



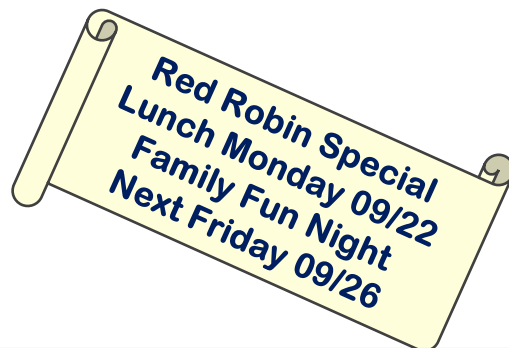
ST. PAUL VIKING



Autumn

Blessings

September 19, 2025



"Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us"

🎉 ✨ One Week to Go! Viking Family Fun Night! ✨ 🎉

The countdown is on—just **ONE WEEK** until our Viking Family Fun Night! 📅

Join us on **Friday, September 26th from 6:00–8:00 PM at St. Paul** for an evening filled with fellowship, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Here's a peek at the fun waiting for you:

- 🎉 Bounce Houses
- 🎵 Music & Dancing
- 🎨 Crafts
- 🎮 Games
- 🖍️ Glitter Tattoos
- 🍴 Food & Refreshments
- ...and plenty more surprises!



This special evening, sponsored by your PTL, is all about bringing our **Preschool–8th Grade families** together to celebrate, connect, and have FUN. 💖

🙋‍♀️ Volunteers Needed!

We still need a few helping hands to make this night a success. Sign up here:

👉 Volunteer <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AADAD22AAF8C16-58612481-family>



Or reach out to Mrs. Hansen in the school office to get connected with a PTL board member.

Let's make this a night to remember, Vikings—see you in ONE WEEK! 🎉 🙋‍♀️



📖 Spotlight on Mrs. Rita McClatchey 📖

We are blessed to have Mrs. Rita McClatchey serving as our school librarian this year! Many of you already know Mrs. McClatchey from her cheerful service during special lunch days and her work in our school store. Now, she has taken on the tremendous role of running our entire library. From selecting and purchasing new books to organizing and categorizing them, Mrs. McClatchey ensures our students have a welcoming space filled with wonderful stories and resources.

She truly does it all with a caring heart and a smile, and we are so grateful for the time and dedication she pours into our school. Mrs. McClatchey is a treasure to St. Paul, and we thank God for the blessing she is to our students and families!

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🎃 Calling All Vikings – Spooktacular Help Needed! 🧛

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School will again be part of this year’s Royal Oak Spooktacular, hosting our annual Trunk or Treat right in our school parking lot! 🎃 The Event is happening Sunday October 19th from 1 to 4 pm.

We need your help to make this a fun and festive community event:

🎃 **Candy Donations** – Bags of candy may be dropped off at the church in the designated collection box or at the school office.

🎃 **Trunk Volunteers** – Families are invited to decorate their cars and hand out treats. It’s a great way to show our Viking spirit and share God’s love with our neighbors.

🧛 **Thank you for helping us make this outreach event a blessing for the Royal Oak community!** 🎃

Upcoming Middle School Field Trips

Friday September 26th – Seventh and Eighth grades will be attending the Future Crusader Day at Lutheran High Northwest. This fun future-freshmen event on Friday morning, September 26 is from 9AM-12:30PM. A free pizza lunch is included for all students and attending adults. It’s an informational day for students to learn more about Lutheran High Northwest. Students will attend with their class, but they will also be hosting a parent info session, so if you are a 7th or 8th grade parent, we hope you can join us too!

Thursday October 9th – Our Fifth through Eighth Grade students will be heading to Camp Restore Detroit for a day of service. As shared in chapel, Camp Restore is the ministry we are supporting with our chapel offerings this quarter. During their visit, our middle school students will roll up their sleeves to assist with projects prepared by the Camp Restore ministry team—everything from community clean-up and beautification to helping support local families and neighborhoods in need. This experience will not only give our students a chance to make a difference but also provide a meaningful opportunity to grow as servant leaders in Christ.

📷 Picture Day is Coming!

Mark your calendars—Wednesday, October 15th is Picture Day at St. Paul! Students should arrive dressed in their picture-perfect outfits and bring their uniforms to change into afterward. Picture_Day forms and details will be sent home soon—**get those smiles ready, Vikings!**



📣 Spirit Wear is Coming!

Keep an eye out—Spirit Wear Order Forms will be coming home within the next week! This is your chance to grab fresh gear and show your Viking pride on Spirit Days (and any day!).



The order window will stay open for about two weeks before we close it to ensure everyone gets their items quickly. Don’t miss out!

🏠 Acolyte Schedule

Middle school families—our students have a wonderful opportunity to serve! After learning to acolyte during chapel, they are now ready to take on this important role on Sunday and mid-week services as well.



A reminder for confirmation students: each is required to acolyte at least five times during the school year. A Signup Genius link will be shared soon to help with scheduling. Thank you for encouraging and supporting our students as they grow in faith and service!

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Chapel Offerings – Supporting Camp Restore Detroit

We have been blessed to gather for our first few chapels of the school year these weeks. It's been a joy worshipping together and lifting our voices in praise and learning more about God's word!



Our third offering brought in **\$38.77** to support Camp Restore Detroit, with a year-to-date total of **\$88.01** for the ministry, 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 projects like clearing lots, home repairs, and hosting neighborhood events.

Last year, our middle school students served alongside Camp Restore, and this fall they will return to continue helping with these important neighborhood projects. We look forward to watching our weekly chapel offerings grow and to seeing how God uses them to bless the work being done in Detroit.

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 continued guidelines with anyone who will pick up your child in the afternoon.



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!

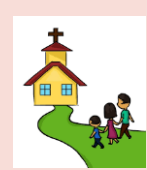
Procedure For Absence

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!



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 bottles and cans to church or school to help with school fundraising.



🎵 **Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord – Psalms 98:4** 🎵

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- All School PTL Meeting/Back-to-School Night – Tuesday September 9th at 6:30 PM
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