

# JERUSALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL HANDBOOK

## MISSION STATEMENT

Jerusalem Lutheran School is dedicated to revealing to all students the wonders of God's created world through a strong curriculum based on God's Word, preparing our students for their continued education, and for a lifetime of service to God and their community.

## PURPOSE

Jerusalem School is a Christian elementary school maintained and operated by Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. The school is conducted to assist parents in meeting their God-given responsibility to "bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). It also exists to bring the gospel to the families of the community so that all people might learn the way to eternal life through the redemption of Jesus Christ. This will help children to:

- Gain a thorough knowledge of all the academic subjects in harmony with God's Holy Word;
- Be a credit to their parents and an asset to their church, community, and world;
- Spread the good news of Jesus' salvation to all.

Jerusalem School accomplishes this purpose not only by teaching God's Word directly, but also by having all subjects taught in the light of the Scriptures.

## OBJECTIVES

Through its Christian education program Jerusalem Congregation strives to provide for the eternal welfare of children and to guide them in the maximum development of their spiritual, physical, and mental abilities given by God. Thus the objectives of Jerusalem School are as follows:

- To proclaim the gospel to every child and family;
- To provide systematic and thorough instruction in God's Word;
- To teach all secular subjects in the light of God's Word;
- To strive for excellence in teaching the basic elementary curriculum;
- To provide children with a Christian school community in which God's Word rules supreme;
- To give pupils an opportunity to live their faith in daily Christian fellowship;
- To provide a rich devotional life centered in God's Word;
- To support Christian parenting and home life, which are foundations of human society;

- To teach the children to use their time, talents, and treasures to glorify God and serve their neighbor in lives of faithful service;
- To encourage pupils to live as obedient citizens of our country;
- To strengthen the congregation and the church-at-large through the training of their future members.

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

### **Policy of Nondiscrimination**

Jerusalem School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

### **Enrollment Policy**

All children shall be admitted to Jerusalem School using the following guidelines:

- All applications received for the fall term shall be admitted in the following priority:
  1. Children of members of Jerusalem Congregation or other churches in our doctrinal fellowship
  2. Children of families not affiliated with any Christian church
  3. Children of families affiliated with other Christian churches
- All children will be admitted on a first quarter trial basis. At the end of this time, an initial evaluation will be made on the child's transitional progress, and recommendations will be made. The acceptance, non-acceptance, or continued enrollment of any child rests with the Jerusalem School Board in consultation with the faculty of Jerusalem School.
- Any child who demonstrates the inability to cooperate with our program will be released by resolution of the Jerusalem School Board.

### **Student Participation**

All children are expected to participate in the total curriculum including memorizing Bible passages, hymns, and study of Christian teachings as drawn from the Bible and set forth in the Lutheran statements of faith.

### **School and Church Functions**

Member and non-member parents are encouraged to make every effort to bring or send their children to all church and school functions in which their children are scheduled to participate (see School Activities listing.).

### **Worship**

Member and non-member children will be strongly encouraged to attend worship at Jerusalem Congregation. Although we do not judge anyone's Christianity, we cannot in good conscience encourage any child to go to a church not in doctrinal agreement with us.

### **All-Parent Meeting**

At least one parent of every child must attend the All-Parent Meeting with the faculty and our pastor. The purpose of this meeting will be to orient the parents to classroom activities and to the Christian training their children will receive in our school.

### **Classroom Decorum**

Children of other religious convictions cannot disrupt instruction by arguing against the teachings of Scripture and comparative studies of other churches. All sincere questions will be answered at the appropriate time.

### **Confirmation**

All seventh and eighth grade students must participate in a catechism class taught by our pastor. All non-member parents of confirmation-aged children (grades 7 & 8) are strongly encouraged to attend a Bible Information Class with the pastor so that they can be better informed as to what their child(ren) will be learning and to have any questions answered. Parents are asked to remain open to the possibility that a student may wish to become a confirmed member of Jerusalem Congregation upon completion of confirmation instructions. Our pastor will consult with the parents regarding this matter several months before the scheduled confirmation date of the class.

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Kindergarten**

Jerusalem School generally accepts into its Kindergarten program children who are five (5), before September 1. However, readiness for this program involves more than reaching the age of five (5). Therefore, if he or she is not developmentally ready, it is clearly to the child's advantage to postpone entrance for one year. Children who are enrolled before they have reached a certain stage of readiness may be academically fit for school, but frequently develop emotional and social problems in the middle and upper grades. The teaching staff is eager to discuss the important matter of Kindergarten readiness with you.

### **Grades 1-8**

Children will generally be admitted to any grade upon the receipt of permanent records showing successful completion of the earlier grades in the previous school attended. However, the school reserves the right to determine a different grade placement if personal observation and/or testing warrant it. This, of course, would be done in full consultation with the child's parent(s).

### **Kindergarten – Grade 8**

A physical examination, as prescribed by the Illinois Department of Public Health, is required of all pupils any time within six months prior to their entrance into kindergarten, upon entrance into the fifth grade, and upon entrance into any grade if the pupil has not been previously examined as prescribed.

Forms for this physical examination are available from the school. Generally, the family physician will complete the form although the Cook County Health Department will

perform an examination if the family meets financial eligibility requirements determined by the Health Department.

Immunizations and booster immunizations against preventable diseases, as determined by the Department of Public Health, are also required of all children prior to entering Kindergarten, and fifth grade, and prior to or upon entering any grade if the child has not previously enrolled in a school in Illinois.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Jerusalem School is at all times under the control and supervision of the voting assembly of Jerusalem Congregation. For the sake of efficiency and order, the voters' assembly elects a School Board and delegates much authority for the operation of the school to this body. The faculty – pastor, principal and teachers – serve in an advisory capacity. In consultation with the faculty, the principal suggests changes and policies for the improvement and welfare of the school. He is also responsible for implementing policies formulated by the School Board or Congregation and for the smooth operation of the school.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

### **Member Students**

Since the Christian education of its youth is the responsibility and privilege of the entire congregation, Jerusalem School is an integral part of, and is therefore supported by, Jerusalem Congregation. No tuition charges are made for children when at least one parent is a member of the Jerusalem Congregation. It is expected that Jerusalem School households will attend worship regularly and contribute to the operating expenses of the congregation through their regular church offerings. **If regular church attendance should drop below 50%, the pastor and/or member of the Board of Elders may contact you to encourage you in your spiritual growth.**

### **Students of Sister Congregations**

When at least one parent is a member of a congregation in formal fellowship with Jerusalem Congregation, the annual tuition charge for the first child shall be one half of the total cost per student per year as projected in the school budget for that year.

### **Non-Member Students**

Non-member families will be charged an annual tuition fee according to the current fee schedule. The fee schedule takes into consideration the number of children attending Jerusalem School from each family. A tuition reduction occurs for each additional child enrolled from each family. Tuition assistance is also available. Please speak with the principal if there is a financial difficulty.

### **Kindergarten Children**

All kindergarten students will be charged tuition. Please refer to the current fee schedule for the amount.

### **Registration Fee**

A registration fee is charged to every pupil upon enrollment regardless of the number of children in a family.

### **General Fees**

A textbook fee is charged to every pupil. This covers the cost of textbooks, workbooks, and other supplies. In addition, each child is required to buy the books used in religion instruction. All students in Grades 1-2 must have a hymnal; Grades 3-8 must have a Bible and a hymnal, Grades 1-4 need a Memory Work Book, and Grades 5-8 need a Catechism.

Other fees include a juice fee for Kindergarten, a milk fee for those students who want milk, an athletic fee for those who participate in sports, and a graduation fee for those in the Kindergarten and the 8th Grade.

### **Fee Payment**

The registration fee, book fee, and the first monthly tuition payment should be paid on Registration Day. Regular tuition payments thereafter should be paid monthly. Special arrangements for periodic payments of tuition and other late fees should be made with the principal. If enrollment terminates during the course of the school year, a pro-rated portion of the tuition and registration may be refunded. **All students must have all financial obligations paid in full before enrolling for the next school year.**

## **POLICIES** (in alphabetical order)

### **Attendance and Tardiness**

Students are expected to be punctual and regular in attendance. Whenever possible, medical appointments should be scheduled during non-school hours, and family vacations should be planned with the school calendar in mind.

It is vitally important for academic success that every student be in attendance at school regularly. Excessive absences can contribute to students missing far too many essential concepts within their grade level. **Any student missing more than twenty-five (25) school days per school year will be subject to a review by the Jerusalem School Board and Faculty to assess whether retention is necessary.** This may happen even if the student does not have failing grades, as they may not have acquired the skills for promotion to the next grade level. The student may also be declared ineligible for any extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

In every case of absence, a parent should speak to or send a signed note to the teacher explaining the reason for absence. Please keep the health of both your children and their classmates in mind when deciding if they should be kept home and when they should return to school. Homework must be picked up as soon as possible – ideally, on the day of absence – and completed within a reasonable amount of time, usually 24 hours for each day absent.

Excessive tardiness teaches our children that being late is acceptable, which is not the case. Tardiness causes many problems for students: no time for them to be prepared for the day; missing part or most of the religion lesson for the day; disrupting the lessons in progress, etc. **In order to curb excessive tardiness, every student,**

**who is tardy five (5) days within the span of one quarter, will serve an immediate one-day suspension on the following day.**

**Failure to comply with any of these policies may ultimately result in a student's dismissal.**

### **Bicycles**

Bicycles may only be used to and from school, but not during recess hours. They should be properly secured in the bicycle rack.

### **Care of Books and School Property**

Our school property, including the building, textbooks, equipment, etc., is a gift from God. Willful or careless damage to this property is contrary to God's will. If a pupil should lose or cause damage to a book or any other equipment or property, the parent or guardians will be required to pay for this loss or damage.

School-owned textbooks must be covered with sturdy paper, plastic, or cloth to prevent unneeded wear and tear. If tape is used, it should never be applied to the book itself. Do not use book covers that glue directly to the textbook.

### **Chapel**

Our school has a morning chapel service once each week for all the children in our school usually led by the pastor. All parents and friends are invited to attend. **All students are expected to be there on time.**

Each week our children have the opportunity to carry out the work of the Lord through offerings to a designated mission.

### **Church Attendance**

Since the purpose of the school is to prepare our young people for Christian living, all students are encouraged to attend worship and Sunday School regularly.

God's Word tells us to *"Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy"* and to *"not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing."* The Board of Elders and the pastor monitor member worship attendance. Faithful worship attendance is considered a vital part of parental cooperation for attaining the Christian objectives of our school.

**Parents are encouraged to be present with their children in church at all times and especially when their children sing in church.** If it is not possible for you and your child to attend a service in which your child is singing, please notify the teacher prior to the singing date, so that the teacher may plan accordingly.

### **Discipline**

The marks of a smoothly-operating and effective school are well-managed classrooms and effective discipline. Without God-pleasing order, no school can flourish. With this in mind, the faculty develops and practices certain school-wide procedures, and each teacher develops a set of classroom procedures and rules. To keep students on task and to gently remind students who forget the rules, teachers will use a variety of simple management techniques. The goal is always to maintain an environment where teachers are able to teach and students are able to learn.

When a student sins, an effective teacher will clearly recognize such occurrences and apply proper discipline. Discipline can be taken literally to mean “the making of disciples.” Whenever Christian discipline is applied, the teacher’s goal is to bring the child back into a proper relationship with the Savior – to “remake” a disciple. In disciplining, therefore, both law and gospel must be applied. The law is used to point out the sin and to prompt repentance, and the gospel is used to give the assurance of the forgiveness of sins and to provide the motivation for a life dedicated to Christ.

Teachers make every effort to treat all children fairly in accordance with God’s Word. On the other hand, students must understand that they owe implicit obedience to their teachers under the Fourth Commandment. Students are expected to show this respect to all members of the staff. By enrolling their children in school, parents automatically extend their authority to the teacher.

Students of Jerusalem School are expected to conduct themselves as Christian young people at all times, whether they are in school, on the playground, attending athletic events, or participating in field trips. It is of great importance that both the home and the school work together in teaching Christian principles, morals, and values. Parental support for the disciplinary actions of the teacher and principal is vital.

### **Referrals**

A teacher may refer inappropriate behavior to the principal (a referral). A teacher may write a referral on a student for any inappropriate behavior in the classroom or on the playground, whether it is for disrupting the learning atmosphere of the classroom or if the student displays behavior that violates the rights of other students in the class. The referral system allows the teacher to document inappropriate behavior by placing the referral(s) in the student’s permanent record file. A copy of each referral will also be sent to the parents to be signed and returned the following school day. Multiple referrals may lead to a suspension and eventually expulsion. Causes for suspension and/or expulsion are listed below.

The **first referral** will result 20-minute detention; the parents or guardians will be notified. The **second referral** will result in a final warning by the principal about an immediate suspension and a 30-minute detention; there will be a parent-teacher conference with the principal present. The **third and all subsequent referrals** will result in an immediate suspension, and the parents or guardians will be required to meet with the Jerusalem School Board.

### **Suspensions**

A suspension (whether immediate or after 3 referrals) is the removal of the student from the classroom for a period of one to five days for disciplinary reasons.

All suspensions will be determined and implemented by the Jerusalem School Board.

### **Causes for Immediate Suspension**

- Purposefully causing harm to another student or individual
- Fighting (e.g. physical altercations)
- Stealing
- Any willful damage to church or school property
- Possession, sale or use of alcohol or tobacco
- Possession of pornographic materials

- Any act of defiance or disobedience either in language or in action against school personnel, or refusal to comply with reasonable requests, orders, or directions of school personnel

After the ***first immediate suspension*** there will be a meeting with the parents, principal, and Jerusalem School Board. After the ***second and all subsequent immediate suspensions***, the parents will meet with the Jerusalem School Board to determine the child's status at Jerusalem School.

When a student is suspended, the student will be given an "F" for all the work missed during the suspension.

### **Expulsions**

An expulsion is the removal of the student from the school for the remainder of the school year.

Expulsions are normally implemented by the Jerusalem School Board. However, under certain circumstances, the principal may expel students immediately. All such expulsions will be reviewed by the Jerusalem School Board.

### **Causes for Immediate Expulsion**

- Possession, use, or threat to use a weapon of any type
- Possession, sale or use of narcotics, or other drugs or hallucinogens
- Any assault or battery on school personnel
- Sexual misconduct

### **Dress And Appearance**

In a Christian school, proper dress and good habits of personal hygiene reflect the Scriptural principle that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

When a teacher gives counsel regarding either clothing or appearance, both parent and student will honor that judgment. This judgment is, of course, subject to discussion between the teacher and the parents involved.

Parents are strongly encouraged to dress students appropriately (hats, mittens, boots, etc.) during cold or inclement weather. If there is snow on the ground all students are expected to wear boots (snow pants are required for snow play). During the warmer months (before October 15 and after April 15) students may wear shorts at their parents' discretion.

Modesty and good taste as determined by the school faculty are the general rules guiding dress code interpretation and enforcement. Examples are:

- No sloppy, dirty, frayed, or ill-fitting (tight or oversized) clothing or footwear, or clothing with holes is permitted.
- Any type of clothing that portrays an unchristian attitude with blasphemous or suggestive language (or logos) or double meanings
- Any clothing that has advertising related to alcohol, tobacco, bars, music groups, or websites may not be worn at school.
- No tank tops, halter tops, "spaghetti string" tops, bare midriff tops or tube tops are allowed as outer clothing.
- No "low rider" or "hip hugger" jeans that expose the lower part of the hips are allowed.

- Boys are not permitted to wear an earring or earrings in school.
- Upper grade girls may wear make-up **in moderation**.

**Students who wear inappropriate upper body clothing will be given a t-shirt to wear over the clothing in question at the discretion of the classroom teacher and/or principal. Jerusalem School will provide the t-shirt from the school office.**

### **Emergency Contact Card**

At registration all school families are required to fill out an emergency contact card. This card includes all phone numbers, doctors, allergies, and other necessary information. In the event of an emergency the school staff will contact you immediately.

### **Emergency School Closings**

In the event school must be closed due to a snowstorm or other unforeseen emergency, the faculty and staff will call each family to inform them of the school closing.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

Athletics and other talent activities offer the opportunity for Christians to use their God-given abilities. Jerusalem School offers a good program of interscholastic sports and other extracurricular activities to provide an outlet for these talents. Just as in any other area of life, athletics must have certain rules and regulations. The following guidelines govern interscholastic activities:

- Specified clothing shall be worn.
- Uniforms and equipment shall be cared for properly.
- **If a pupil is absent from classes on the day of an activity, that pupil shall not be present at the event.** This is deemed necessary for the health and safety of the pupil and his classmates. Absences due to doctor appointments, dentist appointments, or other special circumstances that would be considered excused absences would not eliminate that student from participation.
- A student must maintain better than a D+ grade average in core subjects in order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities. **If a student has a D or F in religion classes, that student will be declared ineligible. A student would also be declared ineligible if an F is received in a core subject or if the student has any outstanding late or incomplete work.**
- **Because a commitment in athletics and cheerleading is necessary for teamwork, all practices and games must be attended in their entirety.** Anything less is not fair to the other athletes on the team. It is also important to arrive on time and have the proper attire for that sport.

At registration an athletic fee is charged to all students who plan to be in sports for that year.

### **Gum Chewing**

To keep our carpeting and furnishings clean and free from damage, no gum chewing is allowed on school property.

### **Health and Safety Program**

#### Physical Examination Requirements

All students, current and new should have a physical exam within one year prior to entering kindergarten, prior to entering 6th grade, or any student entering Jerusalem

School for the first time, no what grade.

#### Vision Examination Requirements

An eye and vision examination is required within one year prior to entering kindergarten or attending an Illinois school for the first time.

#### Dental Examination Requirements

A dental examination is required before May 15th of the student's Kindergarten school year, 2nd grade school year, and 6th grade school year.

#### Religious/medical objections

The WELS does not support the concept of objection of immunization for religious reasons. However, because it is ultimately the parent's responsibility to ensure their child's health, WELS will respect a parent's decision to withhold immunizations. If you object to immunizations for personal beliefs, please state this in writing. If a child has a medical reason (for example: allergies) then a doctor's letter is required to allow the child to attend JELS without immunizations.

#### Sick Policy

Children may not attend school if they have the following symptoms: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive and productive cough, signs of lice or pink eye, or sore throat. Children who develop these symptoms while in school will be removed from the classroom while the parents are notified and the child can be picked up. The State of Illinois health policy changed in 2008. Students who have experienced fever, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, seasonal flu, or other contagious disease must be symptom free without the use of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

Parents must notify the child's teacher in writing or with a phone call if their child has been diagnosed with a contagious disease.

Parents of the affected student's classmates will be notified by email and by form letter that states: "A case of \_\_\_\_\_ has been reported in your child's classroom." The form letter will explain the symptoms, method of spreading, ways to prevent spreading, when to call the doctor, and when the child may return to school. Illnesses that require notification to parents include, but are not limited to: pink eye, mono, lice, strep throat, chicken pox, seasonal, or H1N1 Flu, if the child has had a positive lab test for H1N1.

A student who has been diagnosed with live lice (nits) will be removed from the classroom and sent home. The student must receive treatment at home before returning to school. If a case of lice is found in a classroom, all the students in the classroom must put their hats, coats, gloves, and scarves in separate bags and kept in the basement instead of being hung on the coat hooks in the classrooms.

#### Notification of Absence

Parents are expected to notify the child's teacher before 8:30 if their child is sick that day and will not attend school. All absences should be confirmed by 9:00 am. If the student's parents have not called the school and notified the teacher, a call will be placed to the student's home to verify the absence. This should be done for the following reasons:

1. If a student walks to school, we must verify that they are still home if they are not in school.

2. If a student has an illness, we must know the illness in case we need to inform other parents.

#### Dispensing of Medication

Required medications should be sent to school with a note explaining their use (name of drug, schedule for dosing, and amount to be given). The note and the medication should be delivered to the student's teacher.

#### First Aid

Teachers or other responsible adults will perform basic first aid when necessary. Any serious injuries will be reported to the parent as soon as possible after the child has been attended to.

### **Homework**

The following guidelines have been established for homework. These guidelines are based upon the understanding that homework is the unfinished portion of schoolwork and is used to reinforce the basic idea of the lesson. Therefore, homework should only consist of unfinished work and not entire lessons. Some long-range projects will be given throughout the year as homework assignments.

**If your child's homework is excessive or is causing strife at home, please notify the teacher immediately and request that a course of action be taken to correct the problem quickly, that is, in a week or less.** Please evaluate your child's homework based upon these guidelines and help us create a genuine love for learning in your child and not a hatred for school and schoolwork. **If the parents and teachers work together from the beginning to the end of the year, it will be a positive learning experience for the child.**

#### Kindergarten

Some memory work or Bible History (10-15 minutes)

#### Grades 1 & 2

Memory Work, hymnology, reading (20-30 minutes)

#### Grades 3 & 4

Memory Work, basic work in skill areas (30-40 minutes)

#### Grades 5 & 6

Memory Work, basic reading and work in content areas (45 minutes)

#### Grades 7 & 8

Memory Work, Jr. High classes, long range assignments (1-1.5 hours)

### **Hours For School**

The school doors will open at 8:00 A.M. If the weather is unreasonably cold or rainy, the doors will be opened a few minutes early. As soon as the children arrive, they should go directly to their rooms. Soon after 8:00 A.M. teachers will begin to listen to memory work from those present. Please have children at school no later than 8:25 A.M., so that they are ready for the official start of the school day at 8:30 A.M. Except for holidays, the

school day ends at 3:00 P.M., and at 11:30 A.M for those students in the half-day program.

### **Open House**

We encourage all parents to come to school for a visit at any time. If you plan to visit, please inform the classroom teacher. We would like parents to see the positive things that go on in the school each day.

A visit may help both parents and teachers communicate about learning problems that their child may have. The visit may help parents and teachers understand each other's point of view. Please come and join us!

### **Parents' Club**

Parents' Club is an organization that meets four times during the year (October, December, February, and April). The purposes of this organization are to be an avenue for information and communication between home and school, to support Christian parenting, to sponsor activities in support of the school, and to provide another avenue for Christian fellowship. This club has an elected president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer. Officers must be members of the congregation. Typically, each Parent's Club begins with a business meeting, followed by a topic of interest, and concludes with light refreshments.

### **Playground Equipment**

The school will supply the games and equipment needed for recess, playtime, and physical education. No toys or other equipment (skateboards, roller blades, electronic games, radios, etc.) should be brought from home unless the teacher approves them. No school equipment may be used after school hours.

### **Reporting Pupil Progress**

One of the most important factors to insure the success of any child is for the home and school to be in constant communication about the progress of the child. We have established several ways for this to be achieved:

#### ***Progress Reports***

- Progress reports issued during the middle of each quarter to Kindergarten through Eighth grade.
- Report Cards issued at the end of each quarter for all grades.
- Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled for all parents in November and February
- Standardized Testing - All children in grades Three to Eight are given a standardized test in the spring or fall. These standardized tests indicate the students' strengths and weaknesses in various subject skills. These same tests are given in most of our Synod schools nationwide and to all students in public schools. Parents will be given these test results as soon as they are available.
- Consultations - Parents will be notified of possible retention as early as possible. Parents will be advised of the problem areas and informed of the steps to be taken to help the child. The principal, the classroom teacher, and parents prior to

the final report card of the school year will make final decisions for the promotion or retention jointly.

### ***Communication***

- School Note - Your child will be given a School Note to bring home each Monday. These notes are packed with information about what is going on in the school and in that child's classroom. Most classroom teachers also include their memory work schedules and spelling lists for the upcoming week. This is done to keep parents "in the know."
- Parents' Club - Parents' Club meets four times a year to give parents and teachers another opportunity to discuss the children for which they are responsible.
- Telephone - Do not forget one other convenience, the telephone. If there is a problem, use the phone as soon as you can. **If a problem is discussed before it gets out of hand, the child stands to be the winner. Both parent and teacher must keep this in mind.** The school phone number is (847) 965-4750. All teachers may be reached in their classrooms by dialing their extensions. The principal has included these extensions in the message greeting.

### **School Activities**

Provision is made, within the limits of the school, for the development of special gifts, talents, and interests. The following activities allow students to exercise their athletic, artistic, and scholastic talents. These events are held either by our school or with other schools of the Chicago Area Lutheran League:

#### **Curricular**

Forensics\* (Grades 5-8) - November

Spelling Bee\* (Grades 5-8) - April

Math Meet\* (Grades 6-8) - April

Potluck Entertainment (All Grades) - October and February

Church Singing (All Grades) - Throughout the School Year

#### **Extracurricular**

Co-Ed Softball\* - End of August to Mid-September

Co-Ed Soccer\* - End of September to Mid-October

Girls' Cheerleading\* - During the Basketball Season

Girls' and Boys' Basketball\* - December through mid-March

Co-Ed Track\* - May

Grade levels eligible to participate in extra curricular activities will be determined by the Jerusalem School Board for each school year (usually Grades 5-8).

Chicago Area Lutheran League: Our school is a member of the Chicago Area Lutheran League (CALL), consisting of Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Grade Schools. The major purpose of this league is to provide Christian fellowship and display the God-given abilities He has given each one of us. Those activities above marked with an asterisk (\*) are league activities.

### **School Services**

Hot Lunch - a Hot Lunch is provided regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year for a nominal fee. The hot lunch menu is published in the weekly school note.

School Pictures - School pictures are taken of all children early in the school year. You are not required to buy these pictures.

Insurance - Student accident insurance during school hours and school activities is provided for each student. It is the Jerusalem School Board's policy to pay this premium from the Registration fee.

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**All policies in this handbook were reviewed and updated for the 2010-2011 School Year. If you have any questions or concerns about a policy, please contact the principal, pastor or a staff member as soon as possible.**