

Mrs. Dawn Oldenettel, M.Ed

Personal Educational Philosophy

"I believe that all children can learn and thrive in a Christ-centered learning environment that is challenging, nurturing, and appropriate to their unique talents and abilities as children of God."

Highlighted Achievements at Zion Lutheran

- Implemented school wide classroom management techniques such as Love and Logic and the 4 C's, a biblically based problem solving strategy.
- Increased enrollment by 31% in four years through marketing, quality staffing, caring Christ-centered climate, high academic standards, and integrating technology including one to one laptop computers for grades five through eight.
- Created an afterschool fitness program based upon the Presidential Active Lifestyle Program resulting in Zion being named the State of Kansas Physical Fitness Champion School for the last three years.
- Maintained National Lutheran Schools Accreditation since 2002.
- Nominee for the 2011 National Distinguished Principal Award; Nominee for the 2012 LEA Distinguished Lutheran Elementary Administrator Award.

Mrs. Oldenettel's Family

Dawn is married to Rev. Ron Oldenettel. She is the mother of three beautiful and faithful adult children, two of which are married. Dawn is looking forward to celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, due this spring.

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Service to the Profession

- LCMS, Kansas Dist, Prof. Church Workers Conf. Chair, 2002-04
- Mercy Health Systems, Community Advisor, 2010-Present
- Thrivent Financial For Luth., Chapter Secretary 2011- Present
- NLSA (National Lutheran Schools Association), Exemplary Schools Validation Site Chair, 2009-Present
- NLSA Executive Board, Secretary, 2010-Present

Notable Quotes from the Larger Church

In my role as the Executive Director of National Lutheran Schools, I have worked closely with Dawn Oldenettel and have come to know her abilities as a skilled and relational Lutheran school leader. She has earned an excellent reputation throughout our synod as a highly esteemed, successful administrator and any congregation or school association would be greatly blessed to have Dawn as a member of their leadership team. Dawn Oldenettel has my highest endorsement.

Mr. Terry Schmidt

Associate Director Lutheran Schools, LCMS

I have had the privilege of knowing Dawn Oldenettel for the last seven years and have visited her school in Independence, Kansas. I found Zion to be a "first-rate" Lutheran school dedicated to Christian learning. Dawn is very knowledgeable and focused on excellence. She is a humble, but yet confident Christian leader.

Mr. William D. Cochran

Director of School Ministry National Mission/Life Together, LCMS

Dawn is an ideal candidate for St. John's and will build upon your commitment of excellence and increase your school's reputation and visibility within West Bend and the larger church.

Mr. Mark L'Heureux

Congregational Services –Superintendent of Schools, LCMS, SWD

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