snack, get a schedule)

August 27: Volleyball practice begins (T, TH practices)

August 26 & 27: Preschool begins

September 2: **NO SCHOOL** (Labor Day)

September 10: School Pictures

NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Glory to God! I am excited to join the ministries at Our Redeemer Lutheran School. I am overjoyed with the blessing of being the new principal! I already feel so at home. I look forward to serving the students and teachers. “Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve,” (1 Peter 5:2).

I have lived in the North Platte and Maxwell area all of my life. I graduated from Maxwell High School. I received an Associates of Arts from Mid-Plains Community College, my Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, a Master’s degree specializing in Elementary Education from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and my second Master’s degree in Administration from Concordia University of Nebraska at Seward. I have been an educator for 34 years.

My husband’s name is Mike. He owns and operates Green Angel Lawn Service, LLC. Mike and I got married on Angel Island in 2010. He is a wonderful step-father to my three children, D.J., Mollee, and Dalton. Mike comes from a family of 12 children and I come from a family of 8 children, including my identical twin Cindee. I have two grandchildren in Seward, Decklyn who is 4 and Maggee who is 6 months. I love being Grammee.

Outside of working with children, my favorite hobby that makes people smile is baking and decorating cakes. In the summer, you will often find me mowing lawns and doing landscaping. I enjoy it and get exercise at the same time. I also enjoy watching most sports, especially Husker volleyball. Other hobbies are decorating/remodeling our home, listening to music, making crafty/creative things, and planning any kind of celebration.

Beginning this journey has truly been a blessing from God! I look forward to meeting all of you!