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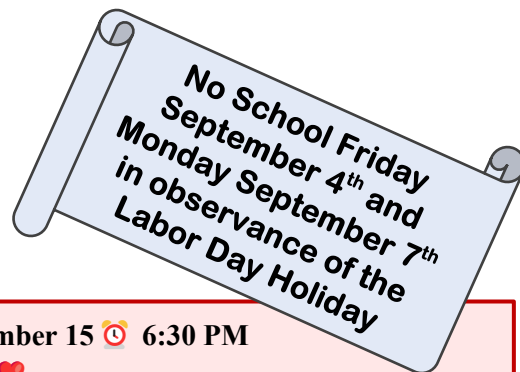
Back To School

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ALL-PARENT MEETING — MEET YOUR PTL! 📅 Tuesday, September 15 🕒 6:30 PM

One meeting you won't want to miss! ❤️

We are kicking off the school year with our **All-Parent & PTL Meeting**, and we want ALL of our St. Paul families to join us! This evening is an important opportunity to get connected, meet our PTL board, and learn about everything happening at St. Paul this school year. We'll be sharing important information, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and ways your family can be involved in our school community.

Here's what you can look forward to:

❤️ **Meet Your PTL** — Get to know your PTL board members and learn about the important role PTL plays in supporting our students, families, and school.

🎉 **Discover What's Happening This Year** — Hear about the many activities, events, and fundraising opportunities planned for the school year and find out how your family can get involved.

👪 **Connect with Other Families** — Meet new families, reconnect with returning families, and learn more about how we can work together to make this a wonderful year for our students.

🕒 **Learn About Time & Talent Hours** — We'll explain the required **20 volunteer hours per family**, how you can earn those hours throughout the year, and the expectations surrounding them. Families who do not fulfill their required hours will be asked to contribute **\$10 for each hour not served**. More details will be provided at the meeting.

📺 **Important School Updates** — Hear from our school staff about expectations, reminders, and important information you'll want to know as we begin the new school year.

We truly hope to see every St. Paul family there! This is an important evening to help you feel informed, connected, and prepared for the year ahead. We are stronger when we work together, and **our school family is better because of YOU!** ❤️ 🌱 **Come meet your PTL, get connected, and help us make this a wonderful year at St. Paul! See you there, St. Paul Vikings!**



K-8 School Choir, Band & Bells

One of the things that makes St. Paul so special is our music program. Music is a beautiful part of who we are as a school and congregation, and it is something that truly sets us apart. We are blessed to have Mr. Paul and Mr. Schmidt pour countless hours into our students—choosing music, teaching musical skills, rehearsing, and helping our children grow in confidence and talent.

Because St. Paul is a ministry of both our school and congregation, our students have opportunities to share their gifts in worship throughout the school year. Our congregation generously helps support Christian education and contributes toward making a St. Paul education more affordable for our families. In turn, we ask our students to participate in these special opportunities to serve and worship with our church family.

Once each month, students are expected to attend a worship service to sing with the Children's Choir. At various times throughout the year, our Bell Choir and other music groups may also be asked to participate in a worship service or special performance. These are important and expected school commitments, and student attendance and participation are greatly appreciated. All dates will be communicated in advance through The Viking so families can plan accordingly. We kindly ask that families make every effort to prioritize these special opportunities. Your child's participation is important—not only to the music program, but also to our school and congregation as a whole. We are grateful for the time, dedication, and support our families give as we work together to help our students use their God-given gifts to serve, worship, and share their faith through music.



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**Fall Sports at St. Paul – Grades 3-8**

We're looking forward to a great season of fall sports at St. Paul! This year we are offering Coed Cross Country and Coed Volleyball for students in grades 3-8.

- Cross Country Season Start Date: Tuesday, September 8th
- Volleyball Season Start Date: Tuesday, October 20th
- Practice Schedule: Tuesdays & Fridays, 3:30-4:30 PM (pick-up at school; aftercare available until 6:00 PM if needed)
- Participation Fee: \$10 per student for the season
- Requirements:
 1. Sports physical form completed by a physician (must be turned into the school office before September 7th)
 2. Change of clothes appropriate for the sport
 3. Water bottle
 4. Cross Country participants should bring weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor running



To help our coach plan, please notify us by Tuesday, September 8th for Cross Country and Friday October 16th for Volleyball if your child will be participating (the sign up is on Mrs. Moe's classroom door):

- Cross Country and Volleyball Coach Jaclyn Moelich (jmoelich@stpaulroyaloak.org)



For general questions, you may also contact the school office at jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org

First Quarter Chapel Offerings – Supporting Camp Restore Detroit

This quarter, our chapel offerings will support Camp Restore Detroit, a ministry based at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Their mission is to partner with community leaders and volunteers to help restore and renew Detroit's 9th Precinct. Through service projects like clearing lots, home repairs, and neighborhood events, they work alongside residents to build a stronger, more beautiful community.

Last year, our middle school students volunteered their time and service with Camp Restore, and this fall they will return to help again with important neighborhood projects.



This week's chapel offering contributions came to **\$60**, with a quarter total thus far of **\$81.90**. Thank you for your support!

Save the Date! Family Fun Night is Coming! Friday, September 25 | 6:00-8:00 PM

Get ready for one of St. Paul's favorite beginning-of-the-school-year traditions! ☞ The PTL-sponsored Family Fun Night is back, and we're kicking off the school year with an evening filled with food, games, laughter, and FUN!

This is more than just a night out, it's a chance to connect, make new friends, and celebrate our St. Paul community. New families, returning families, and everyone in between are invited to join us!



👤 **New to St. Paul? Come meet current families and other new families.**

😊 **Ready to catch up? Bring the whole family and reconnect with friends.**

🎮 **Kids need a break from books? Let them enjoy an evening of games, activities, and good old-fashioned fun right here on school grounds!**

Whether you're brand new to our community or have been part of the St. Paul family for years, Family Fun Night is the perfect way to start the school year together. So, mark your calendars, bring your smiles, and come ready to have some fun! We can't wait to see you there!

Friday, September 25 | 6:00-8:00 PM - St. Paul School Grounds- Family Fun Night Held Outdoors (weather permitting)
Let's make this year's Family Fun Night one to remember!

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School Dismissal Directions

For the safety of everyone connected to St. Paul, please follow these guidelines

- No parking between the "No Parking" sign and Sixth Street on Williams.
- If your family member in third grade and up is not ready to be picked up when you come to the curb, you will be asked to complete the loop in the church parking lot again.
- Families with preschool through second grade students are encouraged to park in a specific, lined spot in the north school lot.
- Please do not allow your children to run on the sidewalk on Williams Street between Doors 2 and 3 of school.
- Please share these new guidelines with anyone who will pick up your child in the afternoon.



🍩 Bagel Helpers Wanted!

One of our beloved PTL-led traditions is Bagel Day—and we're looking for Bagel Helpers for this school year! It's a small commitment that makes a big difference (and brings big smiles). If you're able to lend a hand, please reach out to Mrs. Hansen. Many hands make light work—and yummy bagels!



📄 A Note from Our PTL

Did you know that every parent at St. Paul Lutheran School is part of our Parent Teacher League (PTL)! While we all share in this community, we also have a dedicated PTL Board made up of parents who take on a more active role in planning activities, organizing fundraisers and supporting our students and teachers in meaningful ways. If you've ever been curious about how the PTL works or are interested in getting more involved, we'd love to have you join us! Whether you'd like to attend a meeting just to listen in, or maybe you're ready to jump in and contribute your ideas and talents, we welcome your presence. Our board will be presenting themselves at our Parent Meeting on September 15th and we would love to tell you more. Please come to the meeting and learn about the great things our PTL does for our school. We're always looking for new members and fresh ideas to help make our PTL even better. This is a great way to get involved, meet other families and directly support the success of your child's school experience.



Jr Chancel Choir: Students in grades 3rd through 8th will have the opportunity to join our select choir called the Junior Chancel Choir again this year. Jr Chancel Choir is our more advanced choir that performs for more of the special music events. Practice meets every Thursday from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. Consistent participation is required to remain in the choir, if Mr. Paul feels you are absent too often he will remove you from the choir. Permission slips to join will go home this week and are due back September 9th. The first practice begins Thursday September 10th. 🎵 🎶 🎷

School Store: We're excited to announce that Mrs. McClatchey has once again graciously stocked our school store for the year! The store will open in September, be on the lookout for the store opening date. Students can bring in a little pocket money to shop after lunch. The store offers a variety of fun items, including school supplies, games, and trinkets, with prices ranging from just \$0.25 to \$5.00.

The school store will be open every Mondays after lunch (unless we have a half day or Mrs. McClatchey is unavailable). It's a great way for students to practice money management while picking up some fun new items!



Lunch & Extended Care: We will continue to run lunch and extended care as prepay accounts. Families can log into FACTS, add funds under Prepay Accounts, and use those balances for meals or Before/After Care. Please remember that students cannot use Extended Care if funds are not available. If you have any questions or need help with FACTS, please contact Mrs. Hansen in the office at 248-546-6555 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org. Thank you for helping us keep things running smoothly!

Church Attendance: Do not forget to record your attendance at church. Parents must sign in at the kiosk at church services. A minimum of 50% in-person attendance is required each quarter for church members to qualify for the member education rate.



Support Learning beyond the Classroom:

Box Tops for Education: Download the Box Tops for Education app, scan your receipts, and earn rewards for St. Paul!

Little Ceaser proof of Purchase: Collect proof of purchase off the pizza box and bring to school for a school pizza party.

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

Returnable Cans and Bottles- Bring can and bottle returnable's to church or school to help with school fundraising.



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