



ST. PAUL VIKING

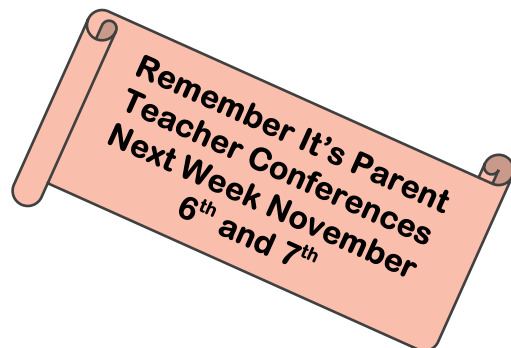


Happy Halloween



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

October 31, 2025



The Holiday Season Is Upon Us!


The most wonderful time of the year is approaching us at St. Paul! As we enter this Season of joy, worship, and togetherness, our school family looks forward to celebrating with hearts full of gratitude and song.

For our returning families, many of these traditions will feel familiar and dear. For those new to St. Paul, you'll soon see how special this season is as we come together in worship and fellowship. Our students will be participating in a number of events and services now and through Advent, and we warmly invite all families to join us in these celebrations.

After Thanksgiving festivities, a highlight of the season is our Christmas Advent Service, a cherished St. Paul tradition led by our students. All children are expected to take part in this meaningful worship event unless special circumstances arise. Plan on inviting Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, Friends and extended family. More details about further event schedules will be shared soon. We can't wait to share the joy of the season with our entire St. Paul community — through worship, song, and the love of Christ!



 **Looking Ahead**

 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Don't forget to "fall back"! Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night.

 **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will take place on November 6th and 7th. Please note that November 6th will be a half day of school, and there will be no school on November 7th to allow time for these important meetings. Scheduling information has been sent home—our teachers look forward to connecting with each of you!

 **Thanksgiving Break**

We'll begin our break with a half day on Tuesday, November 25th, following our beloved Special Persons Day celebration. Dismissal will be at noon, and there will be no school November 26th–28th as we pause to give thanks with family and friends. Classes resume Monday, December 1st.

 **Apple Pie Fundraiser – Baking Begins!**

Our Apple Pie Fundraiser has officially come to an end, and we're so grateful for the wonderful support from our school and church families!

Now the fun part begins — our middle school students will start making pies soon, with distribution beginning Monday, November 10th, and continuing until all pies are completed before Thanksgiving. Each frozen pie is handmade with care by our 5th–8th graders and will be ready to enjoy or share at your holiday table.

All proceeds from this fundraiser help support our students' spring educational trips, and we couldn't do it without your generosity and encouragement.

Thank you for helping our Vikings learn, serve, and grow — one pie at a time!



Important School Dates

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PTL Notes:

- Evergreen Fundraiser–Pickups November 30th 1:30pm
- Qdoba Dinner Night Fundraiser – Tuesday November 5th 4–8pm
- Book and Movie Night – Friday November 14th 6pm
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Second Quarter Chapel Offerings – Supporting Our St Paul Food Pantry

This quarter our weekly chapel offerings will be dedicated to supporting our food pantry here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Our pantry provides essential food items to anyone in need, serving not only our church family but also the surrounding community. Through your and our students' contributions, the students are learning the value of service, compassion, and reaching out to others. Every offering makes a difference, and we are grateful for the generosity of our school families in supporting this meaningful mission. Thank you for joining us in caring for our neighbors in need. This week's chapel offerings brought in **\$55.48** for our food pantry, with a year-to-date total for chapel earnings of **\$327.83** for combined efforts.



Babysitting Night – Parents' Night Out!

Our middle school students hosted a successful Parents' Night Out Babysitting Event on Saturday, October 11, to raise funds for their upcoming class trips. The evening was filled with games, snacks, crafts, and fun — and the feedback from families was fantastic!

Due to its success, we're excited to announce two more Babysitting Nights:

- Saturday, November 1st, 5-9 pm, a sign-up genius is below, there is still time to sign up.**
- Saturday, December 13th** (perfect timing for holiday shopping!), a signup will be coming soon.



Times will be announced soon for our December date. St. Paul staff, parents, and responsible older students will provide a safe and fun environment for your children while you enjoy a well-deserved evening out.

This event is truly a win-win — parents get a night off, and our students raise funds for their class trips. Keep an eye out for signup details coming soon for our December date!

November 1st signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8A822A4FAC25-58852051-babysitting>

PTL Dinner Night is Back!

Skip the kitchen and support St. Paul at the same time! Join us on Wednesday, November 5th, from 4–8 PM at Qdoba Mexican Eats on Woodward Ave in Royal Oak. Just mention St. Paul Lutheran School (or show the flyer) when you order or enter the promo code "QDOBAGIVES" when ordering online or on the mobile app, and 25% of your purchase will come back to help our school! What a tasty and easy way to support our Vikings!



Keep an eye out for details on our next Dinner Night in December — a two-night Pizza Perks event with Benito's Pizza – happening December 8th and 9th !!

Mark Your Calendars -- PTL Sponsored Family Book & Movie Night – Friday, November 14th 6–8pm

Join us for a fun family night sponsored by our PTL as we bring a favorite story to life

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs! Students will receive their books this week so they can read the story before we watch the movie together. The beloved book, written by Judi Barrett, tells the whimsical tale of a town where food falls from the sky—until the tasty weather takes a wild turn! The animated film adds a modern twist, following inventor Flint Lockwood as his food-making machine goes out of control, creating storms of giant spaghetti and meatballs!



Concessions will be available for purchase, so bring your appetite and your Viking spirit for an evening of family fun!

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PTL Evergreen Pickup

From all of us here at the school and your PTL, we thank you for your support with the Evergreen Fundraiser. It was a big success and we know that your homes will be filled with beauty this holiday season. Pickup day for your holiday greens and poinsettias will be on Sunday November 30th between 1:30pm and 3pm.



Christmas Shop – The PTL is excited to begin preparations for this year’s Holiday Shopping Experience for the children at Christmas. We are currently seeking donations and would greatly appreciate your contributions. If you have a hidden talent and would like to donate handcrafted items, we welcome your creativity. This year, again, we are also accepting gently used or like-new toys as well as regifted items to help make this event special for the children. Stay tuned for more details as the event approaches! Please reach out to Mrs. Hansen at jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org or 248-778-7246 for more details if you would like to donate. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Acolyte Schedule- Middle school families—our students have a wonderful opportunity to serve! After being trained to acolyte during chapel, they are now ready to take on this meaningful role in our Sunday and mid-week worship services. A special reminder for confirmation students: each is required to acolyte at least five times throughout the school year. Here is the Signup Genius link to schedule your child’s service. Thank you for encouraging and supporting our students as they grow in both faith and service!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AADAD22AAF8C16-58956488-acolyte>



Special Persons Day – Tuesday, November 25th

We’re excited to celebrate the wonderful people who make a difference in our students’ lives! Special Persons Day will take place on Tuesday, November 25th, beginning with chapel at 8:30 a.m. Following chapel, guests will enjoy time in the classrooms with their students, taking part in fun activities and sharing in the joy of the day. The celebration will conclude with fellowship, crafts, and refreshments in the gym, ending about noon. This day is all about showing appreciation for the special connections that help our children grow in faith, love, and community. If you’d like to volunteer to be a “special someone” for a student who doesn’t have a guest that day, we would be deeply grateful for your support!



Bundle Up, Vikings!

The chilly weather has arrived, and our students will continue to enjoy outdoor recess whenever possible. Please be sure your child comes to school prepared for the cold with a warm coat, hat, and gloves or mittens to keep them cozy during playtime.

Half Day Extended Care Hours:

Please Remember on Most half days, Extended care is available Only until 4pm unless noted otherwise!

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.



Yearbook Help- Have you snapped some great photos of our students during school events or field trips? We’d love to include them in this year’s yearbook! Your pictures are a wonderful way to help us showcase all the special moments from the school year. To share your images, simply click the link below and use the provided password. Thank you for helping us make this year’s yearbook one to remember!



<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/StPaul2026> The School Password is: **Vikings1**

Halloween Handouts:

We’re excited to share a fun way for you to spread the word about St. Paul Lutheran School this Halloween! Attached, you’ll find a flyer that you can print and cut out to hand out with your candy while trick-or-treaters visit. It’s a simple and effective way to promote our wonderful school to the community. If you’re willing to participate, please print and cut as many copies as you’d like. Every small effort helps grow our St. Paul family, and we truly appreciate your support!



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.



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