



Introductory Letter

Dear Prospective GPLHS Family:

Thank you for your interest in Great Plains Lutheran High School! We are pleased and privileged to have the opportunity to serve you and your family. We are passionate about our mission and thrilled to share the joy of Jesus with our students.

GPL's mission is spiritual in nature. As the primary focus of the education we offer, we want every one of our students to learn more about God's Word and Jesus Christ. At GPLHS, spiritual matters are more than a class or a daily devotion. Lessons from God's Word are an integral part of everything we teach and do.

We realize you might not be familiar with who we are or the spiritual nature of what we teach. Included in this packet, therefore, is a statement of our mission and beliefs, a summary of our foundations as a confessional Lutheran Christian school, and a Student Handbook which includes our philosophy of education, vision, and objectives. It is important to us that you have a clear understanding of how we minister to students with the truths of God's Word. (A more detailed summary of the main teachings of our church body are outlined in a document called *This We Believe*, available at www.wels.net/about-wels/what-we-believe/this-we-believe.)

We have adopted an admissions policy that opens the school to families who understand and are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. If, after reviewing the materials in this packet, you have questions, we would be happy to visit with you and talk more about our school. If you find that you agree with our mission and approach to education, we will cheerfully and readily receive an application for the enrollment of your child.

All subjects in our school will be taught from the perspective of, and in accordance with, the Word of God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. If you do not agree with the beliefs and values that will be taught in our school, enrolling your child may cause him or her confusion or raise questions. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, and we are here to assist you in making the enrollment decision which is best for your child and family.

Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. We pray that what we teach complements the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home, and we look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in God's truth.

In our Savior's Name,

David Maertz

Rev. David Maertz, GPLHS President