



ST. PAUL VIKING



January 24, 2025

Winter Blessings

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



Calling All Artists: Yearbook Cover Design Contest!

Get ready to let your creativity shine by designing the cover of our 2024-2025 St. Paul Lutheran School Yearbook!

Here's What You Need to Know:

Contest Instructions:

- Use an 8 ½ by 11-inch plain sheet of paper for your drawing.
- Draw in portrait style (up and down, not sideways).
- Fill the ENTIRE page with color. Include a background if your design doesn't cover the whole page.

Include the following:

- *St. Paul Lutheran School *A touch of our school/church (like a cross or picture of the school).
- *2024-2025 school year *This year's theme: "Run with Endurance...Looking to Jesus"
- Write with dark, bold lines to ensure visibility.
- Ensure your paper is flat and not bent (the company can't use folded drawings).
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Due Date: Submit your masterpiece to Miss Thomas by **Friday, January 31st.** No late entries will be accepted!

The winning design will be featured on the yearbook cover, and the artist will be recognized for their outstanding work.

We can't wait to see how you creatively capture the heart of our school and this year's theme!

Kindergarten Roundup

We warmly invite all families to join us for Kindergarten Round-Up on Thursday, January 30th, at 6:30 PM here at St. Paul Lutheran School! And.....If you know of a family looking to find a Fantastic Kindergarten, please direct them our way!

This special evening will be led by our dedicated kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Miranda Lorence, who brings her expertise, compassion, and enthusiasm to the classroom every day. Mrs. Lorence is eager to meet your family, share her vision for kindergarten, and answer any questions you may have about this exciting milestone in your child's education.

You'll also have the opportunity to:

- ✦ Explore the kindergarten classroom where faith and learning grow hand in hand.
- ✦ Meet our principal and other caring staff members.
- ✦ Learn about the Christ-centered education we provide.
- ✦ Discover how we nurture each child's faith, love for learning, and growth in a supportive and loving environment.



We look forward to welcoming you and your little ones to our school family and sharing the many ways St. Paul Lutheran School can partner with you in your child's educational journey. **Mark your calendars—we can't wait to see you there!**

Important School dates:

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- February 10th – No School – Teacher Inservice
- February 17th-18th – No School – Winter Break
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Special Lunch:

January 27th – Red Robin Lunch

PTL Notes:

- PTL Meeting Cancelled January 27th
- Valentines Dance – February 7th – 6:30pm
- Talent Show – April 4th
- PTL Biennial Auction – Friday May 16th – 6pm

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Reminders

FACTS Delinquencies:

There are quite a few people who have negative balances for your lunch, extended care, and incidental expense accounts. We ask that you please bring these accounts up to date so that you may continue using these services. Thank you.

Library Book Reminder- We need your help! Many of our students have library books that have been checked out for quite some time and are now overdue. Please take a moment to check at home, in backpacks, or any other special hiding spots where library books might be waiting to be found.

Returning these books promptly helps ensure all our students can enjoy the wonderful stories and resources our library has to offer. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our library well-stocked and ready for our students! If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Hansen in the school office.



Schedule Change: No School for Teacher Inservice

Please note that there will be no school for students on Monday, February 10. The faculty will be engaged in accreditation duties throughout the day.

Thank you for your understanding!



The All-School PTL Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, January 27th, has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Please stay tuned for updates on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved. Information about the rescheduled meeting will be shared with you as soon as it is finalized. Thank you for your understanding!

3rd Quarter Chapel Offerings-Hearts for Jesus



Hearts for Jesus 2024/2025 – Supporting MOST Ministries

This year's Hearts for Jesus recipient is MOST Ministries. Since 1972, Lutheran Elementary Schools in Michigan have dedicated February chapel offerings to selected ministries, giving over \$1.8 million to causes that help children, educate about global needs, and further Christ's Kingdom.

We're also collecting eyeglasses in the school office to support MOST Ministries' work with elderly individuals in need. For more information, visit www.mostministries.org. Let's join together to make an impact!

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

Winter Weather is Here, please watch for school closing notices on your local TV broadcasts or text messages. 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, or by text message. If school remains open but you feel the roads are unsafe, please make the choice that feels best for your family's safety.



Help Make Our Spring Auction a Success!

Our Spring Auction is coming up on May 16th at Red Run Golf Course, and we need your help to make it an unforgettable event for our school community! If you haven't already filled out the auction form, please take a moment to do so. Your input is essential in helping us organize a successful event. For those who can lend a hand, we encourage you to contact our PTL or join us at our PTL meeting on Monday, January 27th at 3:30 PM, where we'll discuss the auction in more detail. Whether it's assisting with planning, gathering donations, or helping at the event, every effort makes a difference. Let's come together to support our school and make this auction a true reflection of the amazing St. Paul community. Thank you for your consideration and support!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-R_LPIY_Ltr4PQrJGCzG0Z2goJMr2sZuYxKEKP8OWo/edit?ts=672141d2&hl=en&pli=1

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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