



**ST. PAUL VIKING**



# Winter Blessings

**February 21, 2025**



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

## Lutheran's Schools Week is Coming!

Mark your calendars! Lutheran Schools Week is just around the corner, running from **March 3rd through March 7th**. This special week is a cherished tradition at St. Paul, filled with daily morning devotions, fun snacks, and themed dress-up days that bring joy and excitement to our students and staff.

Lutheran Schools Week is a time to celebrate God's work and is celebrated in more than 1,800 Lutheran schools nationwide. It's an opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with our students, their families, and the community. At St. Paul, we are blessed to be a place where faith grows, friendships flourish, and God's love is shared each day.

To wrap up this meaningful week, we invite you to our Open House on Sunday, March 9th, from 1:00–3:00 PM. Come see all the wonderful things our students have been working on throughout the week! Invite friends, family, and anyone looking for a Christ-centered school community—all are welcome!

Stay tuned for more details about the week's themes and activities. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**

### **2025**



### PTL Book & Movie Night – March 21st at 6 PM!

Get ready for an adventure with one of literature's tiniest but mightiest heroes! Join us for Book & Movie Night on Friday, March 21st at 6 PM, where we'll be watching *Stuart Little*, the heartwarming tale of a small mouse with a big spirit.

To make the night even more special, students will be bringing home their copies of *Stuart Little* this Friday—a perfect chance to read about Stuart's exciting journey before seeing it come to life on screen! From sailing a toy boat in Central Park to navigating the ups and downs of life with the Little family, Stuart teaches us that courage and kindness come in all sizes.

A pizza dinner, movie snacks, and refreshments will be available for purchase, so bring your appetite and settle in for an evening of fun, fellowship, and adventure.



We can't wait to see you there as we celebrate this classic story together!



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**🎤 ✨ Save the Date! ✨ 🎤**

Get ready to be amazed—St. Paul’s Vikings Got Talent is back! 🎤🎶 Mark your calendars for Friday, April 4th, and join us in the school gym for an unforgettable evening of talent, fun, and entertainment.

This annual showcase, sponsored by our PTL, is your chance to shine! ⭐ Auditions are coming up soon, so stay tuned for more details on how to sign up. Don’t miss out on the excitement! 🎨🎤🎪

**Save the Date: St. Paul’s Spring Auction!**

Mark your calendars for our Spring Auction on Friday, May 16th at Red Run Golf Club! This exciting event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and we need your help to make it a success.

We’re currently seeking donations for our auction baskets, including:

- 🎫 Event tickets
- 🎁 Gift cards
- 🛒 Services
- 🏆 Sports memorabilia

...and more!



If you or someone you know can contribute, we’d love your support. Every donation helps us continue providing exceptional opportunities for our students. Tickets will be on sale soon! For more information or to get involved, please contact a member of our auction committee. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there!

**Tuition Updates and Incentives from Our Leadership**

Each year, the leadership of the church examines school tuition rates for the following year. Options are discussed and the rate is set. This year, the leadership with the support of the congregation, is trying something new- we are not raising the tuition rates for member and non-member families with up to two children K-8th grade. More good news- we are offering a family discount, meaning the tuition rate will not be greater than the two-child rate no matter how many siblings attend the school. More good news- we are adding an incentive program. When you recruit a new family to join the school, your family and the new family will each receive a \$500 credit on your tuition bill.

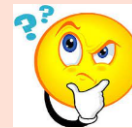
The church already funds a significant portion of the total cost of educating each student, but we want you to know that our support of this vital ministry continues, and we are trying creative ways to add to the student body.

**Reminder:** Registration for Preschool and K-8 is now open for the 2025/2026 school year! Current families should have received an email from FACTS for reenrollment. Please reach out to Mrs. Hansen at 248-546-6555 or [jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org) if you have any questions. Registration is \$350 for K-8 now until March 10<sup>th</sup>, then the price goes up to \$450 until June 10<sup>th</sup>, and \$500 thereafter. Preschool registration remains at \$150.

**St. Paul Quiz Night!**

Hey Parents, Join us for a fun-filled evening to support St. Paul Lutheran School’s upcoming Comcast Cable commercial! We’re hosting a Quiz Night on Saturday, February 22 in the church lounge.

- 🍕 Pizza Dinner kicks off at 6:30 PM
- 🗣️ Trivia begins at 7:00 PM



Gather your smartest (and silliest!) friends to form a team of 8 and sign up in the church lobby. Get ready for 10 themed rounds of trivia, each with 10 questions—plenty of chances to show off your knowledge and share some laughs!

**Freewill donations will help fund this exciting project. Questions? Text Chris Schultz at (248-302-7104)**

**We hope to see you there for an evening of food, fun, and friendly competition!**



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**Join Us for Sunday School at St. Paul!**

We invite all children, ages 3 through 8th grade, to be part of our Sunday School program every week from 9:45 to 10:45 AM right here in the school gym. It's a wonderful time filled with music, Bible stories, crafts, and engaging activities that help children grow in their faith and understanding of God's love.



Through fun lessons and meaningful discussions, children will explore God's Word and learn how to build a strong relationship with Jesus—equipping them with the faith and confidence they need to navigate life's challenges. Snacks will be provided to keep the energy up as we journey through the Bible together!

For more information, contact Liz Lopez at (618) 698-3020 or email [stpaulyouthministries@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulyouthministries@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

**Friendly Reminder- FACTS Delinquencies:**

We truly appreciate our families keeping up with tuition, lunch, and extended care payments. Staying current helps us continue providing the best for our students! There still are quite a few families with negative balances for lunch, extended care, and incidental expense accounts. We kindly ask that these accounts be brought up to date so that you may continue using these services.

If payments are not received, we may need to temporarily restrict students from using extended care or ordering lunch. If you have any concerns or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to work with you!

Thank you for your attention to this and for being a valued part of our school community!

**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.

**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!



**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](http://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!

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