



ST. PAUL VIKING



Winter Blessings

February 28, 2025



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

Lutheran Schools Week & Open House at St. Paul!

March 3rd – March 7th

"The Play's the Thing" – Inspired by Shakespeare's Hamlet

Are you ready? **Lutheran Schools Week** is almost here, and we can't wait to celebrate with our students, families, and community! This special week is filled with **morning devotions, fun snacks, exciting dress-up days, and a Secret Pal exchange**—all while honoring our faith and the joy of learning.

Special Dress-Up Days:

- Monday – Black & White Day- Comedy and Drama
- Tuesday – Royal Dress (Kings, Queens, Knights, Princesses—even fairies!)
- Wednesday – A Night at the Theatre (Dress in your fanciest best!)
- Thursday – Roman Day (Togas welcome!)
- Friday – Free Dress Day



Secret Pal Exchange: Students will surprise each other with small trinkets—stay tuned for details!



Lutheran Schools Week is celebrated in more than 1,800 Lutheran schools nationwide, and it's a time to reflect on God's blessings in our school community. At St. Paul Lutheran School, we are grateful for a place where faith grows, friendships flourish, and God's love is shared daily.

Join Us for a Pizza Lunch and Our Open House!

Sunday, March 9th | Pizza Lunch at Church 12:00-1:00 PM | Open House 1:00–3:00 PM

Come see all the amazing things our students have been working on, including a live Shakespearean performance! Invite friends, family, and anyone looking for a Christ-centered school community—All are welcome! **We can't wait to celebrate this special week with you!**



Please scan the QR code to sign up for our pizza lunch before the Open House



I LOVE MY LUTHERAN SCHOOL!

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Viking's Got Talent

Save the Date! and 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 March 11th, Permission slips came home this week with details on how to sign up and rehearsal dates. Don't miss out on the excitement!



Save the Date: St. Paul's Spring Auction!

Join us for an unforgettable evening at our Spring Auction on Friday, May 16th, at Red Run Golf Club! This event is one of our largest fundraisers, and we need your help to make it a success.

How You Can Help:

We're collecting donations for our auction baskets! Popular items include:

- Event tickets
- Gift cards
- Services
- Sports memorabilia
- ...and more!



Incentives are available for donations received by April 1st! Every contribution helps us continue providing outstanding opportunities for our students.

Tickets will be on sale soon! Stay tuned for details.

To donate or get involved, please contact a member of our auction committee. Thank you for your support—we can't wait to see you there!

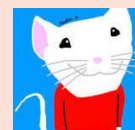
PTL Book & Movie Night – March 21st at 6 PM!

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 have brought home their copies of Stuart Little last 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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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. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tuition and Enrollment Update

Each year, our church leadership reviews school tuition rates. This year, with the congregation's support, we're trying something new—tuition rates will remain the same for member and non-member families with up to two children in K-8. Even better, we're introducing a family discount, meaning tuition will not exceed the two-child rate, no matter how many siblings enroll. We're also excited to offer a \$500 tuition credit for both your family and any new family you recruit to St. Paul! Our church continues to support the cost of education and is committed to growing our school community.

Enrollment for Preschool and K-8 is now open for 2025-2026! Current families should have received a FACTS reenrollment email. K-8 registration is \$350 until March 10th (\$450 until June 10th, \$500 thereafter). Preschool registration is \$150.

For questions, contact Mrs. Hansen at 248-546-6555 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org.

Winter Weather Closure Notices

Winter Weather continues, please watch for school closing notices on your local TV broadcasts or text messages. 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 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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