



Back to School Blessings



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Welcome Back, St. Paul Families!

A new school year is upon us, and with it comes the joy of welcoming our returning students and families, as well as those who are joining the St. Paul community for the very first time in Preschool through 8th Grade. We are so thankful that God has brought us together to learn, grow, and serve as one family in Christ.

Our theme for this year, "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord" (Psalm 100:1), reminds us that everything we do—our learning, our friendships, our service, and even our challenges—can be an offering of praise to God. Each voice, each gift, and each act of kindness adds to the beautiful chorus of joy that we share as His children.

As we begin this new year, may we fill our halls, classrooms, and hearts with joyful noise -- through our words, our worship, and our witness of Christ's love.

We look forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and God's abundant blessings.

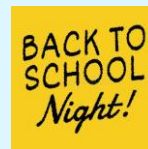


Welcome back, Vikings! Let us make a joyful noise together.

Back-to-School Night & PTL Meeting - Tuesday, September 9 – 6:30pm

Join us for our all-school PTL meeting and Back-to-School Night! This evening is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Meet your PTL board members and learn about the important role PTL plays in supporting our school.
- Discover the many activities and fundraising events planned for this year, and how your family can get involved.
- Connect with new and returning families while learning how to complete your required 20 "Time & Talent" volunteer hours. (Families who do not fulfill their hours are asked to contribute \$10 per hour not served; more details will be explained during the meeting.)
- Hear from school staff about expectations and important updates for the school year.



Following the PTL meeting, you'll have the chance to visit your child's classroom. Teachers will share what students have been working on, outline expectations for the year ahead, and answer any questions you may have. Middle school families, this is also a great time to learn more about fundraising opportunities for the spring class trips.



Please plan to join us for this important evening—it's an informative and meaningful night you won't want to miss!

Procedure For Absence

1. Call the school by 8:45 a.m. to inform us of the absence. If the office does not receive a call, we will be calling you.
2. Upon return, look for your child's assignment list, fill in the reason for absence, sign it and return it to the teacher the next day.
3. Absences and tardies due to doctor/dentist appointments: Have your child give the doctor's note to his/her teacher. Thank you!



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Chapel Offerings – Supporting Camp Restore Detroit

This quarter, our chapel offerings will support Camp Restore Detroit, a ministry based at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Their mission is to partner with community leaders and volunteers to help restore and renew Detroit’s 9th Precinct. Through service projects like clearing lots, home repairs, and neighborhood events, they work alongside residents to build a stronger, more beautiful community.

Last year, our middle school students volunteered their time and service with Camp Restore, and this fall they will return to help again with important neighborhood projects.



Fall Sports at St. Paul – Grades 3-8

We’re looking forward to a great season of fall sports at St. Paul! This year we are offering Girls Volleyball and Coed Cross Country for students in grades 3-8.

- Season Start Date: Wednesday, September 3
- Practice Schedule: Wednesdays & Fridays, 3:30-4:30 PM (pick-up at school; aftercare available until 6:00 PM if needed)
- Participation Fee: \$10 per student for the season
- Requirements:
 1. Sports physical form completed by a physician (must be turned into the school office before September 3)
 2. Change of clothes appropriate for the sport
 3. Water bottle
 4. Cross Country participants should bring weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor running



To help our coaches plan, please notify us by Tuesday, September 2 if your child will be participating:

- Volleyball: Coach Jaclyn Moelich (jmoelich@stpaulroyaloak.org)
- Cross Country: Coach Chris Francik (chrisfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org)



For general questions, you may also contact the school office at jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org

School Dismissal Directions

For the safety of everyone connected to St. Paul, please follow these guidelines

- No parking between the “No Parking” sign and Sixth Street on Williams.
- If your family member in third grade and up is not ready to be picked up when you come to the curb, you will be asked to complete the loop in the church parking lot again.
- Families with preschool through second grade students are encouraged to park in a specific, lined spot in the north school lot.
- Please do not allow your children to run on the sidewalk on Williams Street between Doors 2 and 3 of school.
- Please share these new guidelines with anyone who will pick up your child in the afternoon.



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Summer Trainings

During the month of August, the St. Paul staff participated in a wide variety of trainings and educational opportunities presented by experts in their respective fields. From CPR/First Aid and emergency communication methods to trainings on new science instructional materials and best leadership practices, the St. Paul staff was focused on creating a safe, focused, and healthy environment for each student and staff member. The St. Paul staff frequently analyzes and considers ways to make our school be the best possible place for each person to learn and work while experiencing the love and presence of God.



Junior Chancel Choir: Students in grades 3rd through 8th will have the opportunity to join in Junior chancel choir again this year. Jr chancel choir is our more advanced choir that performs for more of the special music events. Permission slips came home Thursday August 28th to join and are due by September 4th. The first choir practice will be Thursday September 4th at 3:30 to 5pm.

School Store is Back: We're excited to announce that Mrs. McClatchey has once again graciously stocked our school store for the year! Starting Monday, September 15th, students can bring in a little pocket money to shop after lunch. The store offers a variety of fun items, including school supplies, games, and trinkets, with prices ranging from just \$0.25 to \$5.00.

The school store will be open every Monday after lunch (unless we have a half day or Mrs. McClatchey is unavailable). It's a great way for students to practice money management while picking up some fun new items!

Improved Payment Procedures for 2025–2026

Last year, to help simplify school payments, we moved almost all transactions into the FACTS Family Portal. Charges for after-school clubs, spirit wear, field trips, and other school activities now appear as invoices in your account. Payments can be made easily through FACTS using your linked account or a credit card.

Lunch & Extended Care will continue to run as **prepay** accounts. Families can log into FACTS, add funds under Prepay Accounts, and use those balances for meals or Before/After Care. Please remember that students cannot use Extended Care if funds are not available.

If you have any questions or need help with FACTS, please contact Mrs. Hansen in the office at 248-546-6555 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org. Thank you for helping us keep things running smoothly!

Bagels:

Bagel Sales are Back!! The PTL will be selling bagels every Friday for \$1 per bagel. The choices are plain or cinnamon/sugar bagels. You can have your bagel with or without cream cheese. Bagel sales begin Friday September 5, 2025.

Church Attendance:

Do not forget to record your attendance at church. Parents must sign in at the kiosk at church services. A minimum of 50% in-person attendance is required each quarter for church members to qualify for the member education rate.

Support Learning Beyond the Classroom:

Box Tops for Education: Download the Box Tops for Education app, scan your receipts, and earn rewards for St. Paul!

Little Ceaser proof of Purchase: Collect proof of purchase off the pizza box and bring to school.

Kroger Community- Visit Kroger.com, sign in or create an account, go to the Community Rewards section, select St. Paul Lutheran School as your organization of choice.

Returnable Cans and Bottles- Bring returnable's to church or school to help with school fundraising.

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