

SL SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Challenging the Mind, Nourishing the Spirit



Welcome to Springfield Lutheran School!

Thank you for considering Springfield Lutheran School (SLS). At SLS, we provide a welcoming, caring environment focused on helping our students grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We offer students opportunities to learn about God and serve Him while developing their full potential.

SLS is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church and offers classes for students ages three through 8th grade. Accreditation is held from both the state of Missouri and the National Lutheran School Accreditation Association. We welcome children from all faith backgrounds. Our academic program prepares students for high school and beyond. SLS provides Biblical integration throughout the curriculum and provides hands-on learning in a traditional classroom setting.

Loving teachers, a family feel, a sense of community and our small classroom sizes make SLS a wonderful place to learn of Jesus' love while giving them a strong foundation of knowledge for Christian citizenship.

- Daily Bible instruction
- Weekly chapel
- Spanish beginning in Kindergarten
- Part/full time options for preschool and pre-k classes
- Competitive sports programs
- Fine arts program including art, vocal, and instrumental music
- Modern technology in a traditional classroom setting

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Religious Belief and Instruction



Springfield Lutheran School is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We operate under the guidance of Holy Scriptures and the doctrinal confessions of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

We teach and respond to the love of the Triune God: The Father, creator of all that exists; Jesus Christ the Son, who became human to suffer and die for the sins of all human beings and to rise to life again in the ultimate victory over death and Satan; and the Holy Spirit, who creates faith through God's Word and sacraments. The three persons of the Trinity are coequal and coeternal - one God.

SLS accepts and teaches the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther. These teachings inspired the Reformation of the Christian church in the 16th century. The teachings of Luther and the reformers can be summarized in three phrases:

- Grace Alone
- Faith Alone
- Scripture Alone

God's word is at the center of all that we do. Each teacher integrates faith into all subject areas. We use the Concordia Publishing House series "One in Christ" for our religious instruction.

Weekly chapel services are part of our educational program. Chapels are led by area Lutheran pastors, classrooms, and other Christian guests. Our students serve in chapel, both in leadership and support roles. SLS supports Christian organizations with our chapel offerings. Families are always welcome to join us for chapel.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Do children need to be Lutheran to attend SLS?

No. SLS accepts and welcomes children from all faith backgrounds. All students participate in daily Bible instruction.

What are class sizes at SLS?

Class enrollment varies from year to year. Our classes average about 17 students per class. Our preschool and pre-k classes have aides to give additional support and attention to students.

What are school hours? Is there before and after school care?

SLS staff gather daily for prayer and devotion at 7:35 a.m. Students may enter the classroom after 7:50 a.m. Class begins at 8:00 a.m. and is dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Extended care is available for any student coming to school before 7:50 a.m. or still at school after 3:20 p.m. Extended care begins at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m.

Are uniforms required?

No. Students must wear clothing that reflects the Biblical standards that SLS holds to. Students should also be dressed appropriately for the weather, as students go outside for recess until 25 degrees.

Are all SLS teachers certified?

All full time teachers at SLS are trained in education and hold certification from the state of Missouri. Most of our teachers also hold advanced degrees. Our teachers have also been certified to teach in a Lutheran school through the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

How do SLS 8th graders transition to high school? What schools do they attend?

Student and parent feedback indicates that our students transition very well and are often prepared for advanced level classes. The feedback we receive indicates that a smaller class experience in middle school actually helps our students be confident and prepared in a larger high school setting. Our graduates often attend a local high school in their school district. Those choosing to continue with a private education choose a local private high school or continue at St. Paul Lutheran High school, a boarding school in Concordia, Missouri.

What are lunch options at SLS?

Students may bring their lunch or pre-order a hot lunch provided by local caterers. Milk is available for purchase each day.



Early Childhood Education

Springfield Lutheran School understands that early childhood is an important period in which children develop cognitive skills and build a foundation for reading, writing, and mathematics. Our early childhood program is committed to providing hands-on learning experiences in a positive environment that allows children to develop character skills, social/emotional growth, gross-motor skills and independent functioning. Our teachers have dedicated themselves to helping children learn and grow at a developmentally appropriate pace. We provide a strong educational foundation in a safe, nurturing environment that honors God and develops young leaders.

Preschool and pre-kindergarten students at SLS have the option to attend part or full-time. Part time options allow families to attend school from 8:00-11:30 Monday through Friday, or three full days of your choosing. Full time is Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 3:00.



Preschool

Our goal is to help children gain confidence in school settings and learn about interactions with others.

- Daily Bible stories
- Weekly themes and projects
- Learning centers
- Frequent field trips



Pre-Kindergarten

Our goal is to help students be prepared for kindergarten by providing hands-on learning in a Christ-centered environment.

- Center time
- Science experiments
- Classroom projects
- Literacy activities
- Frequent field trips



Kindergarten

Our goal is to help students navigate the transition between early childhood education and primary grades. We use a careful balance of teacher directed and student-led learning.

- Academics balanced with play-based learning
- Integration of art, music, and technology
- Weekly Spanish lessons



Elementary Education

Springfield Lutheran School offers a dynamic elementary education for students in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Elementary class size averages 20 students - large enough to provide students with varied social experiences, but small enough for students to receive individualized attention from instructors.

Students in kindergarten through 8th grade participate in daily Bible study, and participate in special area classes including art, music, PE, library, and Spanish. All classes include 2-3 recesses a day. Elementary students participate in Spanish and have the opportunity to participate in instrumental band, violin, and choir. Students in 5th grade also may participate in athletic events such as cross country, track, basketball, and volleyball.

Elementary students at Springfield Lutheran School also utilize technology, but in a balanced and appropriate way. Our educational program provides students opportunities to develop the technology skills they will need in life. However, SLS also recognizes the importance of activities that assist students to develop appropriate fine motor skills, positive social interaction skills, and creativity through play. Our school strives to balance technology usage with ample time for students to learn, interact, and grow without screens.





Middle School

Middle school students face unique challenges in 6th through 8th grade. Not only are students preparing for the transition into a more independent and rigorous academic program in high school, they often juggle complex feelings regarding self-esteem and friendship. Springfield Lutheran School is able to provide middle school students with a loving and supportive environment needed to give them confidence, help them navigate social issues in a Christ-centered way, and prepare them academically for their high school experience.

Middle school students at Springfield Lutheran School participate in departmentalized classes, allowing them to experience switching classes and managing multiple teacher requirements. Students learn how to effectively compose research papers, immerse themselves in guided and independent reading to learn to analyze, interpret, and reflect on many literary genres. Our instructors teach students to support answers with evidence and express themselves through writing. Students explore science through hands-on learning, and complete Algebra I prior to high school, giving students the opportunity to begin geometry in high school. All students participate in daily Bible study, helping them deepen their faith in Jesus Christ and seeking His will for their lives.

Springfield Lutheran School is also intentional about allowing our middle school students opportunities to take breaks and socialize. Students in middle school are provided with regular outdoor breaks to visit, exercise, and have time to be kids. Students in grades 5-8 are also eligible to participate in extracurricular sports, allowing them to challenge themselves physically and explore new interests and opportunities.





Athletics

Springfield Lutheran School offers competitive athletic programs beginning in 5th grade. State competitions are through the Lutheran Sports Association of Missouri (LSAM), or the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP).

Cross Country

- Fall season
- Grades 5-8
- Boys and girls

Basketball

- Winter season
- Grades 5-8
- Boys and girls

Archery

- Winter season
- Grades 6-8
- Boys and girls

Scholar Bowl

- Spring season
- Grades 6-8
- Boys and girls

Volleyball

- Fall season
- Grades 5-8
- Girls only

Cheerleading

- Winter season
- Grades 6-8
- Girls only

Track

- Spring season
- Grades 5-8
- Boys and girls



See school office for fee information. SLS sports are sponsored by the SLS booster club and its donors.

Band and Choir



Music is an important part of Springfield Lutheran School. Our classrooms integrate music often. Our students perform in church and chapel services. Beginning in 2nd grade, we offer additional music classes.

Band

Beginning Band

- Grades 3 + (depending on skill level)
- Cost: see instructor
- Practice times: before school hours

Advanced Band

- Grades 4 + (depending on skill level)
- Cost: see instructor
- Practice times: before school hours

Jazz Band

- Grades 4+ (depending on skill level)
- Cost: see instructor
- Practice times: before school hours

Choir

"Singing Saints" choir

- Grades 5-8
- Cost: free
- Practice times: during school hours

Violin

Group and Individual

- Grades 2 +
- Cost: see instructor
- Practice times: after school hours

PALS Organization



PALS Activities

Donuts with Dad

Box Tops collection

Walk-a-Thon

Refreshments for Christmas programs

Muffins with Mom

Teacher meals during conference week

Original Works orders

Teacher Appreciation Week

Family Movie Night

Testing snacks

...and much more!

PALS stands for "People Assisting Lutheran Schools" and is Springfield Lutheran School's parent organization. SLS is blessed to have caring and involved parents who are willing to help support not only our school as a whole, but also the students and staff.

Cost: Free - no membership fees or dues

Members: All parents, grandparents or other friends of the school

Volunteering: Volunteers are needed throughout the year for activities and events. Sign up in the school office or through contact with our PALS organization leader at pals@rlcmail.org.