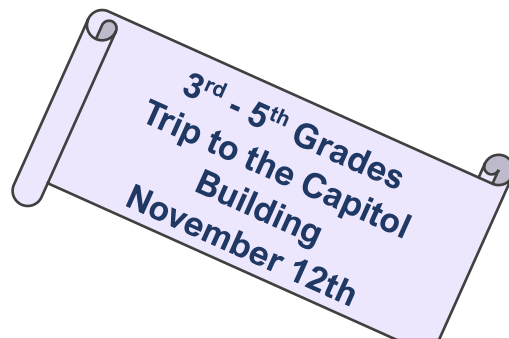




Autumn Blessings



**Get Ready for a Night of Fun and Connection at Our All-School PTL Meeting!**

We're excited to invite you to our All-School PTL Meeting on November 19th at 6:30 p.m. It's a wonderful opportunity to hear about what's coming up at St. Paul, find out how you can get involved, and connect with other families. Mrs. Eising will also share all the details about this year's Christmas program and the festive plans in store!

**🌟 New This Year: The "Gifts That Keep on Giving Exchange" 🌟**

This season, we're adding something new and fun! Bring a bin of gently used items—whether it's kitchen gadgets, children's toys, clothes, or anything else—and join in our "Swap Party." You can trade what you no longer need for something new-to-you, all while supporting sustainability and community. Anything left behind will be donated to those in need. It's the perfect way to refresh your home and give back in the process.

Don't miss this chance to get into the holiday spirit, meet other families, and make a difference in our community. We can't wait to see you there!



**3rd-5th Grade Trip to the Michigan Capitol!**



On November 12th, our 3rd through 5th graders will embark on an exciting journey to the Michigan State Capitol! This special day will be packed with hands-on learning as students explore the heart of Michigan's government. They'll tour the historic capitol building, discover the legislative process, and even have the chance to see where laws are made. This trip promises to be both educational and inspiring, sparking curiosity and a deeper understanding of our state's history and government. We can't wait for our students to experience this unforgettable day!

**Second Quarter Chapel Offering - Supporting Our Church's Food Pantry**

This quarter, our weekly chapel offerings will be dedicated to supporting the food pantry 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 their contributions, our 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!



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**Preparing for Colder Weather**



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!

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Food Pantry Blessings**

This Thanksgiving let's come together in gratitude for all God has given us. Join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Please consider bringing a bag of food to place at the altar, supporting our pantry's mission to serve those in need within our community. Suggested items include 16 oz jars of peanut butter and jelly, canned meats, soups, fruits, pork and beans, boxed cereals, oatmeal, rice, potatoes, and various noodles (please no canned pumpkin).

If you'd like to help organize pantry donations, we'd love to have you on Friday, November 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge. For questions, you may reach out to LeeAnne Millinger (her contact information can be obtained from the church office).

**Biennial St. Paul Auction – Mark Your Calendars!** We're thrilled to announce the return of our biennial St. Paul Auction! This spring, our PTL will host this much-anticipated event at Red Run Golf Course on May 16, 2025. For those who attended our last auction, you know it was a wonderful success, made possible by the amazing support and teamwork of our community.

To ensure another successful event, we're seeking volunteers to join us in making this auction unforgettable! Whether you're interested in helping on a committee, lending a hand at meetings, or supporting in other ways, we'd love your involvement. We've created a Google form to match volunteers with roles they feel comfortable in, and we're looking forward to working with you!

Please fill out the form by Friday, November 8th, to let our PTL know how you'd like to participate. Every bit of support makes a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for the time and talent our families share. Thank you for being part of this exciting event!

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**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, 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 Meredith Sanislo at 248-766-9189 or Mrs. Hansen at [jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org) or 248-778-7246 for more details if you would like to donate.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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November 8th, 2024



### 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.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Looking ahead, we will be on break from November 25th through the 27th as our teachers attend their annual conference. Then, from November 28th through the 29th, we'll be observing the Thanksgiving holiday. That means a full week off to spend with your loved ones! Whether you plan festive activities or simply rest and recharge, we pray that your time is filled with gratitude, joy, and the abundant blessings of God's love.



### Support Learning Beyond the Classroom:

**Little Caesars Pizza Box Bar Codes**— Want to support St. Paul while enjoying a delicious pizza night? Save the barcodes from your Little Caesars pizza boxes and help fund our school's pizza parties! Here's how you can contribute:

- \*Cut out the barcode from your Little Caesars pizza box.
- \*Send the barcodes to school with your child.

Each barcode collected helps us fund pizza parties for the school—yum!

**Bottles/Cans Recycling** - Field trips and overnight excursions offer St. Paul students a unique chance to learn and grow outside the traditional classroom setting. The funds raised through this initiative will help support trips to Michigan Christian Youth Camp for outdoor education and Washington D.C. We kindly ask for your support by donating cans and bottles of carbonated beverages. Please remember not to crush the containers, as it's important for the barcodes to be clearly visible. Donations can be dropped off in the barrel located in the lobby coatroom at the church or to the school office. Thank you for helping make these enriching experiences possible for our students!

### Box Tops for Education-

Help Us Earn with Box Tops for Education! It's time to scan those Box Tops for Education and help support our school! Each Box Top you scan is worth 10 cents, and those small amounts really add up to big rewards for St. Paul! Here's how it works:

- \*Look for the Box Tops logo on participating products.
- \*Download the Box Tops for Education app to scan your receipts and earn rewards for St. Paul!

It's an easy way to support our school, and every Box Top counts.

**Kroger Community Rewards** - Did you know you can support St. Paul just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program and help raise funds for our school—at no extra cost to you!

Here's how it works:

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

Every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, St. Paul earns a percentage of the sale! It's that simple! Your everyday grocery shopping can help provide valuable resources for our students. Thank you for supporting St. Paul through this easy, no-cost program!

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