



ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL

Student and Family Handbook
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INTRODUCTION

A HISTORY OF ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL

The Church of Saint Luke in the Fields has a history going back to 1820. It has always maintained an interest in children and in education. However, the current school had its beginnings in the early 1940's when the neighborhood around Saint Luke's Chapel (then a part of Trinity Church) on Hudson Street underwent a profound change. During the Depression years and before, many poor people lived in the area and worked as longshoremen on the nearby docks. A more affluent group moved in during World War II, and high rents forced the poor to move away. As a result, Saint Luke's congregation decreased sharply. Reaching the new neighbors became a priority for the church.

One of the community's pressing needs was a school. In 1944, Mary Kingsbury Simkhovitch, head of Greenwich House and a member of Saint Luke's, met with The Rev. Edward H. Schlueter, Vicar of Saint Luke's Chapel for thirty-four years, about establishing a school at Saint Luke's. Together, they asked the Rector of Trinity Church, The Rev. Frederick Fleming, to present the idea to the Vestry. The Vestry approved the establishment of a school in May 1945. The Rev. Leicester C. Lewis came to Saint Luke's as Vicar and founding Head of the new St. Luke's School. He was succeeded by The Rev. Paul C. Weed, Jr.

Marguerite S. Gates became the first Principal in July 1945. School opened on Monday, September 24, 1945, with nineteen children and two teachers in rooms in the old Parish House. Before the end of that first year, registration had reached forty-seven students in three grades and a combined Nursery-Kindergarten. There was after school care for the children of working mothers. The classrooms were in the rear wing of the Parish House at 487 Hudson Street, and the dining room was in the basement, where the Thrift Shop is now located.

Mrs. Katharine Taylor joined the school faculty in September, 1946, and became Principal in 1951. In 1980, Mrs. Taylor retired and Ms. Barbara Belknap became the third Principal of the school. In 1990, Mrs. Kathleen G. Johnson was named Interim Principal. From 1991-1995, Ms. Jessie-Lea Hayes was Head of School. In 1995, Ms. Ann Mellow was appointed to succeed Ms. Hayes. In 2007, Bart Baldwin joined as the seventh Head of School.

Trinity Church completed the current building for the school in 1955 and renovated the entire block of buildings into large apartments for the teachers and the chapel staff. In 1976, Saint Luke's became independent of Trinity Church. In 2012, St. Luke's School become independent from Saint Luke's in the Fields. Today, the school serves approximately 275 students from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8. It still maintains a small student population to foster caring relationships between children and the adults who guide them.

STATEMENT OF MISSION

At St. Luke's, we seek to give our students a sound cognitive foundation for their lives and prepare them for admission to and continuing success in future schools. As an Episcopal Church School, we also seek to do something more.

St. Luke's is a small school, deliberately. Its size enables us to focus on each child as an individual. Its size also allows everyone to know everyone else. It fosters a feeling of family -- a supportive climate of trust and understanding, communicating values and building community. In this environment, children form positive relationships with classmates and teachers, with older children and with younger ones.

St. Luke's is coeducational and heterogeneous. Its students and faculty come from a variety of backgrounds -- racial, ethnic, economic, religious. We value and actively encourage this mutually enriching diversity. It is part of the process of helping each child discover his or her own uniqueness and infinite worth as a human being -- and at the same time, that of others.

St. Luke's is a traditional school, in that it has a strong academic curriculum, high standards, clear and consistent boundaries and expectations. Within that structure, we emphasize freedom. We use varied educational approaches and techniques to help stimulate independent thinking -- to free the children to question, challenge, explore, and pursue truth wherever it leads. We encourage them to express their imagination and creative powers, in science and mathematics as well as in words, music, and art. Interdisciplinary teaching allows content from one subject area to reinforce another and open up fresh insights.

Above all, St. Luke's seeks to awaken in children a lifelong love of learning, a sense of joy and wonder at God's universe, and a deep feeling of connection to the natural world. We hope that whatever they go on to do and be, we will have prepared them to be good stewards of the world's resources -- responsible, caring members of one global human community.

THE ST. LUKE'S SYMBOL



The winged ox, symbol of St. Luke's School, began its history in the Book of Ezekiel, written in the sixth century B.C.E. The ox was one of four faces of living creatures visualized as supporting the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, written in approximately the second century A.D., the four faces became four living creatures standing around God's throne. These faces included a man, a lion, and an eagle, in addition to the ox. Early on, these creatures became associated with the four evangelists: the ox with Luke, the man with Matthew, the lion with Mark, and the eagle with John.

St. Luke is known as the "Beloved Physician" and the patron saint of artists. When this Church was consecrated in 1822, the congregation chose St. Luke as its patron because the area had long been a refuge from epidemics.

The late Canon Edward N. West of the Diocese of New York, a theologian and liturgist, designed the Church banner from which the school logo was derived.

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ST. LUKE'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

St. Luke's School honors its board members and their commitment. The board is composed of persons who are highly qualified to help govern St. Luke's School, by virtue of their religious, legal, financial, professional, or educational expertise, or such other abilities and qualities as the board determines. The primary function of the board is to articulate a vision for the school and move the school toward it, while remaining mission-consistent.

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Bart Baldwin, Jr., Head of School (ex-officio)
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COMMUNITY STANDARDS

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY STANDARDS



Here at St. Luke's, we expect all members of the St. Luke's School community to act in ways that are responsible, respectful, caring, and courteous, and to conduct themselves with sensitivity to the needs and feelings of others. These expectations are so important to our community that they are the foundation of the majority of the school awards given to Grade 8 students each spring.

Below are a few simple principles to foster a sense of community and support each child's development as a strong, competent, and grounded learner:

To Students:

- Come to school, on time, each day.
- Complete schoolwork daily.
- Do your best.
- Respect others: their feelings, traditions, property, and ideas.
- Ask questions.
- Stand up for what is right.
- Get involved.
- Find a way to serve others.

To Parents:

- Honor your child's learning: help your child to arrive on time, and minimize absences by adhering to the school calendar of vacations and holidays.
- Let us know when your child is ill or will be absent.
- Celebrate your child's successes, and help him/her to face adversity with courage and resilience.
- Let us know if a school, family, or life event is affecting your child. We will work together.
- Voice little worries, no matter how small, before they become big concerns by speaking to the appropriate faculty or staff member.
- Keep our children safe and our building secure: become familiar with school procedures, alert us of changes in routines, and review school rules with your child.
- Get involved when you can.

COMING AND GOING

SCHOOL HOURS

Class Times

Monday - Thursday

Junior Kindergarten 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten & Grade 1, 2 & 3 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grades 4 – 8 8:30 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Friday

All Grades 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Office Hours

The School offices are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

After School Program Hours

The After School Program runs daily from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. Registration is required for participation.

PARKING PASSES AND SIGNS

There are no designated parking areas around the school grounds. Parents may request a parking sign to place in the window/dashboard of the car from the Front Office. This pass only states that a child is a student at the school. The sign does NOT guarantee that the car will not be towed or ticketed. Parents use these signs at their own risk.

MORNING ARRIVAL

The main gate is open from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. ***Students should arrive no earlier than 8:00.*** Students should enter the school through main door.

The playground is open for use by students, parents and caretakers and supervised by faculty from **8:00 a.m. until the bell rings at 8:20 a.m.** Students should be prepared to play outside prior to 8:20 a.m. and should dress appropriately for the season. On rainy or *extremely* cold days, students may enter the building via the front door and proceed to the Dining Room to wait until 8:20 a.m.

Students are expected to check-in with their Homeroom Teacher no later than 8:30 a.m. All parents are asked to leave the school building by 8:30 a.m. If a parent has a scheduled meeting with a staff or faculty member, the parent should sign in with the Front Office before proceeding to the classroom or office.

Only Grade 8 students and students or parents with prior appointments are permitted in the building prior to 8:20 a.m.

For the safety of all, bicycles, skates, scooters, and skateboards may not be ridden on school grounds. We ask that these items are parked on the bike rack in front of the main gate. Parents and students are asked to leave dogs and other family pets at home. Pets are not allowed on school grounds and will have to be tied to the gate before entering the main gate.

Strollers are not allowed in the school building during arrival and dismissal. Please park strollers by the main gate or at the windows by the Front Office.

TARDINESS

Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. are late. Prompt arrival to school and timely check-in are the responsibility of each student and his/her parent or caregiver.

It is the responsibility of each student, parent, or caregiver to follow late-arrival procedures:

- Sign-in at the Front Office
- Take a late slip. Only JK - Grade 2 parents may accompany the student to class
- Proceed to Chapel, homeroom, or the scheduled class in session and present the late slip to the teacher in charge.

Tardiness is included on each Progress Report and becomes part of the student's permanent record.

DISMISSAL FROM SCHOOL

The main gate opens at 2:30 p.m. for dismissal and closes at 3:45 p.m. Students should be picked up in the following areas:

- Outside classroom doors: Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grade 1
- Dining Room Doors (inside): Grade 2 & Grade 4
- Red Doors by the Front Office: Grade 3
- Statue of Mary: Upper School students (Upper School students are dismissed of their own recognizance. If an Upper School student is being picked up, the parent or caregiver can meet them at the statue.

Parents and caregivers are asked to wait outside the main gate prior to 2:30 p.m.

Lower School

Lower School students must be picked up by a parent or an approved non-custodial adult. Please communicate any change in pick-up procedures to the homeroom teacher and front office (office@stlukeschool.org). Students are only dismissed into the care of a non-custodial adult with parental consent and proper identification.

Lower School students requiring supervision after the end of the academic day must be enrolled in the After School Program.

Younger siblings will be supervised at no charge in the After School Program until the older sibling has been dismissed from his/her last academic class (3:00 or 3:20 p.m.). Lower School students who have not been picked up within ten minutes of dismissal will be escorted by their teacher to the Dining Room to join the After School Program. A fee will apply. Please see the After School Program for details.

Upper School

Students in the Upper School are dismissed on their own recognizance. They are expected to leave campus immediately unless they are staying after school (See "Staying After School" below for after school rules). Students may not leave campus and then return at a later time for pick-up. Any Upper School student that needs to stay on the school campus after 4:30 p.m. must check in the After School Program. A fee will apply. Please see the After School Program for details.

Choristers

Choristers will be taken to the Dining Room on Wednesdays for a snack and supervision until 3:45 p.m. All choristers report to the choir room of the Church for rehearsal at 3:45 p.m. A special schedule for additional probationer rehearsals (e.g. rehearsals for new choristers) is distributed separately.

Choristers are dismissed to the dining room at 4:30 p.m. Choristers with permission are released on their own recognizance. Choristers who are not picked up at 4:30 p.m. will check into the After School program for supervision. . A fee will apply. Please see the After School Program for details.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

A parent or guardian must send an email to the front office (office@stlukeschool.org) in advance stating the time of day when the student must depart, and explain why the student must leave early.

Students may be picked up at the Front Office and need to sign out at the Front Office before leaving the building. Proper identification is required to pick student up from school.

STAYING AFTER SCHOOL

No student may remain in the building or on the playground unattended, and all students are expected to leave campus as soon as their supervised activity ends.

The playground is open after school starting at 3:00 p.m. for those students supervised by a parent or caretaker and for students in the After School Program. It is very important that parents and caregivers pay careful attention to their child/children while on the playground. We ask that cell phone usage is only used for emergencies. The After School Program staff is only responsible for students enrolled in the After School Program.

The Library is open after school on Mondays through Thursdays until 4:30 p.m. for Lower School students accompanied by a parent or caregiver and Upper School students. All students, caregivers and parents must sign in for safety purposes. Students are welcome to read or work quietly, talking and group work is not permitted. The library is not available for tutoring.

The Dining Room is used by the After School Program and is not available for any student or adult that is not part of the After School Program.

Upper School Privileges

Upper School students are dismissed on their own recognizance at the end of each day. Children are welcome to be by the statue of Mary between dismissal and 3:45 (when the main gate closes), as they meet and decide their after school plans. After 3:45 p.m., Upper School students may do the following:

- Study quietly or do homework in the Library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. If the student remains after 4:30 p.m., they must sign into the After School Program and fees will apply.
- Meet and work with a teacher. This must be scheduled and approved by the teacher. Students may not work unsupervised in the school.
- Be on the playground or library with a caretaker. If a child is with a caretaker, then he/she must be physically with that caretaker.

Any child who is asked more than once to decide where to be or who is found roaming will be signed into After School and parents will be billed.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

Parents are to notify the Front Office by 8:45 a.m. if a student is to be absent. Please call the school at 212.924.5960 or by emailing office@stlukeschool.org

Excused Absences: The following are automatically considered excused and will be noted as such on student records. Students are required to complete assigned work:

- *Illness:* A student who is absent from academic classes due to illness may not attend or participate in after school programs, including Junior Varsity and Varsity Sports, Canteen, and co-curricular activities on the day of absence.
- *Religious Observance:* Please notify the Front Office in advance.
- *Grade 8 High School Placement:* Each Grade 8 student is allowed five excused absences for high school visits. Please inform the Upper School Head in writing or by email one week before scheduled visits.

Absence for any other reason must be submitted to the Lower School Head or Upper School Head in writing and in advance. A determination will be made by the School as to whether the planned absence is excused or unexcused.

Absence Due to Significant Life Event: These absences may be excused at the discretion of the School. Examples include the death of a family member, a student's required participation in professional performances or national athletic competitions, or family travel related to out-of-state or out-of-country relocation. Excused absences will be noted as such on student report cards. Students are required to secure all assignments prior to leaving and are responsible for completing the assigned work.

Unexcused Absences: Any absence not excused by the School is considered an unexcused absence and will be noted as such on student report cards. Examples include vacation, business, or personal travel outside of designated school vacations; and social, leisure, spectator, or entertainment events during the school day. Teachers are not required to provide assignments in advance for unexcused absences.

Attendance Records and Parent Notification: Attendance records are monitored, maintained and determined by the Registrar. Attendance records are part of each student's progress report. If a student has an excessive number of tardies or unexcused absences, the parent will receive an email notice from the school.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP)

The After School Program runs each full school day from 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and offers a range of enrichment activities on a trimester basis.

ASP REGISTRATION

Program details are emailed to parents prior to the start of each trimester. Parents may register their child via the online registration form. All program details and online registration will be available on the school's website. A completed online registration form must be received for a child to attend classes. Fees for classes will be billed via each family's TADS account.

TRIAL WEEK

The ASP offers a trial week for all students interested in the ASP program. This is a great way for students to try a class. The trial week is the first week of the ASP program each trimester. If a child remains in the program after the trial week, the parent will be responsible for the class fee and no refunds will be given. If a child decides not to continue after the trial week, the parent **must email the Director of After School (afterschool@stlukeschool.org)**. The parent will only be charged for the trial week class(es).

SIGNING INTO ASP

Registered Students: Students who are registered for a class will be signed-in on their class or general care day in the following way:

- JK - Grade 4: Each Lower School teacher is given a roster indicating after school attendance for students in their class. Students who have an after school class will be signed into the ASP by their teacher. If a child is absent or will miss the class, the teacher will inform the ASP staff.
- Grade 5 - 8: Each Upper School teacher is given a roster indicating after school attendance for students in their class. Students may be in the library until 4:30 p.m. or the start of their class. Students are responsible for getting to their class on time.

Drop-In Students: Children may join the ASP on an hourly basis. Drop-ins will apply to students who are picked up late from regular dismissal or after their ASP dismissal time, Upper School students who remain after school unsupervised, and students who need general care option after regular dismissal. It is important that we know about drop-ins in advance whenever possible, please email the Front Office and the Director of After School. If the school day has begun, please alert your child's homeroom teacher and the Front Office. Drop-in charges will be billed to each family's TADS account. A fee of \$13 per hour will be charged, up to a maximum of \$39 per child.

Students may drop-in to the ASP at no cost for reasons below. Please alert your child's homeroom teacher and the After School Director in advance:

- Siblings waiting for dismissal of an older child until 3:00 or 3:20 p.m. Drop-in fees will apply after the siblings dismissal time.
- Children whose parents are volunteering for the School.
- Children whose parents are in a parent/teacher conference or meeting with an Teacher or Administrator.

SIGNING OUT OF ASP

For the safety of each child, we ask for your cooperation in complying to the sign-out policy.

- Children may only be signed out by a parent or another adult on the child's approved pick-up list. If there are any changes to the list (i.e. caretakers), please inform the Director of After School as soon as possible.
- Before a child leaves the premise, he/she needs to be signed out on the sign out sheet. The adult should sign and indicate the time of sign-out.

Late Pick-up Fee: The ASP program ends at 6:00 p.m. If a child is picked-up after 6:00 p.m., a fee of \$1 per minute will be charged to the parent.

THE GRACE SAWYER LIBRARY

The library is tightly woven into the fabric of the School. In addition to weekly scheduled periods, an "open-door policy" encourages classes and individuals to use the library as needed. It is visited regularly by students, faculty, administrators, alumni, caregivers, tutors, and many parents.

No Food or Drink is allowed in the library. Students may snack in the dining room or outside. No cell phone use is allowed in the library (See Cell Phone policy).

THE GRACE SAWYER LIBRARY STATEMENT OF MISSION

The Grace Sawyer Library provides children with a welcoming setting that challenges the intellect and invites reflection and recreation. A diverse and wide-ranging selection of resources enhances children's growth and learning, while encouraging discovery of themselves and the world around them. We encourage children to read by providing unique opportunities to make meaningful connections to books and reading. Ultimately, we hope to have every child regard books as an indispensable part of life.

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

During the school day, the library is used for the library program, by teachers and students, and by the Upper School students for lunch and recess. During After School, the library is open until 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. See the Staying After School section for more details.

The library is closed at 2:30 p.m. on Fridays.

BOOK CIRCULATION

Every Student may borrow library books for pleasure reading and/or research at any time.

Weekly selections made by Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are checked out as a class and kept in school for classroom use. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to visit the library at dismissal, at which time Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are welcome to check out books on their own to take home. If dismissal time is not convenient, families are encouraged to make other arrangements with the librarian.

Students and their families should develop a routine for returning their library books each week. Books may be renewed. Books should be returned to the book-drop located in the library. If a child hasn't returned a book, borrowing privileges are interrupted. Individual overdue notices are given directly to each student and sent home.

Lost Library Books

The Grace Sawyer Library strives to make every child's library experience a positive one. Students are responsible for library books checked out under his/her name. Students are responsible for returning materials in a timely manner and communicating with the librarian regarding lost or damaged library books. Families are responsible for replacing lost library books after speaking to the librarian.

Families are asked to take an active role in helping to foster responsible and considerate borrowing habits in their children.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

All are invited to take part in an invaluable and dynamic parent volunteer committee. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Please contact the Parent Association's Library Committee co-chairs or the librarian if you are interested in becoming involved. Children whose parents are volunteering may drop into the After School Program free of charge during the volunteer time.

ATHLETICS: JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY SPORTS

All interested Upper School students are welcome to participate in athletic clubs at the appropriate grade level. Please note that we are unable to accommodate parents on team buses.

ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Schedules are determined by the Athletic Director and sent out prior to the start of each season. Schedules include practices and games. Game schedules are subject to change and are available on the school's website.

Fall: September and October

Varsity Volleyball (Co-Ed): Grades 6, 7, 8
Junior Varsity Soccer (Co-Ed): Grades 5, 6
Varsity Soccer (Co-Ed): Grades 7, 8

Winter: November through March

Junior Varsity Basketball (Girls): Grades 5, 6
Junior Varsity Basketball (Boys): Grades 5, 6
Varsity Basketball (Girls): Grades 7, 8
Varsity Basketball (Boys): Grades 7, 8

Spring: April through May

Varsity Softball (Co-Ed): Grades 6, 7, 8

GENERAL INFORMATION

BIRTHDAY PARTY POLICY

Invitations

St. Luke's cares deeply that student parties foster a sense of community and inclusion and do not leave one or two students feeling hurt and/or rejected. In light of this, we have developed the following guidelines: When planning a party, invite either

- a. the entire class;
- b. all the boys;
- c. all the girls; or
- d. less than 50% of the boys or the girls (host or hostess included).

Example: In a class of 20 with 10 boys and 10 girls the options are:

- a. 20 children
- b. up to 9 children (total) -- 4 or 5 girls with 4 or 5 boys
- c. 10 girls or 10 boys
- d. up to 4 girls (total) or up to 4 boys (total)

Invitations may not be distributed on school grounds unless the ENTIRE class is included. Also, parties may not leave from school unless all classmates are invited. Please check the class list with the Administrative Assistant to be sure you have considered all members of the class.

Classroom Parties

St. Luke's welcomes birthday celebrations or parent presentations in the classroom. Celebrations should work with the class schedule and should be limited to a small celebration of a snack or treat (cupcake, cookies, doughnuts, etc.). Generally parents are asked to drop off the snack or treat with the front office and the classroom teacher will determine when to have the celebration during the day. Students may (with permission) give out additional snacks/treats to other faculty and staff. Since St. Luke's is a peanut sensitive and nut aware school, please do not bring snacks or items containing any peanut or nut products. Below is a list of suggested bakeries in Manhattan that are peanut and tree nut free:

- Bare Naked Bakery & Café (Gluten and Nut Free)
- Cakes 'n Shapes (Peanut and Nut Free)
- The Donut Pub (Peanut and Tree Nut Free)
- Eleni's (Peanut and Tree Nut Free)
- Jennifer's Way Bakery (Nut, Gluten, Soy, and Egg Free)

CELL PHONE AND SMART WATCH POLICY

Cell phones must remain off and out of sight at all times within the school building. Upper School homeroom teachers will collect student cell phones at the beginning of each day and return them at the end of the school day. Students are only permitted to use cell phones outside the school building near the Statue of Mary, before 8:20 a.m. or after 3:20 p.m. The School cannot assume responsibility for any lost cell phones. If a student is found using a cell phone without permission, the phone may be confiscated and held by a school faculty or staff member. ***Students are not permitted to wear or have smart watches on school grounds. If a student wears or has a smart watch on school grounds, the watch will be confiscated and held by the front office.***

DRESS CODE

Students should wear clothes that are comfortable, age-appropriate, neat, and clean. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, and skirts of appropriate length are permitted at St. Luke's.

Students should not come to School in ripped or torn clothes; clothes with pictures or writing that would offend or hurt the feelings of others; clothes of extreme cut or fit (including 'spaghetti straps' for girls); or clothes that promote alcohol, tobacco, or illegal products. Hats are removed inside the school buildings. Hair dye should be of natural colors. Hats are removed inside the school building.

There are a few occasions (such as Lessons & Carols, Recognition Chapel, and Commencement) when more formal dress is requested. A student's Division Head is the final arbiter of appropriate dress and grooming.

Physical Education Attire

All children are required to wear appropriate footwear (sneakers and tennis shoes) and comfortable clothes to gym classes and to have their hair appropriately fixed so they have a full range of vision.

GIFT POLICY

Gifts to other students: Students are asked not to exchange personal gifts at school, including birthday presents for friends, classmates, or Partners. Prior to the Christmas break, a small holiday gift exchange is organized in each upper school homeroom. Prior to Winter Break, a small holiday gift exchange is organized in each Upper School homeroom.

Gifts to Faculty & Staff: Personal gifts to faculty and staff should be limited to child-centered tokens of appreciation.

End of Year Gift: Each spring, the Parents Association recognizes and thanks each faculty member on behalf of the parents of St. Luke's School. Every family is invited to make a contribution to the Parents Association for this purpose.

Christmas Wish List: As part of the Christmas Fair, teachers have the opportunity to request special items for their classroom. These 'wishes' are posted on a bulletin board in the front hallway and parents may fulfill them by signing up for one or more items. Parents are asked to write a check to the school to cover the cost and the school will order and purchase the item to gift to the teacher.

LUNCHES

St. Luke's is a peanut sensitive and nut aware school, therefore, peanuts are prohibited and nut products are highly discouraged in the school. Please see the Peanut and Tree Nut policy for more details. If peanuts are discovered, they will be confiscated and discarded.

St. Luke's provides a voluntary hot lunch program for students and the faculty and staff. Students may also bring their lunch to school in a lunchbox that is clearly marked with the child's name. Do not include glass containers. It is important for lunches to be nutritious and well-balanced – soda, candy and gum are not allowed at school. Children or their parent/caregiver must indicate whether they will participate in hot lunch or bring their lunch when they arrive in the morning. Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students participating in hot lunch will be logged into the database system by their teacher. Students in grades 1 through 8 participating in hot lunch will be scanned into the system either by a faculty member or the student. Lunch fees are charged to the student's TADS account.

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students have lunch served in the classroom. Parents may sign up to help serve lunch in their child's classroom. The parent helper will be asked to man the lunch cart in the classroom, serve the students milk, and help monitor the classroom during lunch. Sign-ups are available at orientation.

Grades 1 - 8 students have lunch in the Dining Room. The Lower School homeroom teachers or Associates bring classes to lunch and seat the group at their tables. Upper School students come to lunch independently.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

All books, clothing, and equipment should be labeled clearly with the student's name before the school year begins and before being brought to school. The School cannot assume responsibility for lost possessions.

Guidelines:

- Personal toys are appropriate only with teacher permission, and trading cards should be left at home.
- Knives, toy guns or weapons of any kind are not permitted on the premises.
- Scooters and skateboards are not permitted on the block or at School. For the safety of our students, bicycles and in-line skates may not be ridden on the block.
- Students should not bring valuables to school. These include electronic equipment (such as cell phones, digital music players, hand held video games, etc.) and in-line skates. They are expensive and prone to breakage and loss. The School cannot assume responsibility for lost possessions.

Lost and Found:

All found items will be placed in the Lost and Found. The Lost and Found is located in the front hallway. In an effort to help children find their lost clothing, please **LABEL** all clothing, backpacks, lunch sacks, etc. The Lost and Found is cleared out at the end of winter break, spring break, and the end of the school year. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to a charity.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: SCHOOL BUS AND METROCARDS

The Department of Education, Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) provides each student the option of the Yellow School Bus Program OR the Student MetroCard Program. Students may not sign up for both programs. Junior Kindergarten students are not eligible for either program. Please note that all decisions about Yellow Bus or Metro Card options rest with the OPT.

The Yellow School Bus Program: Kindergarten to Grade 6

The Yellow School Bus Program is provided by the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) at no cost to Manhattan residents in Grades K - 6 who live a prescribed distance from the school. Each bus is limited to a 5-mile route. The OPT determines bus stops, routes and pick up and drop off times. St. Luke's, children using the afternoon service leave after the eldest child is dismissed and are returned to their designated stop. Please note that most buses including St. Luke's buses service more than one school. There may not be any bus service when public schools are closed. In the event that Yellow Bus service will not be provided, families will be informed. Students arriving to the school by the Yellow Bus will be met by a faculty member and escorted to the playground or Dining Room. Students leaving the school by the Yellow Bus will be dismissed to the assigned bus driver by Ms. Bramble. If a child has any changes to the dismissal for the bus must be sent to Ms. Bramble before 2:00 p.m. each day.

Student MetroCard Program: Kindergarten to Grade 8

The Student MetroCard program is available at no cost to New York City Residents who live a prescribed distance from the school. Students who register for a MetroCard are given either a half-fare or full-fare card. The type of card given is determined by the OPT based on the student's grade and distance from the school. Please note that Student MetroCards are distinct from MetroCards used by the general public.

Student MetroCards are:

- Only for use by the student who it was issued and whose name is written on the card.
- Good for travel to and from school and school related activities until 8:30 p.m.
- Only for use on days when the student's school is in session.
- Good for three trips each school day.
- Good for an entire school semester.

Full-fare student MetroCards allow an eligible student to travel to and from school and school-related activities by bus and subway. On most trips, a student can also transfer free between the bus and the subway, between a bus and another bus, or between the subway and a bus. You cannot transfer between M27 and M50; M31 and M57; M96 and M106; Bx40 and Bx42; M1, M2, M3, and M4; Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue buses; M101, M102, and M103; Lexington Avenue and Third Avenue buses,; Bx1 and Bx2 and a bus going south on Grand Concourse and one going north.

Half-fare student MetroCards allow an eligible student to travel to and from school and school related activities on buses **only** and requires the student to pay half the fare in cash.

Yellow School Bus and Student MetroCard Program Eligibility

	Less than 0.5 mile	0.5 mile or more, but less than 1 mile	1 mile or more, but less than 1.5 miles	1.5 miles or more
Kindergarten–Grade 2	Half-Fare	School Bus or Full-Fare	School Bus or Full-Fare	School Bus or Full-Fare
Grade 3–Grade 4	Not Eligible	Half-Fare	School Bus or Full Fare	School Bus or Full Fare
Grade 5–Grade 6	Not Eligible	Half-Fare	School Bus or Full Fare	School Bus or Full Fare
Grade 7–Grade 8	Not Eligible	Half-Fare	Half-Fare	Full-Fare

THE ANNUAL FUND

Each year, parents, alumni, and friends of the School are invited to make a voluntary tax-deductible contribution to the Annual Fund, to be paid during the course of that school year. These charitable contributions support the operating budget of the School and help provide an enriched educational experience for all St. Luke's School students. They are a vital way we bridge the gap between tuition and the real cost of a St. Luke's education. If you would like to make a special gift or volunteer, please contact the Director of Development. Contributions to St. Luke's School are tax-deductible in accordance with federal and other laws.

THE GARDENS AND GROUNDS

The School, Church, and Community share the block together. During the school day, the South Lawn and Church gardens can be accessed via the Barrow Street entrance.

Please take care not to damage the plantings and flowers and be vigilant in the supervision of young children so that the hard work of our garden volunteers may be preserved.

COMMUNICATIONS **SCHOOL TO FAMILY**

Friday Newsletter: Each Friday afternoon, the school sends out a Friday newsletter from the Head of School to all families. The newsletter contains important information and upcoming event dates and details. All families should read the newsletter in order to be abreast of school news. The newsletters is also available at www.stlukeschool.org/newsletter.

Updates and General School Communications: The school sends out updates and news to all parents or parents in a class/grade through the following email groups:

news@stlukeschool.org: General updates, event details, and school announcements.

headofschool@stlukeschool.org: Important news and updates from the Head of School.

pa@stlukeschool.org: Parent Association updates and announcements.

nurse@stlukeschool.org: Important health updates from the nurse.

TEACHER TO FAMILY

One of the most critical pieces of the student's education is a working relationship between the teacher and parent. Each teacher communicates with parents on an individual basis in a variety of ways. For the Lower School, a class newsletter is emailed or sent home every Friday. The newsletter contains updates and important information pertaining to the class and upcoming activities. The Upper School gives parents access to classwork, homework, projects and other details through Google Apps. All Upper School parents are given a school email through Google in order to sign into Google Apps.

Parent Conferences

Teacher contact is one of the important benefits of an independent school education, and St. Luke's School teachers strive to keep parents informed on an on-going basis of any difficulty a child may be experiencing and what progress there has been to overcome this difficulty. Parents are encouraged to contact the teacher or the Division Head directly with any concerns by leaving an email or a voicemail message or writing a note. The teacher or Division Head will return your call as soon as possible.

Annual parent conferences are held each fall during Parent-Teacher Conference Days. Lower School parents will have an additional conference in the spring. Additional conferences between parents and teachers may be arranged as the need arises. Productive conferences and conversations require both privacy and preparation. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please make an appointment.

PARENT TO SCHOOL

In the course of his or her years at St. Luke's School, every child will experience the ups and downs that are part of growing up. Parents will inevitably have questions about a child's learning, growth, or experience at school; about his or her interactions with classmates; or about programs, curricula, and policies.

In addition, it is natural for members of a small and tight-knit community such as ours to talk together about their children and about school life. We must always remember that misinformation can spread easily and that each family's values, style, priorities, and school experience is unique. It is important to allow children to grow and change through childhood, and we must be vigilant not to marginalize or stereotype a particular child, group of children, or class as a whole when a problem or concern arises.

Therefore, we ask that any and all questions, concerns, or observations about your child or about school life be communicated immediately and individually to the teacher, administrator, or staff member in charge. Timely and direct communication allows us to work together to address issues. Only in this way can we serve children well, insure appropriate confidentiality of information, and sustain open conversations with each family.

Sometimes a phone call will suffice; at other times, a face-to-face conference makes most sense. Please leave a voicemail or email message and the appropriate person will get back to you as soon as possible. Drop-off, pick-up, 'on the fly' hallway conversations and email exchanges do not allow for confidential, focused, and frank dialogue. Teachers and Division Heads are happy to schedule a telephone conference or in-person meeting at a mutually convenient time.

If you would like to meet with a teacher, please make an appointment. Productive conferences and conversations require privacy and preparation. The Front Office and Division Heads are available to respond to an emergency that needs immediate attention.

The Parents Association, the Diversity Committee, and the School sponsors parent education events and forums. These are opportunities to learn more about parenting, childhood development, school programs and curricula, policies, and planning. We encourage parental involvement and attendance at these events.

By sharing information with one another in a spirit of trust and goodwill, we can best serve the wonderful children who call St. Luke's their home each school day.

Communication Instructions

- *Classroom questions:* Please contact the teacher directly.
- *Attendance and Change in Pick-up:* Please email both the student's teacher and office@stlukeschool.org.
- *Change of Contact Information:* Please see the link on the weekly school newsletter.
- *Health details and questions:* Please email nurse@stlukeschool.org.
- *Parent Association questions:* Please email pa@stlukeschool.org.
- *Admissions and Enrollment questions:* Please email admissions@stlukeschool.org.
- *General school questions:* Please email office@stlukeschool.org.

MESSAGES AND PHONE CALLS

To Students: In order to keep class disruptions to a minimum, please confirm the day's plans with your child before the start of the school day, as it is extremely difficult to relay messages to students. Students will not be called from a class to receive a phone call. Emergency phone messages will be relayed to students through their homeroom teacher.

To Faculty: To speak with a teacher, telephone the school and you will be directed to the teacher's voicemail. Due to their teaching schedules, the front office will be able to interrupt classes to forward calls to the teachers. Teachers will return calls at their earliest convenience. Division Heads are also available to respond to parent phone calls, particularly if it is a pressing matter needing immediate attention.

Use of Front Office Phones: Front Office phones must be reserved for school personnel. Students and parents may use the front office phones for emergency purposes.

Use of Cell Phones (students): Cell phones must remain off and out of sight at all times within the school building. Students are only permitted to use cell phones outside the school building near the Statue of Mary, before 8:20 a.m. or after 3:20 p.m.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

A copy of the school directory is provided to all school faculty members, parents, and staff in order to facilitate communication between school and home, students, and families. Copies are available upon request from the Front Office

The directory is produced for the convenience and use of St. Luke's School families only. All information, including email addresses, should be treated as confidential and may not be shared outside of the St. Luke's School community. Student or family information provided by St. Luke's School and its sponsored organizations (such as the Parents Association) may not be used for commercial, entrepreneurial, or promotional purposes or for disseminating general announcements/communications other than those related to school-related activities and programs. If you have any questions about the use of student or family information, please contact the Front Office.

ONLINE TOOLS

Website: The school maintains a website at www.stlukeschool.org that includes school calendars, the lunch menu, program details, admissions details, etc.

St. Luke's App: There's an app for that! The St. Luke's School app allows easy access to the calendar, faculty directory, lunch menu, and more. Visit the App Store and search for St. Luke's School. Available only for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

Facebook: Connect to our school using the "St. Luke's School – NYC" Facebook page for photos, reminders about activities, and goings on in the school.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

ACADEMIC HONESTY

In the older grades where students begin using both original and secondary source material in preparing research-based papers and projects, they are asked to give careful and consistent credit to any source that is used. As students learn to master the use of direct and indirect quotation, and through the completion of comprehensive bibliographies, and, in some cases, through the use of footnotes, students learn to give proper attribution in cases where an idea or a written passage is not their own.

If a student is intentionally dishonest by submitting work done in whole or in part by another person, or taken from resource material without proper acknowledgment, or if a student gives or receives improper help during a test, on quizzes, homework, reports, etc., this is considered a serious breach of academic honesty. In elementary schools, student cheating is often a sign of academic frustration or personal difficulty and St. Luke's School will make every effort to help each individual student. However, instances of plagiarism will be brought to the attention of a student's parents and may have disciplinary consequences.

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

All students at St. Luke's School are expected to use computer technology responsibly and respectfully, whether inside or outside of school, and in accordance with the St. Luke's School Acceptable Use Policy. The Acceptable Use Policy is reviewed with students each fall. All parents are asked to sign and return their child's copy.

CANTEEN

Periodically students in Grades 5 - 8 are invited to return to school on a Friday evening for a variety of social activities. This program, called Canteen, is sponsored by the Parents Association and supervised by faculty. A nominal fee is collected to pay for the dinner.

CLASSROOM MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOKS

A list of required supplies to be purchased or provided by students is emailed to parents and also available on the school website.

The School loans most textbooks to students. Loaned books are not to be written in. They should be covered and kept in good order. Families will be billed for lost textbooks or those damaged beyond normal wear and tear.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service activities are designed to encourage children's age-appropriate participation and active involvement in service to school, neighborhood, and the wider world of which they are a part. A series of grade-level and school-wide service activities are organized each fall through the Division Heads with the support of the faculty and the Outreach Committee of the Parents Association. Grade-level projects are often incorporated into the curriculum, and the School actively partners with The Church of Saint Luke in the Fields. In addition, students in Grades 7 and 8 are expected to fulfill individual service.

Grade 7 and 8 Community Service

Students in Grades 7 and 8 select individual and group service projects to work on throughout the school year. Each student is expected to give 10 hours or more of community service outside of the classroom.

Partners

Students in Grades 3 - 6 serve as older partners for those in Junior Kindergarten - Grade 2. The Partners Program creates an on-going tie between students as they move through the grades. When second graders move on to Grade 3, they "graduate" to serving as older partners for the new Junior Kindergarten. In addition to serving as helpers and friends to the younger children, the older students will help the younger ones as they work together on specific service projects throughout the year. Grade 7 and 8 students are partners to all younger students, helping with projects and classes as needed.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

The guiding principle of our discipline policy is found in our mission statement:

“St. Luke's School fosters a feeling of family -- a supportive climate of trust and understanding, communicating values and building community. In this environment, children form positive relationships with classmates and teachers, with older children and with younger ones.”

Our disciplinary measures must both address the child whose behavior does not conform to our expectations and/or rules and support those who may have been offended or aggrieved by the child's actions. It is essential that our practices be clear, consistent, and

respectful. Our practices must also be flexible enough recognize that we teach a wide range of ages and developmental levels, and personal enough to address the needs of the individual child.

If a student is having difficulty conforming to the School's essential behavioral and community expectations, an effort will be made to support him or her through a process in which the student's concerns and feelings will be heard, and in which the School's expectations will be made clear. An infraction of the basic community rules of St. Luke's School may be dealt with in several ways. A teacher may talk with a student. The Division Head and/or the Head of School may talk with a student. The administration may confer with a student's parents. These adults may meet in a conference that might include the student. A student or a family might be asked to seek outside help or referral. Disciplinary action could include a limit on participation in the activities and privileges of the School, probation, suspension or expulsion.

In Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten when children may have more difficulty communicating about emotions and remembering incidents, the classroom teachers and Lower School Head will speak with the child to discuss what he or she did, what he or she should have done, and what he or she will do in the future. The child will be asked to make amends by apologizing for his or her actions. A behavior program may be instituted to help redirect behavior and help the child grow.

In Grade 1 through Grade 4, the following procedure has been put in place: If a teacher feels a child's actions has significantly interfered with that child's or other children's learning, or if the behavior is a significant breach of school standards, a behavior notice will be prepared. The child will write to the best of his/her ability what happened and what actions he/she has taken to correct the situation and to avoid repeat incidents. The child will meet with his or her teacher and may meet with the Lower School Head as well, and they will review and reflect upon the note together. The teacher or the Lower School Head will contact the parent or guardian to discuss the situation. The child will be asked to share the report at home and the parent or guardian to sign it and return it to school.

In Grades 5 - 8 a similar level of accountability is in place, although the goal is for the child to take a more active role in reflecting upon, reporting, and repairing the infraction. We may ask that the child report the incident to the parent before an adult contacts them, but parents will be notified by the teacher or Upper School head if we believe an infraction rises to the level of a serious breach of standards or negatively impacts our learning environment.

Slurs about race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and other verbal or physical abuse or harassment, physical violence, theft, dishonesty, disrespect for property, or illegal acts most undermine our sense of safety and community. Any infraction will be immediately brought to the attention of the Division Head and will involve notification of the parent or guardian. St. Luke's School is intentional in instructing children about the negative impact of these actions, and there is an increased expectation of student responsibility if individuals or a class have dealt with these issues. Consequence for infractions may include separation from the class during the school day, out of school suspension and expulsion.

The possession or use of weapons is never acceptable.

Finally, a positive and constructive working relationship between the School and home is essential to the school's educational purpose and the well being of its students. St. Luke's School reserves the right to suspend or terminate the enrollment of any student at any time, or to nullify an Enrollment Agreement prior to the beginning of the academic year at its sole discretion. Such suspension or termination may result where:

- (i) a student disregards or does not abide by the rules and regulations of the School;
- (ii) the School determines that a student's conduct or performance demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to be productive within the school community;
- (iii) a parent, guardian, or other individual closely associated with the student fails to cooperate with the School or disregards or does not abide by the rules and regulations of the School;
- (iv) the School determines that the continued attendance of a student in the School is not in the best interest of the student or the School;
- (v) the School determines that the continued involvement of a parent or guardian with the School is not in the best interest of the student or the School;
- (vi) the student has unsatisfactory academic performance; or
- (vii) other reasons as determined by the sole discretion of the School.

FIELD TRIPS

Class trips to New York City's major cultural institutions are considered an integral part of the educational experience. Trips are planned as an extension of classroom activities, enriching the students' learning and their development as citizens of a metropolitan community. In the Upper School trips may involve public transportation. Parents will be notified of individual trips through the class newsletter. Field trips are also posted on the school website.

A Field Trip Permission form is part of the re-enrollment process through TADS. All children must have a signed permission form on file before school begins in September. Expenses for school-sponsored field trips are included in the student activity fee.

HOMEWORK

Homework is designed to review material previously covered, to prepare for the next day's classes, to provide additional enrichment, and to teach students to read, write, and work independently.

Students in Grades 1 - 4 will have homework varying in frequency and length of time, appropriate to the grade level of the student. Grade 4 students normally have 45 minutes to one hour of homework assigned four days a week. Their written homework assignments are given Monday through Thursday, except for reading, which should be done daily.

Students in Grades 5 - 6 will have about an hour and a half of homework nightly, averaging twenty minutes a subject. Students in Grade 7 - 8 should expect between two and two and a half hours (averaging thirty minutes per subject) of homework nightly. These students' homework load in a particular subject will vary more widely than in previous years because of our emphasis on study skills, integrated curriculum and long-term assignments.

The faculty works closely with students and each other to ensure that the overall homework load remains reasonable and balanced. Homework guidelines and policies are established each year by the school. They are shared at each fall's curriculum meeting and throughout the year as needed. Nonetheless, individual students can sometimes experience periodic difficulties with the load and pace of assignments. Should this occur, talk with your child's teacher right away or speak with the Division Head.

All students who are absent from school are responsible for the prompt completion and submission of missed work. Classwork and homework for Upper School students are available through Google Apps after 4:00 p.m. each day. Parents who have concerns regarding missed work or absences must confer with the Division Head.

Parent Help with Homework

Many parents are concerned about how best to support their child's work at home. St. Luke's School believes that parent interest in and support of a child's homework is essential. However, we also want a child to develop independent work habits and a sense of his/her own competence and responsibility. Generally, it is best when parents monitor their child's progress carefully without actually "doing" the child's homework with him/her.

Parent feedback to teachers can be especially helpful. Teachers need to know if a student is having difficulty in an area, and it is appreciated if parents make a notation on assignments where their help was needed. In some subjects, mathematics particularly, parents should be careful to be sure that their approach agrees with that of the teacher.

Parents who have questions about the degree or nature of their role in homework, or who have questions about an assignment, should feel free to discuss the situation with the teacher involved or with the Division Head by leaving a voicemail or email message requesting a conference.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Teacher contact is one of the important benefits of an independent school education, and St. Luke's School teachers strive to keep parents informed on an on-going basis of any difficulty a child may be experiencing and what progress there has been to overcome this difficulty. Parents are encouraged to contact the teacher or the Division Head directly with any concerns by leaving an email or a voicemail message or writing a note. The teacher or Division Head will return your call as soon as possible.

Annual parent conferences are held each fall during Parent-Teacher Conference Days. Lower School parents will have an additional conference in the spring. Additional conferences between parents and teachers may be arranged as the need arises. Productive conferences and conversations require both privacy and preparation. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please make an appointment.

PHYSICAL FITNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Fitness Testing

Twice a year students in Grade 5-7 will be tested to ascertain their flexibility, strength, and aerobic fitness. The test will be administered once in grade 8. The testing program used is sponsored by the American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) and developed by the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research.

PLAYGROUND

Before School

From 8:00 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. in the morning, the playground is open and supervised by faculty. Cellphone use is for emergencies only.

After School

The playground is open after school for those students supervised by a parent or caretaker and for students in the After School Program.

The supervising adult takes full responsibility for his/her charge(s). The After School Program staff is only responsible for those children enrolled in the After School Program.

Playground Safety Rules

1. Supervising adults must be in the play structure area when their children are using the climbing equipment.
2. Balls are not allowed in this area of the playground structure.
3. Climbers' hands must be empty and kept to themselves.
4. Only one child at a time may go down the slides, feet first.
5. No more than ten children are allowed on the bridges, and children should not be under occupied bridges.
6. For the safety of all and the protection of nature, students are not permitted to climb on or damage trees, or to dig in dirt/flowering beds.
7. Cellphone use is for emergencies only.
8. No candy on the playground.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Lower School

The Junior Kindergarten - Grade 4 students receive progress reports twice each year, in January and June. These reports are emailed to parents.

Upper School

In Grades 5 - 8, progress reports are emailed at the end of each trimester: December, March, and June. Any Upper School student who has been having unusual difficulty in a class will also receive a Mid-Trimester Report approximately a month before progress reports are received. Mid-Trimester Reports are not part of a student's permanent record. They provide an opportunity for students to improve prior to the formal trimester report.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Standardized testing is one way to evaluate student progress. St. Luke's School maintains membership in the Educational Records Bureau. ERB's Comprehensive Testing Program 4 (CTP4) is administered in Grades 3 - 8.

No special preparation is required for standardized testing at St. Luke's School. Children are prepared as needed by their classroom teacher, and parents are informed of the testing dates via the school calendar.

Standardized test results are shared with parents in conferences as part of their child's overall status and progress. Parents are welcome to arrange an appointment to discuss results.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The Division Heads are responsible for the overall well-being of each student in the School. Should a student or family be experiencing a change or difficulty, or a special situation exists of which the School should be aware, or with which the family would like assistance, please call the Division Head. The School also has staff members with specialized expertise to support students, parents, and families.

The School Psychologist

St. Luke's School has a psychologist to consult with teachers, parents, and students. The consulting psychologist is part of the educational team and is called upon, as need arises, to observe in classrooms and to make specific recommendations. Parents are invited to call upon the school psychologist to discuss any issues of concern. Topics often include parenting issues, questions of child development, or a general sharing of information about their child.

The Learning Specialist

The Learning Specialist serves as resource person for the teachers and assists with student academic needs. The Learning Specialist provides instructional enrichment in Lower School classrooms, works with the homeroom teacher and Division Heads to assess overall student progress, and develops strategies for student learning and support, including referral for evaluation or for additional professional support services when needed. The Learning Specialist also serves as the liaison between the School and outside educational evaluators or support specialists who are working with current students. Finally, the Learning Specialist is in charge of standardized testing, meets with the faculty to confer about results, and is available to parents to discuss their child's individual testing profile in the context of his/her overall learning and development.

Extra Help From Teachers

St. Luke's School recognizes that different students have different talents and face various challenges. Periodically, every student needs some extra help in a subject. St. Luke's School teachers are normally available for one half-hour at the end of most school days or before school begins in the morning to give extra help. Parents are encouraged to communicate any concern about extra help to their child's teacher and, in the Upper School; students are urged to ask directly for assistance as soon as they need it. The parent and Division Head will confer about appropriate arrangements.

Tutoring

St. Luke's School recognizes that at times tutoring may be needed for students. St. Luke's School faculty may not provide tutoring to current St. Luke's School students without approval from the Head of School. Tutoring may not take place on school grounds without approval from the Division Head.

SUMMER READING AND SUMMER PROJECTS

Summer reading and summer projects are an integral part of the St. Luke's School curriculum. They are assigned and distributed by classroom teachers to students entering Grades 2 - 8. To guide summer reading, book lists are compiled in collaboration with the school Librarian and the St. Luke's School faculty. Summer reading and summer projects are discussed with each class and also available on the school's website.

UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

One of the ways students assume a leadership role at St. Luke's is through representing their class as student representatives. Office is held for a trimester. The Student Representatives discuss policies affecting St. Luke's, make improvement suggestions, share ideas for social opportunities, and provide leadership for the school, e.g. in service learning projects. Student Representatives meet weekly with the Upper School Head. They also lead Convocation each Friday.

CHAPEL AND ASSEMBLIES

CHAPEL

Chapel services at St. Luke's School follow the Episcopal liturgy and recognize the diversity of our school community by addressing the beliefs and holy days of other religions. Students are asked to participate in a quiet and respectful way; some find it a time to renew or develop their own religious life while others use it as an opportunity for quiet contemplation. Chapel is led by one of the clergy, the Head of School, or other members of the school community. On Thursdays, there is Holy Eucharist, where communion is offered to baptized students, faculty, and parents who wish to participate. Festive Eucharist takes place approximately six times a year to celebrate various holy days. Parents are welcome to attend all services.

The Chapel schedule is as follows:

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Meditation, Grade 5-8
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Upper School Chapel for Grades 5 - 8 led by Chaplain or Head of School
	10:45 - 11:05 a.m.	Junior Chapel for JK - Grade 1
	11:05 - 11:25 a.m.	Lower School Chapel for Grades 2 - 4
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Community Eucharist for Grades 2 - 8

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

Acolytes

Acolytes assist the clergy during Thursday Chapel. Acolytes is optional for students in Grades 3-8. Additional information will be sent home with a student who is interested in becoming an acolyte.

Choristers

Students in Grades 4-8 who wish to become members of the St. Luke's Choristers will have an audition with the Church Director of Music. Choristers sing each Thursday at Chapel and at special school events. They also sing each Sunday at the 9:15 a.m. service of the Church of Saint Luke in the Fields and at various church events throughout the year. Choristers are expected to be present each Sunday as outlined in the chorister schedule. The Choristers normally rehearse Wednesday afternoons after school and Thursday mornings before Eucharist.

LOWER SCHOOL MORNING MENTIONS

Lower School students (JK - Grade 4), meet together on Fridays at 8:45 a.m. to share their experiences and discuss community and current events. Parents are welcome to attend.

UPPER SCHOOL CONVOCATION

Students in Grades 5-8 gather on Friday mornings for Convocation. Convocation celebrates the work of the students and significant school events, and includes weekly "sharing" and announcements. Upper School Student Representatives lead Convocation. Parents are welcome to attend.

GRADE 8 AT ST. LUKE'S

The Grade 8 year at St. Luke's School is one of both privilege and responsibility for graduating students. Grade 8 privileges include the right to use the Dining Room for quiet discussion at 8:00 a.m. before the beginning of the school day. If students keep up with their studies they are offered the opportunity to go off campus for lunch after spring break. Grade 8 students are expected to set a tone of consideration and of scholarship for the entire school. They may assume special school responsibilities such as helping with set up for activities at the Christmas Fair, and preparing and assembling the annual yearbook with guidance from various faculty members.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

The high school placement procedure begins in the spring of Grade 7 and continues throughout Grade 8. The Upper Head of School and the Director of Admissions and Enrollment oversees this process.

High Schools Attended by Alumni

St. Luke's graduates have enrolled at the following secondary schools:

Avenues	Grace Church School	Poly Prep
Berkeley Carroll School	Hewitt	Riverdale Country School
Bronx Science	Hotchkiss	Spence
Browning	Kew Forest	St. Joseph's Brooklyn
Calhoun	Leman	St. Vincent Ferrer
Dwight	Loyola	Stuyvesant
Elisabeth Irwin	Marymount	Trinity
Fiorello LaGuardia	Packer Collegiate	Wellesley High School
Friends Seminary	Peddie	Xavier

ALUMNI

Upon graduation, our Grade 8 students join our distinguished group of alumni. Alumni may continue to connect with the school and other alumni by liking @stlukesalumny on Facebook.

RE-ENROLLMENT

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Before any student may attend St. Luke's School, the school must have a signed letter of agreement and deposit, up-to-date tuition payments, and all completed health forms as required by the school.

Re-enrollment contracts are emailed to returning students in late January. A student is formally enrolled at St. Luke's School only upon the receipt and acceptance of a signed enrollment contract and deposit through TADS.

FINANCIAL AID

All financial aid grants are determined annually, based on financial need. Comprehensive information about the financial aid application process and deadlines is available on the St. Luke's School website. Any questions regarding financial aid should be addressed to the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. All financial aid information is held in the strictest confidence.

BILLING AND TUITION POLICY

Tuition, books, fees, and Parents Association dues are payable annually in July; semi-annually, in July and December; or monthly through each family's TADS account. Please note that books, fees, and Parents Association dues will be due with the first tuition payment. All other fees such as lunch and the After School Program will be billed on a monthly basis.

Prompt payment of tuition and fees is essential. Delinquent accounts will be charged a penalty of \$29 for each overdue payment. Students may not attend school on opening day unless accounts are up-to-date. The following year's re-enrollment contract will not be sent until payments for tuition and fees are current.

If you have difficulty paying tuition or fees on time, please contact the CFO & COO immediately.

HEALTH AND REGISTRATION FORMS

In order to participate in all activities, including P.E. and recess, all students are required to have completed:

- the online registration form which gathers emergency contact and approved pick-up information
- the parent consent form
- updated immunizations
- the physician form

STUDENT HEALTH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ANNUAL PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

New York State law requires that each student provides the school with copies of immunization records and health appraisals on all students. St. Luke's requires updated immunizations and physical health forms. The physical exam must have been completed within one year prior to the start of the academic year for lower school students. Upper school students participating in sports must have a physical completed within one year of the start of practice. The medical provider completing the exam must be located within New York State or within 50 miles of the state border.

We request that the St. Luke's Annual Physical Examination form be used, as it also provides medical consent for treatment with Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications.

Exemptions from immunization requirements are permissible for religious objection and severe allergies, and must be approved by school administration.

Students without proper documentation of immunization or exemption may be excluded from school. State law allows for a 14-day grace period. The grace period can be extended to a maximum of 30 days if the student is transferring from out of state/abroad.

Students without a signed parent consent form and documentation of a current physical examination on file may be excluded from recess, physical education, field trips and athletics.

CONCUSSION POLICY

If your child sustains a concussion, whether during or outside of school, a note from a medical provider is required in order for them to be permitted to participate in recess, Physical Education, and sports.

ILLNESS, ACCIDENT, OR INJURY

Student Illness

A student must be kept home for the following reasons or illnesses:

- **A fever of 100.4 ° F or higher:** If fever and flu-like symptoms are present, your child must be fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine) and have no other symptoms before he/she may return to school.
- **Colds, coughs:** Symptoms of a common cold include stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat and a cough. Colds do not require staying home from school unless symptoms are severe and prevent your child from keeping up with school demands.
- **Influenza (“Flu”):** Children who have symptoms of the Flu (fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, fatigue or muscle aches), must be kept at home until fever free without medication for 24 hours.
- **Vomiting or diarrhea: 2 or more times in the past 24 hours, OR a single episode in the presence of other symptoms** (fever, no urine output in 8 hours, recent head injury, green/bloody color).
- **Strep Throat:** The student must be treated with antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Bacterial or Viral Conjunctivitis:** exclusion is no longer required for conjunctivitis, unless accompanied by fever, or 2 or more children in the class have symptoms of infection. Health providers may or may not treat with antibiotic medication, as the condition usually gets better on its own after 5-6 days.
- **Rash:** only if accompanied by any of the following symptoms: fever, behavior change, oozing, joint pain, or tender, red area of skin that is increasing in size or tenderness.

Please notify the Nurse (nurse@stlukeschool.org) and Front Office (office@stlukeschool.org) in the case of any infectious condition or contagious illness as soon as possible. Also, whenever possible, please cc: the Health Office at nurse@stlukeschool.org on any health-related matters.

Conditions Which Require a Doctor’s Note:

Injuries/Emergency Room Visits: All students who are seriously injured, whether at home, school, or during recreational sports require written medical clearance to return to school. Students who are seen in the emergency room should obtain a note from the doctor stating that the student is able to attend/return to school, and whether there are any activity restrictions. Emergency room discharge papers do not qualify as a doctor’s note unless they clearly state that the child is cleared to return to school, and at what activity level.

When returning to school, the student is to report to the Front Office, with the doctor’s note, prior to going to the classroom. Students who return to school with casts, stitches, crutches, splints, arm slings, wheelchairs, walkers, canes and/or immobilizers require a written doctor’s note that includes:

1. Student may return to school
2. Any restrictions from physical education and lunch/recess
3. Confirmation from the physician that the student has been properly instructed in the use of crutches, walker, cane, or wheelchair if applicable

Surgical Procedures or Serious Illness Requiring Hospitalization: Any student who returns to school after a surgical procedure requires a written doctor’s note that includes:

1. Student may return to/attend school
2. Any restrictions for physical education and lunch/class recess
3. Any instructions on medication or wound care if they may be required during school hours

Illness or Injury During School

Students who become ill at school will be cared for in the Health Office until arrangements are made to pick them up. A School Nurse is present in the Health Office to attend to medication administration, illnesses and minor injuries. In the absence of the School Nurse, the Administrative Assistant will care for ill children. In case of a more serious injury, the school will notify you immediately. If we are unable to reach the family, the person listed as your emergency contact on the Contact Information Form will be called. If your child needs immediate treatment, she or he will be brought to the nearest hospital.

If your child goes to a medical provider or emergency room due to an accident on school property, please notify the Front Office as soon as possible. Each student is covered for accidents at school by a student accident policy. This is secondary insurance. Insurance forms are available from the Administrative Assistant.

LICE POLICY

School-Wide Screenings

St. Luke’s has school-wide screenings after the Winter Break, Spring Break, and Summer Break. The lice checks are performed by a professional lice detection service. If a student is absent on the day of screening, the students should see the nurse for a preliminary

check the morning they return to school. Lice technicians will one week after each school-wide screening to check students who were absent on the day of the screening and to re-check students who have received treatment. Additional select screenings *may* be scheduled if multiple cases are reported in a class.

Students who are found to have live lice or nits:

Lice screeners will provide the school nurse with the student result envelopes. The school nurse will contact parents by phone or e-mail. An email will also be sent out to the grade informing parents that a case of lice or nits have been discovered. We ask that parents be diligent in checking their child for lice or nits and inform the Front Office and Nurse immediately if any lice or nits are discovered.

Grade 1-8 Students: Students in Grades 1-8 will return to class and may remain in class for the remainder of the day.

JK and Kindergarten Students: Students in JK and Kindergarten will need to be picked up as soon as is feasible. The student will not return to his or her class unless a parent or caregiver is unable to pick up the student. The student will wait with the nurse or in the library until he or she can be picked up. If the student cannot be picked up, the student will return to class after the child's hair has been tied up.

Treatment Requirements and Returning to School

Students with findings of lice or nits at screening may not return to school until he or she has been treated by a professional or with a treatment kit at home. If the student was treated at a facility, he or she must bring a note the following day from the service that treated them. If a student is treated at home with a kit, the treatment should include at least one shampoo treatment and comb out of nits. The student must provide a note from parents stating that they were treated at home. Lice shampoo must be repeated after 10-14 days, and comb-outs should continue to be done every 2 days for 2 weeks.

MEDICATION POLICY

Administration of medications and treatments to students must be managed and supervised by the School Nurse. All medications, over-the-counter as well as prescription medication, must be delivered to the Nurse in the Front Office upon arrival in the building. Students are not permitted to carry medications on them, with the exception of medications required for life-threatening illness (see below). Delegation of the responsibility of medication administration to faculty or administration may be necessary in the event of school trips or absence of the Nurse. Parent authorization and proper documentation will continue to be maintained in these situations. The following guidelines must be followed in order to dispense medications or treatments:

1. ***Physician Consent:*** New York State Law requires that the St. Luke's School obtain the **signed consent of a physician or other licensed health care provider in order to administer all medication, including nonprescription/ over-the-counter medication.** The medical provider must be located within New York State or within 50 miles of the state border. The school cannot administer any medication without this signed consent.
2. ***Prescription Medication:*** ALL prescription medications must be given to the nurse to dispense in the original prescription container with the student's name, name of medication, dosage and dosage schedule, duration of treatment, and the physician/healthcare provider's name and phone number on the label. The medication must be accompanied by a **Medical Provider's Order Form** (available on the website or in the Front Office) or a note from the provider.
3. ***Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication:*** The Nurse's office has a supply of OTC medications listed on the health form that can be dispensed as needed with the signed consent of the physician/healthcare provider and parent. Consent forms for treatment with OTC medications are included in the St. Luke's School annual medical forms. If you wish to have your child receive an OTC medication that we do not have in the office, a doctor's authorization must be provided when the medication is brought to the Nurse upon arrival to school. Students may not be sent to school with OTC medications to be taken independently.
4. ***OTC Medication and Parent Notification:*** If your child requires an authorized over-the-counter oral medication during the school day, parents will be contacted before it is administered. This is to assure the child has not already received the medication at home, and to discuss any other issues related to the child's care.
5. ***Self-Medication:*** Self-medication is permissible **ONLY** if the child has a life-threatening condition such as asthma or anaphylactic allergies. The parent and physician must sign a self-medication form that must be reviewed with the School Nurse. Back-up medication must be provided to the Nurse, to be used in the event of an emergency. Other requests for self-medication must be addressed to the Nurse for evaluation on a case-by-

case basis.

6. ***Epi-Pens:*** If your child requires the use of an Epi-Pen, TWO pens must be provided to the Nurse to ensure proper coverage in the event of anaphylaxis.

7. ***Unused Medications:*** Parents will be contacted at the end of the school year to pick up any medications provided to the Nurse. Medications must be signed out of the office and will not be sent home with students. Medications not retrieved by the last day of school will be disposed of.
8. ***Keep Us Informed:*** To help us stay up to date on your child's health issues as the school year progresses, please notify us if your child begins to take a medication at home on a regular basis. This information is essential to have on hand in the event of an emergency.

PEANUT AND TREE NUT POLICY

St. Luke's is a peanut sensitive and nut aware school, therefore, peanuts are prohibited and nut products are highly discouraged in the school. While the school cannot guarantee nuts and nut products will not be brought into the school, faculty are asked to remind their students and parents of the policy, not just for lunch, but for any snack or treat brought to school. If peanuts are discovered, they will be confiscated and discarded. We ask for your cooperation in order to protect the health of those students who suffer from severe allergic reaction to peanuts/tree nuts. Please note that soy is permissible, and soy-nut butter is used in preparation of some school lunches. It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the Front Office and School Nurse of any allergies.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

It is critical that safety and security guidelines are followed by all members of the community.

ENTRY TO THE BUILDING AND VISITING THE SCHOOL

During the school day and after school, students, parents, visitors, and deliveries ring for entry at the Main Gate and enter the building via the front door.

Please treat the school grounds as you would your own home:

- Be aware if others seek to enter with you when you open the gate or as you leave.
- If you do not personally know the person(s), it is sensible, and not rude, to close the gate behind you when you arrive or leave. Let the person arriving ring for entry.

With the exception of arrival and dismissal, parents need to sign-in at the Front Office, get a visitor's pass, and sign-out upon departure. The person with whom you have an appointment will be called to meet you or you will be directed to where your group or committee is working.

All visitors to the School must stop at the Front Office, and obtain a visitor's pass. The Administrative Assistant will notify the person being visited. Visitors will be met in the front hall.

When visiting the school for the many performances given by the students, visitors are asked to sign in on a special sheet with their name legible as a safety measure for not only school safety, but fire emergencies as well.

In no event should students answer or open exterior doors. Students should inform an adult if they see anyone asking for entry. All non-staff adults, including parents, will be directed to the main entrance.

Parents are asked not to visit their child's classroom or other parts of the school building (e.g. Dining Room, refrigerators, kitchen, gym) during the school day except by appointment. If you need to bring something to school for your child, please leave it at the Front Office. If you need to pick-up your child early, please email the Front Office in the morning so that the office staff will have the teacher send your child to meet you.

GATES

The two school gates provide a safe and secure environment for all members of the school community. When the gates are closed, it is important to adhere to the following procedures:

Main Gate

When the Main Gate is closed:

- Ring the bell for entry. Please state the reason for your entry to the School.
- Be sure to close the gate behind you after entering and leaving the School premises.
- Unless you personally know an individual, do not allow others to enter the gates when they are closed. Please ask them to ring for entry.

Garden Gate

The gate to the South Lawn remains closed during school hours and is for the use of faculty and maintenance personnel. There is no re-entry to the School grounds. Due to construction, this gate is not accessible at this time.

ID BADGES

At all times, all adult members of the St. Luke's School community – parents, caregivers, faculty and staff – will be required to display a St. Luke's School ID to the security guard or the front office personnel upon entry and wear it while in the building or on school grounds, including the playground. This includes drop-off and dismissal as well as times when parents and caregivers may be attending performances or supervising children. Anyone without his or her required St. Luke's School ID will be required to report to the front office to be issued a visitor pass and may be asked to show a picture ID.

INQUIRIES ABOUT STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

It is the School's policy not to provide any information about our students, faculty, or staff. All inquiries from unfamiliar sources concerning individuals or information about the School are directed to the Head of the School, the Director of Admissions, or the CFO & COO.

School directories, phone lists, and other documents with personal information about students, faculty, and parents are for internal use by members of the St. Luke's School community and are not to be shared with non-school personnel, companies or organizations.

STUDENT RECORDS

Student progress reports and in-house standardized testing results are available to all teaching staff, to parents, or legal guardians. Upon parental request, records are made available to other agencies (camps and schools) having an interest in the student. It is school policy not to mail transcripts if accounts are in arrears.

All school personnel with access to students' records are careful to respect the confidentiality of those records. Parents may review their child's academic record in conjunction with the appropriate administrator who is familiar with the individual child, and who will assist the parent in understanding and interpreting the records. To schedule such a conference, please call the Division Head.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

At St. Luke's School, three whistle blasts is the universal signal for students to stop, listen, and promptly follow the directions of the teacher or other adult in charge.

The school will hold one Shelter in Place, one Lock Down, and several fire drills each year. Parents will be notified once the Shelter in Place and Lock Down drill have been executed. In the case that an actual drill is called, parents will be notified once an "all clear" has been given.

EVACUATION

In the event of a planned evacuation, all students, staff, and faculty members will walk to one of the following locations. Every attempt will be made to leave the evacuation location posted on the main door, on the website, and on the voicemail system. Parents will be individually notified by telephone as soon as is reasonably possible once the safety of the children is secured.

Evacuation Locations

- *Evacuating the Building:* Village Community School (West 10th Street between Washington and Greenwich Streets)
- *Evacuating the Block:* Elisabeth Irwin High School (40 Charlton Street between 6th Avenue and Varick Street)
- *Evacuating the Neighborhood:* General Theological Seminary (175 Ninth Avenue @ 20th Street)

FIRE DRILLS

As required by law, Fire Drills are called periodically without warning, at any time of the day. Absolutely no talking is allowed, and students, under faculty supervision, must walk promptly to their assigned areas on Hudson Street, lining up by class.

Fire equipment must never be touched by any student except to sound the alarm in case of an actual emergency. It is each student's responsibility to follow silently the directions of the nearest adult, and to get out of the building. Classroom doors should be closed and, if time allows, windows. At the beginning of the year, homeroom teachers will review fire drill procedures with their class.

All visitors to the School are required to comply with fire drill procedures by exiting quickly and quietly to the nearest exterior door and walking to 487 Hudson Street.

LOCK DOWN

A lock down is called when the threat is more immediate. Students and staff take shelter in the nearest classroom. All classrooms and exterior doors are secured, and students and staff move away from any exposed area.

SHELTER IN PLACE

When the school has been notified of a possible exterior threat such as a chemical spill and/or a violent act in the neighborhood, a shelter in place will be called. When the school calls a shelter in place drill students return to their classrooms. The teachers and staff secure all classrooms and exterior doors. Instruction continues in the shelter in place environment.

SNOW DAYS AND EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

St. Luke's School follows the New York City Board of Education for changes to school closings and openings due to inclement weather or civil emergencies. If the DOE closes NYC schools, then St. Luke's will close. However, St. Luke's School may close even if the DOE does not close NYC schools.

In the event of any emergency, a recorded phone message from the school is initiated to notify families. You will also be emailed, texted messaged and information will be posted on the school website.

Emergency Alert System

In the event of a weather-related closing, parents will be notified through our emergency robocall system. Our notification system will use the information we have on file to alert parents to school-wide information or emergencies such as school closings due to weather.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

St. Luke's has a proud tradition of parent involvement, and the Parents Association offers a wide range of volunteer activities, which allow parents to match their interests and availability. Volunteering is rewarding in that it enhances our children's educational experience and provides opportunities to get to know other St. Luke's families, faculty and staff. We encourage all parents to select one or more volunteer positions. For more information, please contact pa@stlukeschool.org

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Each class has a PA class representative. Service as a class representative is one of the important ways that parents can develop and strengthen a positive relationship and open communication between parents and the school. Representatives help create a sense of community among parents by communicating the news of the PA, publicizing events, enlisting parental support and involvement, and coordinating the annual class cocktail party.

PA COMMITTEES

- Diversity & Community Building Committee
- Library Committee
- Outreach Committee

PA EVENTS

Parents are invited to assist with all aspects of event planning.

- Halloween Dance,
- Family Picnic
- PA Welcome Receptions
- Christmas Fair

- Family Dance

VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

We rely on and truly appreciate all the help that our parents give to the school. It is such a testament to the community of St. Luke's. We do ask our parents to follow a few guidelines which will help us ensure a non-disruptive learning environment:

- Please sign yourself in and out with the front office. In this way, the front office knows who is in the building, and you can be found if needed.
- If you are volunteering for an event, setting up, or decorating a bulletin board, please try to minimize your work to the specific area.
- We ask that parents who are volunteering not to visit their child's classroom or to be in other parts of the school building.