

# Early Childhood Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran School

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## Labor Day

September 1  
No School  
No Extended Care

## Picture Day

September 3  
Scholar pictures for school  
yearbook.



## Welcome back to school!

Welcome to the new school year! Our themed Bible verse for the school year is Psalm 98:1. "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him." This wonderful verse celebrates God's great deeds and affirms the salvation He brings to all of us.

Our mission at OSL is **Serving Families for Jesus Christ**. It is our goal to love and serve your children and family as Christ does. We are humbled by this task and hope to daily share Christ's love with you.

Each month I will send home a newsletter with all of the month's happenings. Please refer to it often to stay informed. Also, if you ever have a question or a concern, please come and talk to me, give me a call, or send an email. We want your child to have a wonderful school experience, and together supporting each other, we can achieve that goal.

We thank the Lord for the children He has sent us, and we pray God's blessings on our school year at OSL.

Lynette Cherington  
Assistant Principal & Early Childhood Director



"Sing to the Lord a new song." Psalm 98:1

## Getting Started with New Routines

With the help of their teachers and aides, the children seem to be adjusting well to their new classes and to the routines of the classroom. There are so many things to learn and remember as you and your child begin the school year. Here are some helpful reminders:

### Morning Drop-off

When dropping off, arrive on time as some children feel insecure when arriving late and the class has already begun. We recommend a short goodbye in the mornings at drop-off as lingering goodbyes are not helpful for most children. Some children may take some time to adjust, and it is much easier for the staff to encourage this adjustment after you are gone. Remember, you may use the drop-off carline or you may **park behind the portable buildings**, and walk your child to the classroom in the morning—this is your choice as a parent.

### Please do not cross the car line on foot!

### Be On Time

Please be on time as our teachers like to start their day with their scholars at **8:00 am sharp**. Our lobby opens at 7:35 am, with Mrs. Calloway monitoring the children until teachers open their classroom doors at 7:40 am. Please bring your child a little before 8:00 am to give them a chance to unpack, play, and visit with friends before the school day officially begins. We appreciate your efforts with this.

### Dismissal

Please use the **Pikmykid app** to announce your arrival on campus, and display your child's name sign in your car window. We will walk your child to the car.

To keep all of our children safe, we ask that you use the car line for pickups—**no porch pickups, please**.



### Folders

Remember to send back your child's folder *empty* at the beginning of each new week. Take time to look at your child's work; they will be proud to show you!

### Emails

Please stay current with the all school email newsletter that is sent every Thursday. Each homeroom teacher also sends an email out every week highlighting news from the classroom. You can also find the teacher's newsletter on the OSL app.

### Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday, and God's blessings to all of our scholars with August and September birthdays:

#### August

Xadi Swarthout	Aug. 1
James Marek	Aug. 8
Eden Ardis	Aug. 17
June Tripp	Aug. 17
Luke Strom	Aug. 19
Gavin Boychuk	Aug. 20
Mia Ferreira	Aug. 24
Ezekial DeForest	Aug. 29

#### September

Aurora Arens	Sept. 2
Mae Bigelow	Sept. 8
Cham King	Sept. 21
Magnolia Porter	Sept. 24



## Lunch

Set an alarm to order lunch for your child each Sunday for the following week. Lunch orders for each day cut off at 6:00 am.



## Chapel & Chapel Offerings

We have all school chapel in our church every **Wednesday at 8:15 am**. We also have a special early childhood chapel with Pastor Cholak on **Tuesdays at 9:45 am** in the cafeteria. Parents are always welcome!

OSL collects chapel offerings each Wednesday. Each class has its own offering basket. Please use the small Ziploc bag that went home in your child's folder as a safe place to put your child's offering. Currently, our school's offerings will support our school's Angel Fund, helping those in need in our school community.



## Baptismal Birthdays

Pastor Cholak recognizes our scholars' baptismal birthdays in chapel at the end of each month. On Wednesday, August 27, we recognized August baptisms, and we will recognize September baptisms on Wednesday, September 24.

### August Baptismal Birthdays

Noelle Crook

### September Baptismal Birthdays

Jude Armstrong



If you are not sure if we have your child's baptism date, please email Mrs. Cherington. We don't want to leave anyone out. about baptism and what it means, our pastors would also be able to discuss that with you. Mrs. Cherington is available to help with this process if you have question

## Baptism

If you are considering having your child baptized, the pastors at our church would be happy to talk to you about this possibility. You do not need to be a member of our church for your child to get baptized. If you just have questions

### Worship with Us

We welcome all of our families to join us for church on Sundays:

9:30 AM	Church
10:45 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class

Live-stream @ [osl.cc](https://osl.cc)

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## Family Prayer Requests

Our staff will intentionally pray for a number of families each week during staff devotions. By the end of the semester, we will have prayed for your family at least once. When it is your family's week, we will email a special prayer request message that you can fill out and return to your child's teacher or Mrs. Cherington.

Of course, we are also available to pray with your or for you at any time. Even if it is not your family's designated week, please feel free to share any specific prayer need you may have with your child's teacher or Mrs. Cherington. The power of prayer is real, and we want to support and uplift of families in their time of need.

## Chapel Buddies

The week of September 1<sup>st</sup>, our new Preschool and Pre-K scholars will be assigned their 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chapel buddies, respectively; and returning students will reconnect with their chapel buddy from last year.

Our Pre-K students will begin sitting with their chapel buddies during chapel beginning **September 3<sup>rd</sup>** or for our new Pre-K students when they feel comfortable. Our Preschool students will meet their chapel buddies throughout the fall semester, and they will sit with them in chapel for the first time towards the end of the first semester

## God Is Love

In addition to the many things your children are learning, each month we will concentrate on teaching the children the attributes of God's love found in I Corinthians 13:4-8. In September, we will learn that love is patient and kind. God is always patient with us, and His kindness is abundant.

"Love is patient and kind, love does not envy or boast, it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends..."  
(I Corinthians 13:4-8).

## After School Activities

After school activities begin **September 2**. Please see the attached flyer for a list of activities, and visit our website to learn more about each one:

[www.oslschool.org/student-life/enrichment](http://www.oslschool.org/student-life/enrichment)

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## Looking Ahead to the 2026–2027 School Year

Do you have a child who will be ready for preschool, prekindergarten, or kindergarten in the 2026–2027 school year? We'd love to connect with you!

We are currently gathering information for new scholars who are not yet enrolled at OSL. If you have a future OSL scholar at home, please take a moment to complete our Inquiry Form so we can include them on our applicant list and keep you informed of important dates and deadlines.



If your scholar is already enrolled at OSL, no action is needed! Our Continuous Enrollment process ensures they are automatically re-enrolled for the next school year.

This step is simply to help us capture any younger siblings or new families who plan to join the OSL community.

To complete the Inquiry Form, visit [www.oslschool.org](http://www.oslschool.org), click on Admissions, then select "[Inquire Here](#)."

We look forward to welcoming more of your family into our school!

## Daily Reading Sheet

Attached to this newsletter is this month's Daily Reading Sheet where your child can color an object—this month it is books—to mark each time you read them this month. Research shows that reading to your children when they are young helps them become better readers when they are older.

The evening is a nice time to wind down and read to your child. If it is not already part of your routine, hopefully, this daily reading can become something your child looks forward to. If your child brings back this month's Daily Reading Sheet by October 7, we will give them a special recognition.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

—Emilie Buchwald



# After School Activities

OSL partners with different vendors to offer enrichment activities after school. Visit the OSL app to learn more about each activity. Select **Back to School**, then choose **After-School Enrichment**.

## Pick Up Procedures @ ECE Porch

Parents must pick up their children at **the Early Childhood Center's** porch:

- **Please park**, and walk to the ECE porch.

Please do not use the car line. The car line is for parents picking up their child from Extended Care.

- Children who remain on campus after their activity ends will be cared for in Extended Care—pickup at the ECE porch.

## Parent Spectators

Parents are welcome to watch their children participate in **soccer, gymnastics, and tae kwon do**. All other activities are for participants only.

Coaches will dismiss participants to parents who have watched their child in soccer, gymnastics or tae kwon do.

## Not Attending an Activity One Afternoon?

If your child will not attend their after school activity as usual one afternoon, please let your child's teacher know.

## Picking Up Early from an After School Activity?

It is not recommended to pick up your child early from an after school activity. If necessary, please let your child's activity vendor know in advance that you plan to pick up your child early from the activity. Note that picking up early often takes a long time as most vendors do not have extra staff to escort the child. Additionally, OSL's Extended Care staff is not always readily available to assist with an early pickup.

## Schedule of After School Activities

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### Monday

**Creative Motion Dance**                      **Preschool & Pre-K**  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**The Knight Chess School**                      **Kindergarten – Grade 5**  
3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

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### Tuesday

**Six Pixels Studios**                      **Grades 1-4**  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**Soccer Shots**                      **Preschool – Grade 2**  
Sports Court  
3:30 pm to 4:05 pm (Preschool & Pre-K)  
4:10 pm to 4:50 pm (Kindergarten – Grade 2)\*

*\*Soccer players waiting for the 4:10 pm class to begin will be cared for in Extended Care and billed weekly.*

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### Wednesday

**Gymnastics**                      **Preschool – Grade 8**  
Gym  
3:00 pm to 3:45 pm (Preschool & Pre-K)  
3:45 pm to 4:30 pm (Kindergarten – Grade 2)\*  
4:30 pm to 5:15 pm (Advanced)\*

*\*Gymnasts waiting for the 3:45 pm or 4:30 pm classes to begin will be cared for in Extended Care and billed weekly.*

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### Thursday

**Creative Motion Dance**                      **Kindergarten – Grade 5**  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**Spanish School 4 Kids**                      **Kindergarten – Grade 8**  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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### Friday

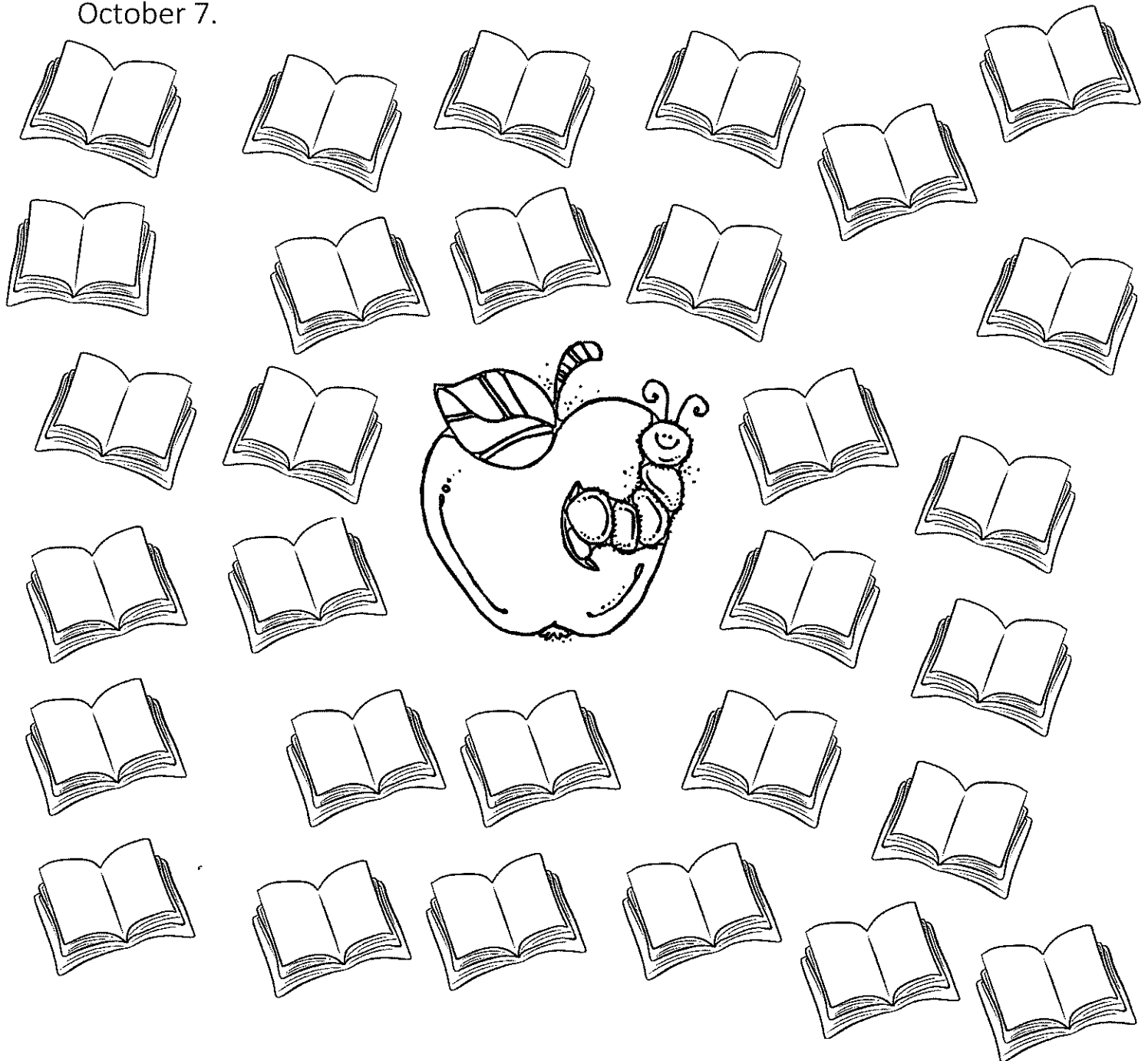
**Lego Robotics**                      **Kindergarten – Grade 4**  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

**Tae Kwon Do**                      **Pre-K – Grade 5**  
Sports Court  
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm (Pre-K & Kindergarten)  
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm (Grades 1-5)\*

*\*Tae Kwon Do students waiting for the 4:00 pm class to begin will be cared for in Extended Care and billed weekly.*

# September

Color one book each day that you read 5-10 minutes. Return sheet by October 7.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_