



## 2025-26 School Year Summer Newsletter

### *From the Principal*

#### **Mission: Possible!**

With apologies for the shameless borrowing of a popular movie series title, Abiding Savior Lutheran School is getting ready to embark on another year in mission. Our mission in general is the same one that Jesus gave His disciples in Matthew 28: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Our mission in specific is to ***"provide students with the knowledge, skills, habits, and experiences to prepare them fully to maximize their intellectual, physical, interpersonal, and spiritual potential to impact their world by glorifying God and serving people."*** This is a tall order: in partnership with parents, to help our students grow in EVERY way possible.

What we're trying to accomplish, both in the Great Commission and in our specific mission, are possible because Jesus didn't just give marching orders in Matthew 28 and expect us to take care of everything. He reminds us that all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Him, and that He is with us always; we're not left alone, nor depending on our own resources. God will bless our mission(s) this year; He promised. As we serve, as we teach, as we pray for our students and their families, God will be working; Jesus will be with us. We look forward to working with you!

God bless and keep you.

In Christ,

Brian Ryherd



**Important Dates!**

OPEN HOUSE	FIRST DAY	ASLS 101
August 11th 2-6 pm	August 13th 8:15 am	August 21st 6:30 pm (SK-8th)

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## **The Back-To-School Open House is August 11th 2 - 6pm**

The Open House is a highly recommended opportunity to visit your new classroom(s), teacher(s) and bring all your school supplies. The Open House is for all students and offered as a convenience to take care of all your paperwork and more before the first day of school. The students should come and visit with teachers, set up lockers/desks, and acclimate to the classroom.

### **Here's what you can take care of:**

- Pay supply, snack and technology fees
- Drop off supplies in classrooms/lockers
- Chat with teachers, spend time in the classroom
- Turn in physicals, birth certificates, immunization records, and medications
- Pick up school uniforms from Just Me Apparel
- Put money in lunch/milk account
- Complete extended care form and pay fee
- Learn more about volunteer opportunities

## **The first day of school is August 13th**

The first day of school for Early Childhood - 8th grade is Wednesday, August 13th. School will be in session all day on the 13th with regular dismissal beginning at 3:15pm. The doors will open at 7:45am. Students are expected to be in their seats ready for class by 8:15am.

If your Early Childhood student is not scheduled for Wednesdays, their first day is either Thursday or Friday depending on their schedule.

SK - 8th will open the school year with a chapel service beginning at 8:45am. Chapel services will once again be a focal point of our week. Most services are 8:30-9am on Wednesday. Parents are invited to attend any and all chapel services.

## **First Day Events**

### **Sr. Kindergarten Boo-Hoo / Yahoo Breakfast**

Sr. Kindergarten families are welcome to join us for breakfast and a peek into the classroom after Chapel on the first day, August 13th. Come for Chapel at 8:45am and then from 9:15 - 9:45am have coffee and breakfast and watch the students get settled in the classroom from a livestream in the Worship & Family Life Center.

### **Popsicles on the Playground after school until 4pm**

Come to the picnic tables by the baseball field for a cool treat after the first day of school (3:15pm dismissal)! Celebrate the first full day! Everyone is welcome!

## Upcoming Fees

### SK - 8th Supply Fee

For your convenience, we purchase most school supply items for students. These items will be purchased through the school at **\$35 per student**. The other needed items are listed on the attached school supply lists. Please take care of this fee by or at the Open House. You are welcome to pay before with check, cash or Venmo to the office.

### SK - 8th Technology Fee

As part of Abiding Savior's commitment to providing a safe and secure technology environment, we will continuously make updates as needed to our technology infrastructure, as well as maintaining an enhanced level of security on all devices used in the classroom. The annual technology fee for the 2025-26 school year will be **\$80 per student** and is due at the Open House on August 11th. Please take care of this fee by or at the Open House. You are welcome to pay before with check, cash or Venmo to the office.

### Early Childhood Supply Fee

For your convenience, we purchase and supply school supplies and snacks. There is a **\$50 fee per student** due at the Open House on 8/11 from 2-6pm. Please take care of this fee by or at the Open House. You are welcome to pay before with check, cash or Venmo to the office.

## School Supply Lists

The SK-8th and Early Childhood supply lists are available in the July email and on the website at [www.aslsonline.org/backtoschool](http://www.aslsonline.org/backtoschool).

Please bring in school supplies on August 11th during the Open House.

## School Payments

To pay the school for things **other than tuition**, these options are available:

- Check/Cash to office
- Venmo @abiding-savior (look for the cross logo)
- Through Sycamore (see Navigating Sycamore attachment)

At the Open House, we will only take checks, cash or venmo payments. Please set up a credit card in Venmo prior to the Open House if you'd like to use a credit card (note there is a 3% service fee charged to you for using a credit card through Venmo).

## Tuition

You should have received an email confirming your family's tuition and the payment options for the 2025-26 school year. Email subject is "2025-26 Tuition Statement" and is from Shelly Hannaford. Please contact Beth Beishir in the school office if you find any of the information in error or have additional questions. Typical summer office hours are 9am-1pm Monday through Thursday.

## Extended Care Program – Before & After School Care

The morning extended care program begins at 7am and after school goes until 6pm.

A registration form is required of families that plan to use the Extended Care Program. You can pick one up at Open House. Please fill out the form and pay the \$30 registration fee at the Open House.

Before care is available on all school days. After care is available on all school days except inclement weather days and the half-day Christmas break begins and the last day of school.

## SK - 8th Report Cards

Report cards are available for viewing in Sycamore. Please see attached 'Navigating Sycamore' sheet for more information. If you have an overdue account, you will not be able to view report cards. There will be information in the weekly newsletter when quarterly report cards are finalized.

## EC – 8th Grade half-days

School days that are half-days dismiss at 11:30am for Early Childhood students and 11:45am for SK - 8th grade students. After-school care will be available on all half-days except the day Christmas break begins and the last day of school.

## Medications

The State of Missouri requires the following to dispense medication at the school:

- Written order by the doctor indicating name of medication, dosage, and time to dispense,
- Written permission from the parent to dispense medication at school,
- Prescriptions must be sent in original bottle,
- A copy of side effects must be sent from the doctor.

**These regulations apply to both prescription drugs and over the counter medication, including cough drops, Tylenol, etc.** Students are not permitted to carry any kind of medication. If your student suffers from chronic conditions you may wish to contact your doctor to have the proper paperwork completed before school. A medication form will be available at the Open House. Please be prepared to complete the form and attach a written doctor order and medication. If your student has braces, or will be getting braces, please contact the orthodontist for the proper paperwork for administering Tylenol, etc.

# Physical Examinations

Physical examinations and immunization records are **REQUIRED** for:

- Students entering our *Early Childhood for the first time*, Sr. Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- All students NEW to Abiding Savior Lutheran School
- All athletes participating in one or more ASLS sports (non-CYC sports)

A form is attached or the doctor may have their own form. These forms must be completed by a physician and should be to the school office no later than the Open House.

## SK - 8th Tardy Policy

SK - 8th students who arrive after 8:15am must report to the office before continuing to class. In accordance with school policy, students are allowed FOUR tardies per quarter. A \$5 fee will be assessed for each tardy thereafter. Please avoid being tardy as it disrupts the rest of the students in the class.

## Parenting Plans

Families that have a court directed parenting plan should provide the office with a copy. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

## Communicable Disease Policy (As found in Handbook)

A student will not be permitted to attend classes or other school sponsored activities if the student is known to be afflicted with, or liable to transmit any contagious disease, unless the Board of Directors of ASLS or its designee has determined, based on medical evidence, that: (1) the student is no longer infected or liable to transmit the disease; or (2) the student is afflicted with a chronic infectious disease which poses little risk of transmission in the school environment with reasonable precautions.

Guidelines for student attendance:

- Pink Eye -Student must be treated 24 hours before returning to school.
- Other communicable illnesses- student must be treated for 24 hours or symptom free for 24 hours.
- Fever - If temperature is over 99.6 in a.m. or 100 in p.m. student must remain home.
- Students must be fever, vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours **without fever-reducing medicine** before returning to school.

## Nut-Free Policy

**No food products made with peanuts/nuts are allowed in the school or anywhere on campus.** This includes items such as peanut butter, trail mixes, or candies made with nuts. Peanut oil or nuts will not be used in food preparation by cafeteria staff. Please take time to read labels as many products now do contain peanut/nut ingredients.

We currently have students enrolled with these allergies. The ASLS peanut/nut policy is designed to help provide a safe environment for students and staff diagnosed with life-threatening peanut/nut allergies. Although all staff are trained in recognizing the symptoms of anaphylactic shock and in the use of Epi Pens, our goal is to not have to put children at risk to use these measures. *(Adopted 12/09)*

## From the Lunchroom

The hot lunch program is available every school day unless it is a half-day. Mrs. Janet Dickneite, aka Chef Janet, will create and publish monthly menus. You can view the menu and order through Sycamore (see Navigating Sycamore document attached). Parents of students in Senior Kindergarten and Early Childhood are required to preorder on Sycamore by midnight of the day before lunch will be purchased.

2025 -26 School Year Lunch prices are as follows:

Early Childhood - \$3.15      SK - 2nd - \$3.55      3rd - 4th - \$3.85      5th - 8th - \$4.05

Extra Entrée - \$1.25

Milk - 20¢ - 30¢ (depending on pricing and Government reimbursement program)

## Sycamore

Sycamore System is our Parent Portal. If you are a current ASLS family, you will use your same user name and password. New families will receive your user name and password at the Open House.

Sycamore is used for viewing your child's grades, ordering lunches, checking account balances, access contact information for families and much more. If you'd like to receive text messages about inclement weather or sudden school closures, please see the "Navigating Sycamore" document attached.



## Main Office Notes

Mrs. Beth Beishir is our school secretary. Her direct line is 314-892-4408 and email is [bbeishir@abidingsaviorlutheran.org](mailto:bbeishir@abidingsaviorlutheran.org).

Please contact Mrs. Beishir when your student is absent. She also can help with changes in pick up, tuition information and account balances.

Parents must come into the office to sign the student out if they are leaving early for an appointment.

## Communication

### Thursday Announcements

Thursday evenings and occasionally throughout the week you will receive an email from the school office with a calendar update for the next week and important information about current and upcoming events. These announcements help you stay connected with what's happening at ASLS. Please contact the office if you do not receive this important communication, but first check your spam folder. The email is titled, "Warrior Weekly".

### Bloomz

All teachers use an app called Bloomz for simplified classroom communication. The use of Bloomz allows teachers to communicate what's going on in the classroom through newsletters, pictures, videos, class information, updates, calendar items, assignments, and other info all in one place. More details about how to join your child's class will be given near the beginning of the school year.



### Facebook ASLS Communication Page

Join the Facebook group primarily find used uniforms or sell uniforms. Search for ASLS Communication Page on Facebook to join.

## Supporting our School

Throughout the year we will be doing fundraisers which go directly to support ASLS. There is no required fundraising for our families however, the money raised DIRECTLY BENEFITS our students in numerous vital ways, so any fundraising you participate in is greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping with fundraising. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

## Sports Program

Abiding Savior provides students in grades 5-8 the opportunity to participate in soccer, volleyball, basketball, track, and cross country (SK-8) through the St. Louis Lutheran Athletic League. Remember that all participants must have a yearly sports or school physical on file in order to participate, so consider taking care of that over the summer. Contact Linda Trower at [ltrower@abidingsaviorlutheran.org](mailto:ltrower@abidingsaviorlutheran.org) for more information on sports or to coach.

Sport	Grade Level	Fee
Soccer	5-8	TBD
Volleyball (A)	7-8	\$80
Volleyball (B)	5-6	\$80
Cross County	K-8	\$35
Basketball (A)	7-8	\$80
Basketball (B)	5-6	\$80
Track	5-8	\$35

## Volunteers

Volunteers are a real blessing to our community. Many events/activities would not be possible without the help of volunteers.

**For the safety of everyone involved, a background check form must be completed in order for you to volunteer in the classroom, lunchroom, library, to drive on a field trip, and/or chaperone a field trip.** All forms can be picked up and returned to the school office anytime. If you have already filled out the forms, thank you, but will still need a copy of your Driver's License and Insurance Card annually. Forms need to be resubmitted every 3 years.

## Parent Teacher League

The Parent Teacher League (PTL) at Abiding Savior Lutheran School works to create a close relationship between the school board, staff, and families by promoting a family-friendly Christian community. The PTL provides this by volunteering with school activities, day-to-day functions, community services, and communication pages.

Opportunities range from small commitments, such as day-of volunteering, to helping organize community events. While we meet quarterly, meetings are not mandatory, and any help is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in joining the PTL or assisting a community event, contact the school office for more information! Any current ASLS mom and/or dad are more than welcome to join in!

## SK - 8th Dress Code and Ordering Uniforms

[Click here for the dress code.](#) Please note orders must be placed with Just Me Apparel for all uniform shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleece. Orders may be placed with Just Me Apparel by phone 636-391-3551, or [www.justmeapparel.com](http://www.justmeapparel.com) or by visiting their store at 232 Old Sulphur Springs Road in Manchester.

Orders placed with Just Me Apparel will be delivered to school and available for pick up at the Open House. In addition, Just Me Apparel will make deliveries to school each week in order to save you the delivery fee.

Spirit Wear Days will be every Friday. Students are allowed to wear ASLS spirit wear, ASLS t-shirts and sweatshirts. Dress code bottoms must be worn.

Spirit Wear may be purchased through Dot the i Embroidery [www.dottheiembroidery.com](http://www.dottheiembroidery.com) or GFC Goods (owned and operated by the Thompson family) <https://www.gfcgoods.com/collections/asls-exclusives>.

It is optional for 5th-8th graders to dress out for PE. See Dress Code for more information. New this year, all 5th-8th graders will be given a pair of shorts to wear if they choose to dress out.

Facebook ASLS Communication Page - join the Facebook group to post used uniforms or see if anyone has any available! Search for ASLS Communication Page on Facebook to join. The Lost and Found has an area for donated uniforms as well.



## Abiding Savior Lutheran Church


You're always invited to Abiding Savior Lutheran Church! Sunday Services are at 8am and 10:30am with Bible Studies and Sunday School offered at 9:15am.



## Back to School Sunday August 17th

**Backpack blessing:** We will have a blessing of the backpacks. Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church, so that we might begin the year with a special blessing. See you then!

**SK - 8th Singing at 10:30am Service:** Students will be welcome up on stage to sing!



**3rd Grade  
Bible Blessing**


**Sunday, August 17th**

**9:15am** - Getting to Know your bible class

**10:30am** - Presentation of the Bibles to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

For all students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this fall

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible Giveaway:** We will be giving Bibles to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the 10:30 worship service. During our 9:15 Sunday School and Bible Study hour, we will have a special Get to Know Your Bible class for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents (or grandparent). Please join us for this special occasion as we together seek to follow Jesus.



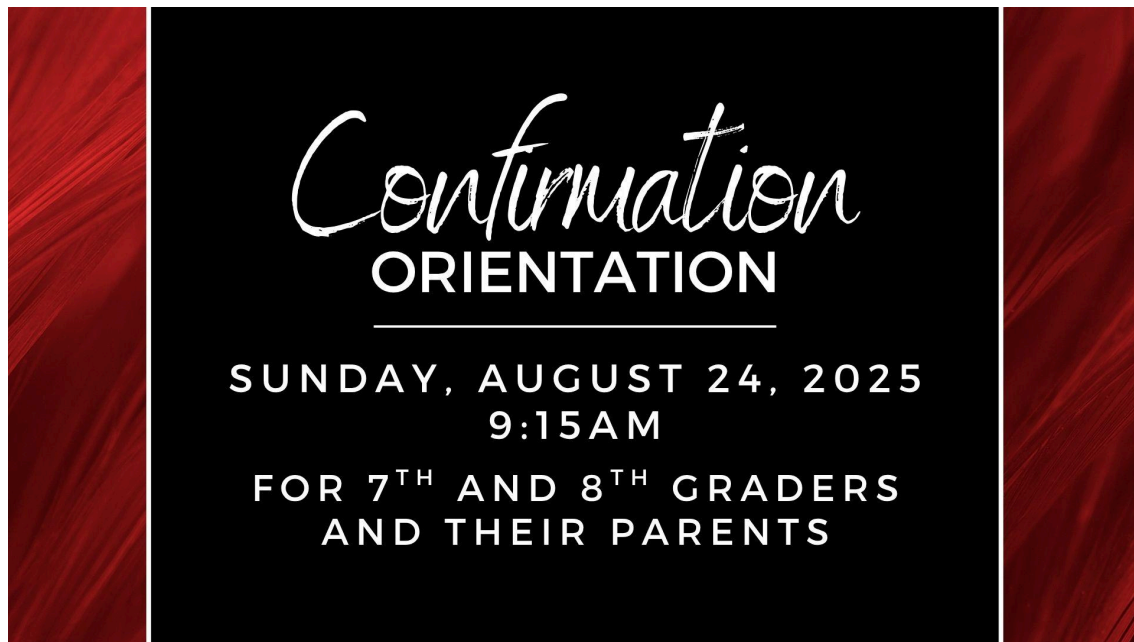
ABIDING **SAVIOR**  
YOUTH GROUP

**ALL YOUTH  
KICKOFF NIGHT**

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
Grades 5-12

Join us as we kickoff our Youth Ministry fall season!





## Confirmation Orientation

On Sunday, August 25th, at 9:15am those students in 7th and 8th grade and their parents will meet for confirmation orientation. This will cover all the details and expectations of the upcoming confirmation classes for the year at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.

The logo for CARE DAY 2025 features a white cross with a heart in the center, set against a red background. The text "CARE DAY 2025" is in large, white, sans-serif font, with "Every neighbor cared for." in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The text "ONE DAY SERVANT EVENT" is in large, white, sans-serif font. Below that, the date and time "Saturday, September 20, 2025, 8-5pm" are in white, sans-serif font. A list of bullet points is on the left, and a QR code is on the right.

**CARE DAY 2025**  
Every neighbor cared for.  
**ONE DAY SERVANT EVENT**  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025, 8-5pm**

- Open to all Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School members at least age 5 on the day of the event
- No cost to participate
- Register at [knowthesavior.org/care-day-2025](https://knowthesavior.org/care-day-2025)

**CARE Day** - join us for a one-day servant event on Saturday, September 20, 2025, 8-5pm where we will care for our neighbors in St. Louis. Sign up today at [knowthesavior.org](https://knowthesavior.org)

## **Membership at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church**

Interested in learning about or becoming a new member of ASLC? New member classes will begin this fall and last for 6 weeks. Please contact Kelly Pitrak, for more information - [kpitrak@abidingsaviorlutheran.org](mailto:kpitrak@abidingsaviorlutheran.org).

## **Right Now Media**

Right Now Media is available to all families and is a great resource for growing in your faith and encouraging your children to learn more about the Bible! [Click here for more information.](#)