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Dear Parents of Prospective Kindergarten/Transitional Kindergarten Parents:

As you near the time to enroll your son or daughter in elementary school there are a few things we want you to realize and consider. The date to apply for the upcoming school year is January 14th, between 8:30 AM and noon. You should contact the School Office prior to that date to obtain the application packet and instructions. The application should be completely and neatly filled out and brought along with the requested supporting documentation. On the interview day you will visit with either the principal or another administrator and a parish priest or religious.

During your interview you will be asked questions regarding your faith practices both at home and in your community. St. Luke's CES is not opposed to educating children of other faiths. However, we do look for evidence that whatever faith your family practices, it is practiced both communally and in the home. Regular Sunday Mass attendance for Catholics (or services for non-Catholics) is essential. Monetary participation is not the most important piece of evidence. We look for involvement and participation in whatever means the spirit has moved your family.

The enrollment age for Kindergarten is 5 years by October 3, 2009. We feel that it is imperative that a child entering Kindergarten be developmentally ready. To start a child in school too early is detrimental to his or her social, academic and psychological growth. For those children needing additional development time and children turning 5 years of age between October 3, 2009 and December 3, 2009 we offer a Transitional Kindergarten emphasizing social skill acquisition. Acceptance after screening into Transitional Kindergarten assures your child a place in the Kindergarten the following year if appropriate progress is made.

One portion of the application process is a screening done by our Kindergarten and/or Transitional Kindergarten teacher. She will give a battery of age appropriate measurements to your son or daughter to determine his or her readiness for Kindergarten from a nationally known test (Brigance Test of Readiness).

A final step in the process is a meeting by the enrollment committee. This committee is made up of the interviewers, the Pastor, the Principal, the Administrative Assistant and the SLACS board president. They discuss the applications and determine which students are to be enrolled the following year, which are not and which will be held on the waiting list. Letters are sent to the families advising them of their status and next step. These decisions are the most difficult we have to make in the course of the year; unfortunately, there is limited space in our school. Applicants who are currently enrolled at St. Luke's Preschool must maintain current balances. While special consideration is given to those who are enrolled in the Preschool, those children are not given automatic acceptance. At any time after receiving your letter, you may contact the Principal to discuss the rationale behind the decision.

I hope that you find this information helpful as you draw near to a new step in the life of your child. If we can be of further assistance in this process, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Matthew O'Donnell
Pastor

Ms. Patricia Simon
Principal



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St. Luke's Catholic Elementary School
Registration Information

The light of Christ is shining at St. Luke's School and I'm so happy that you desire to be a part of that light! Our children's education is taken very seriously here and we want nothing but the best for them. As parents, you certainly want the best for your children as well as. As pastor, I want to assure you that each and every child at St. Luke's Catholic Elementary School is important to me and to the entire school staff.

We are proud of our Catholic faith at St. Luke's and we will do all that we can to share it joyfully with our children! I hope and pray that your commitment to excellence for your child will challenge you to be a better Catholic, a better person. I need your support at home to enforce what we are trying to do here. Namely, to pray daily as a family, to keep the Lord's Day holy by coming to Mass every Sunday, to provide financial support of the parish, and essentially, to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ by your word and example. Those of you who are not Catholic are encouraged to lead a virtuous life which complements all that we are trying to teach the children.

The majority of our families who send their children to St. Luke's School make tremendous sacrifices to have them here because they believe that this well-rounded education is worth it. A surveyed response of our parents indicates that our school has many strengths. The top listed strengths were:

- ✦ Catholic teachings and integration of faith.
- ✦ A strong sense of community and family.
- ✦ A strong curriculum and instruction/academics.
- ✦ An excellent staff ready to help.
- ✦ Values are taught and demonstrated.

Saint Luke's Catholic Elementary School is a special place where children learn not only in the classroom, but in the church, the playground, the fieldtrip and "wherever two or three are gathered in his name." Christ is the foundation and center of our wonderful school. Jesus said, "let the children come to me." Here at St. Luke's we sit at the feet of the master and are always learning. God bless you.

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Thank you for your interest in St. Luke's Catholic Elementary School. For your information, below is a list of application requirements.

All application packets must contain the following:

- a complete application
- a copy of the child's Birth certificate
- a copy of the child's Baptism certificate
- a copy of the child's immunization record
- a \$50.00 Non-Refundable Application Fee

The following may help in the application process:

- a letter of recommendation from a current or former SLCES parent

Provisional admission and waiting list notices for Kindergarten will be mailed in early March. At that time, Kindergarten Readiness screening appointments will be made. Official acceptance notices will be mailed shortly after the completion of the screening.

Once admission is approved, you will need to pay the following:

- a non-refundable \$150.00 Registration Fee (annual fee)
- a non-refundable \$100.00 Endowment Fund Fee (one-time)
- book fees (to be determined at a later date)
- a building and renovation fee of \$400.00 (one-time)

NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Luke's Catholic Elementary School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin or sex in the admission policies of the school, in the acceptance of students into any programs or activities sponsored by or conducted in the school or in the granting of any rights, privileges, scholarships, or tuition assistance by the school.



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Application for the 2009-2010 School Year

Entering Grade: _____ Date of Entrance: _____

Student's First Name Middle Name Last Name Social Security #

Date of Birth Place of Birth Sex Home Language/Second Language

Ethnic Background: (to be used for national census)

American Indian/Native Alaskan Asian Black Hispanic
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White Multiracial Other

Date of Baptism: _____ Date of First Penance: _____
Church of Baptism: _____ Church of First Penance: _____
City & State: _____ City & State: _____

Date of First Communion: _____ Date of Confirmation: _____
Church of Communion: _____ Church of Confirmation: _____
City & State: _____ City & State: _____

Parent Information:

Family Living Arrangements:

Two Parent Home Single Parent Home Parent Separated
 Parent Deceased Parents Divorced Grandparents/Guardians
 Mother Remarried Father Remarried Other

Describe child's living arrangements if more than one household is involved.

Mother/Guardian's Last Name	First	Middle	Social Security #
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Address	Street	City	Zip	Telephone
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Place of Birth	US Citizen	Religion
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Occupation	Company Name	Work Phone
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Email _____	Legal access to child:	yes	no
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Father/Guardian's Last Name	First	Middle	Social Security #
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Address	Street	City	Zip	Telephone
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Place of Birth	US Citizen	Religion
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Occupation	Company Name	Work Phone
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Email _____	Legal access to child:	yes	no
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If applicable:

Step-Mother's Last Name	First	Middle	Social Security #
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Address	Street	City	Zip	Telephone
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Place of Birth	US Citizen	Religion
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Occupation	Company Name	Work Phone
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Email _____	Legal access to child:	yes	no
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Step-Father's Last Name First Middle Social Security #

Address Street City Zip Telephone

Place of Birth US Citizen Religion

Occupation Company Name Work Phone

Email _____ Legal access to child: yes no

Is either parent (step-parent) an alumnus of St. Luke's Catholic Elementary School?
Please list names and dates of graduation.

Who is responsible for paying tuition & other fees?

Circle Yes or No Attends Mass Regularly Receives Communion

Mother/Guardian	Yes	No	Yes	No
Father/Guardian	Yes	No	Yes	No
Step-Mother	Yes	No	Yes	No
Step-Father	Yes	No	Yes	No

Name and addresses of the school that the student is currently attending:

Siblings presently attending SLCES:

Name/Grade	Name/Grade	Name/Grade
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Siblings presently attending other schools:

Name/Grade	Name/Grade	Name/Grade
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Siblings not attending School:

We, at St. Luke's Catholic Elementary School, are in the process of perfecting our evaluation system in making a decision on who we are able to accept. We realize that some of you are not always able to make a significant financial contribution to St. Luke's Parish but do contribute to the best of your ability by your presence at many parish social activities and also by faithfully joining the parish community in worship at Mass on weekends.

So that we become familiar with you, we would appreciate if you would describe your involvement in the parish. Please be very specific in your answers.

1. Name/Address of Parish/Church you attend: _____

**If you are not a St. Luke's Parishioner, please attach a letter on church letterhead from your pastor regarding your attendance and involvement, both financially and participatory.

2. Name a parishioner who knows you well and could act as a reference for you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

3. Describe how you have been actively involved in your parish and in what ways you may have supported the parish and/or school. Please be very specific.

4. How frequently do you attend church/Mass at St. Luke's or your own parish?

5. Annual Parish Contribution Level (circle one)

Less than \$100.00 \$100.00-\$249.00 250.00-\$499.00 \$500.00 or more

6. Please attach a family photograph (may be a photocopy), including the parents completing this application. Two pictures are required for families living separately so as to include step parents. (Informal snapshots will suffice.)