



Advent Blessings



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

PTL Christmas Shop – Dec. 12th

We're thrilled to host a special day where our students can shop for heartfelt gifts for their loved ones. Let's make this a magical experience together!

Donations Still Needed:

- Handcrafted treasures or regifted items
- Gently used/like-new toys
- Gift wrap supplies (bags, tissue paper, wrapping paper, tags)



Volunteer Opportunities:

- Set-up on Dec. 11th
- Guide students as they shop on shopping day.
- Help wrap their chosen gifts
- Help with clean up and organization

Your support—whether through donations or your time—makes all the difference in spreading the joy of giving and creating wonderful memories for our children.

Please check out our Signup Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AADAD22AAF8C16-60903581-ptlchristmas> to see how you can help. For questions or to arrange donations, contact: Meredith Sanislo (248-766-9189) or Mrs. Hansen (jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org, 248-778-7246).

Thank you for making this season so special for our students!

Calling Our Young St. Paul Artists!

We're once again inviting our students to share their God-given creativity by helping design this year's Christmas Eve, Christmas Morning, and post-Christmas church bulletins! We're selecting 3 pieces of artwork—one for each of the following services:

❖ 5 PM Christmas Eve

❖ 11 PM Christmas Eve

❖ Christmas Morning

This is a wonderful opportunity for our kids to help tell the Christmas story through art. Students might draw the nativity, Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, the wisemen, or even the animals who gathered around the manger.

All artwork will be displayed in the Welcome Center for our church family to enjoy throughout the season, and Pastor will select three pieces to appear on this year's bulletin covers!

How to Take Part:

- Each student may submit **one** drawn and colored piece of artwork.
- Please write your name **lightly on the back** of your drawing.
- Requirements:
 1. 1 drawn and colored-in picture per student (should be fully covered)
 2. Drawings should be on 8.5 X 11 paper and should be drawn in a "portrait" orientation (vertical layout)
 3. Lightly write your name and grade on the **BACK** of the drawing.



Turn in all artwork by 8:15 AM on Wednesday, December 11th.

We look forward to seeing how our students share the joy of Christmas through their artwork this year!

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Need an Afternoon to Prep for Christmas? We've Got You Covered!

Our middle schoolers are *at it again*—and this time, they're hosting a **Parents' Afternoon Out** to give you a little breathing room during this busy season! Kids absolutely loved the games, crafts, snacks, and fun during our last event, so we're opening the doors once more for an afternoon filled with safe, joy-filled childcare... while you enjoy a much-needed break.

Saturday, December 13 1:00–5:00 PM

Whether you want to finish your Christmas shopping, wrap gifts in peace, or simply enjoy a quiet moment to yourself, we're here to help. St. Paul staff, parents, and our wonderful older students will be on hand to care for your children and keep them happily engaged.

Best of all, your participation helps support our middle schoolers as they continue raising funds for their upcoming class trips—a win-win for everyone!

Sign-Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8A822A4FAC25-58852051-babysitting>
Spots will fill quickly, so snag a time slot early!



PTL Christmas Collections-Blessing our Staff this Christmas

As we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth, let's show our gratitude to the dedicated teachers and staff who faithfully serve our children at St. Paul Lutheran School. Each year, our PTL organizes a collective Christmas gift to express appreciation for their hard work and care. We invite you to join us in this tradition by contributing any amount toward these gifts. Please send contributions to the school office by Wednesday, December 17th, marked "PTL Christmas Gift." Checks can be made payable to St. Paul Lutheran PTL. Together, let's bless those who give so much to our school community. Thank you for your generosity!



Holiday Reminder

Friday, December 19th, is a **half day** with dismissal at **noon**, and there will be **No Extended Care** available. This marks the beginning of our Christmas Break, which runs from December 22nd to January 2nd. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, January 5th!



PTL Dinner Nights at Benito's Pizza!

Who's ready for some pizza and a great way to support St. Paul?
Mark your calendars for this **Monday and Tuesday, December 8th & 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.!**
Join us at Benito's Pizza for our next PTL Dinner Nights! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors because Benito's will donate 20% of all St. Paul friends and family sales right back to our school!
Let's make it a delicious two-day pizza celebration while giving back to our amazing Viking community!
Thank you for your support for the Qdoba fundraiser, we raised \$168.62 for our school.



"Shut-Ins" Donations-Share Christ's Love This Christmas!

This Christmas season, we have a special opportunity to bless our elderly "shut-ins"—those who are unable to leave their homes. We're asking for a \$5 donation from each family to help share God's love with them. With your support, our children and teachers will create thoughtful care packages filled with chocolates, toiletries, lotions, and holiday goodies. These small gifts are a way to remind our shut-ins of the light of Christ and the joy of His birth, even in the quiet of their homes.

In addition, our middle school students will take part in spreading Christmas cheer by caroling for our shut-ins and delivering these care packages personally. This special act of kindness will surely bring smiles and warmth to their hearts this holiday season.

Let's come together to reflect the heart of Jesus, who calls us to care for one another in His name. Donations can be sent to the school office by December 16th. Thank you for helping us spread His love and hope this Christmas season.



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★Spirit Wear Fridays Turn Festive! ★ Throughout December, students are welcome to swap their usual Spirit Wear for a favorite **holiday shirt** on Fridays. Bring on the festive colors, cheerful designs, and all the joyful holiday flair. Vikings, we can't wait to see your Christmas cheer shine!



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 and Special Persons Day chapel offerings brought in **\$379.52** for our food pantry, with a year-to-date total for chapel earnings of **\$780.17** for combined efforts.



Morning Latchkey Attendant Needed

Are you or someone you know looking for a short, part-time position to start the day with our St. Paul students? We're seeking a caring and reliable Morning Latchkey Attendant, Monday through Friday from 7:00–8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to help our school community and make a positive start to each day for our students. Additional hours may be available. If interested, please contact Mr. Francik at cfrancik@stpaulroyaloak.org.



Winter Weather Closure Notices

As winter weather approaches, please watch for school closing notices on your local TV broadcasts, text messages, and our school Facebook page. This year, school closure decisions will continue to be made independently by our Principal, Mr. Francik, based on driving conditions. We no longer follow Royal Oak Public Schools for closure updates. If a school closure is necessary, Mr. Francik will notify families via television, text message, and Facebook.

If school remains open but you feel the roads are unsafe, please make the choice that feels best for your family's safety.

Bundle Up, Vikings!

We've been fortunate to enjoy a mild fall so far, but with colder days ahead, we want to ensure that all students stay cozy and prepared! Please remember to send your child with a warm coat, hat, and mittens or gloves for outdoor play. Classrooms can also be a bit chilly, so it's a good idea to pack a dress-code-approved sweater or jacket for indoor comfort. When winter arrives, don't forget to add snow boots and snow pants on especially cold days. To keep everyone safe and comfortable, please note that students without appropriate outdoor gear will need to stay indoors during recess. Thank you for helping us keep your children warm and ready for all the fun winter brings!



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**



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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