



Advent Blessings



You're Invited to our Children's Advent Christmas Service

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with us at our Children's Advent Service on Wednesday, December 18th, at 7 PM.



Our children will share the miraculous story of Jesus's birth, told through an angelic theme, reminding us of God's great love and the hope brought into the world through His Son. With heartfelt storytelling, beautiful music, and joyful worship, this service is sure to be a blessing for all who attend.

Bring your parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends to this memorable evening as we gather to praise and rejoice in the greatest gift of all—our Savior, Jesus Christ. We look forward to worshipping with you!

🎄 Holiday Reminder 🎄

Friday, December 20th, 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 23rd to January 3rd.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, January 6th! Wishing you all a joyful and restful Christmas vacation filled with love, laughter, and holiday cheer. 🌟 🎁

Christmas Fieldtrip: A Special Holiday Outing for our Students



On Thursday, December 19, our students will enjoy the heartwarming and hilarious holiday classic *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!* This beloved story follows the antics of the Herdman children as they unexpectedly take part in a church Christmas pageant, sharing lessons of kindness, understanding, and the true meaning of the season. Students, accompanied by their teachers and staff, will walk to Emagine Theatre for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and treats—including popcorn and a beverage! If you prefer for your child not to participate, please notify our staff. We are delighted to share this memorable holiday experience together!

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Wonderful School and Church Families

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support shown for this year's Christmas Shop! Your generous donations, countless hours of preparation, and enthusiastic volunteer help made it possible for our children to experience the joy of choosing special gifts for their loved ones. Whether you donated items, lent a helping hand, or offered kind encouragement, your contributions truly made a difference. This special tradition reflects the love and community spirit that make our school and church family so extraordinary. Thank you for sharing your time and blessings with us during this season of giving. May your holidays be as filled with joy as the smiles you helped bring to our children's faces!

Warm Christmas Blessings



Important School dates:

- December 15th – School Choir Sings at church 8:15am
- December 18th – School Christmas Service 7pm
- December 19th – School Fieldtrip to Emagine 1pm
- December 20th – 1/2 Day–Noon Dismissal – No Extended Care
- December 23rd–January 3rd Christmas Break
- School Resume Monday January 6th

Special Lunch:

December 16th – Red Robin

PTL Notes:

Look for New Events in the New Year!!

If you haven't filled out the Auction google form, please do, it will help the PTL tremendously.



“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 18th. Thank you for helping us spread His love and hope this Christmas season.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40

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 as soon as possible, 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!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-R_LJPIY_Ltr4PQrJGCzG0Z2goJMr2sZuYxKEKP8OWo/edit?ts=672141d2&hl=en&pli=1

6th – 8th Grade Student Acolytes: Continued Special Opportunity to Serve!

We’re excited to offer our middle school students the chance to serve during church services! After being trained to acolyte at our chapel services, they now can expand this important role to Sunday and mid-week services as well.

As a reminder, all confirmation students are required to acolyte at least five times throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor for more information.

You can easily sign your child up by scanning the attached QR code and using the Signup Genius link. Thank you for supporting our students in this meaningful service!



Help Us Capture Memories for the Yearbook!

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 and code. Thank you for helping us make this year’s yearbook one to remember!

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/stpaul2025>



The password to create an account: **Vikings1**

Our school code: **60761**

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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.



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 18, 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!

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!

🏃 Run with Endurance.....Looking to Jesus 🏃

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