



ST. PAUL VIKING



September 18, 2026

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**Family Fun Night
Next Friday
September 25th**



Family Fun Night Is Almost Here!

Friday, September 25 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Get ready, Vikings! One of St. Paul's favorite beginning-of-the-school-year traditions is back! Join us for a PTL-sponsored evening of food, drinks, games, laughter, and good old-fashioned fun.

Whether you're new to St. Paul or have been part of our family for years, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, make new friends, and enjoy time together. Bring the whole family and get ready for an evening filled with:

- Food & Drinks
- Games & Activities
- Bubbles & Face Painting
- Fun Surprises and More!



Kids can run, play, visit with friends, and enjoy a break from the classroom while parents catch up and get to know other St. Paul families.

**Mark your calendars and come to celebrate the start of another wonderful school year with us!
We can't wait to see you there!**

St. Paul School Grounds — Outdoors, weather permitting
Let's make this year's Family Fun Night one to remember!



SOS- Your PTL Needs YOU!!! - Bagel Helpers NEEDED!!!!



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!



New Church Membership Classes This Fall

Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul Lutheran Church and becoming a member? New membership classes begin this fall!

Whether you are new to the faith, new to St. Paul, or simply looking to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ, we invite you to learn more about what it means to be part of our church family.

For more information, please contact the church office at office@stpaulroyaloak.org or 248-541-0613. We would love to welcome you!



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**Help Us Fill Our Yearbook!**

Our yearbook is a collection of memories made all year long, and we need your help!
Have photos from a school event? Share them with us!

- Scan the QR code or visit the Entourage Yearbook Website.
- Password: **Vikings 1**
- Create an account or log in to your previous account.
- Upload your photos into the appropriate event category.

Please submit photos as soon as possible after each event so our Yearbook Club has time to create their pages. All photos are welcome—even if they only feature your child!

Can't access the website? Email photos to jthomas@stpaulroyaloak.org.
Thank you for helping us capture the memories that make St. Paul special!

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Email: jthomas@stpaulroyaloak.org with any questions.

Show Your Viking Spirit! - Spirit Wear order forms are coming home today Friday, September 18! Orders are due back Monday, September 28.

We only have one Spirit Wear order per year, so if you want to stock up, now is the time!
Choose from plenty of options for your child to wear on Spirit Wear Fridays or for the whole family to show St. Paul pride wherever you go.

Order now and let your Viking spirit shine!!!

**Fall Sports Are Underway!**

Our Viking athletes are making strides this fall! Cross country is underway, and our runners are growing stronger and preparing for the Michigan District State Meet on October 11 for 4th graders and up.

Coed volleyball begins on October 20! There is still time for your student to sign up and join the team.

Let's come together as a St. Paul family to cheer on all our athletes this fall! Go Vikings!

**Save the Date's****Vision Testing-Wednesday, October 7th**

The Oakland County Health Department will be in our school on Wednesday October 7th to do their annual vision screening for children in PK 4, and Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7. If you have any questions regarding this screening, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office. Thank You!

**School Picture Day – Wednesday, October 14th**

Preschool: If your preschool student does not normally attend school on Wednesdays, you are welcome to make arrangements with Ms. Fuchs or Ms. Hansen in the office to bring your child to school for their picture.



K–8 Students: Students may wear the outfit they would like for their school picture. Please remember to send their school uniform with them so they can change after their picture is taken. This will allow students to enjoy outdoor play and other activities without worrying about getting their picture-day clothing dirty or damaged. Thank you for helping us make Picture Day a great one!

Blakes Big Apple – Fall Field Trip- Save the date for this year's Fall field trip. We are headed for a fun filled day to Blakes Big Apple on Thursday October 29th in Armada. More information and permission slips will come home in just a few weeks. The cost of the field trip will be \$14 per person, but will include many fun things such as a hayride, corn maze, petting zoo, bag of apples, cider and donuts, and more. Volunteer drivers will be needed to help with children who do not have a parent attending. We look forward to another fun-filled annual trip together.

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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 helping again with important neighborhood projects.



This week's chapel offering contributions came to **\$29.86**, with a quarter total thus far of **\$140.51**. Thank you for your support!

Future Crusader Day – A Glimpse into Life at Lutheran Northwest - What might life look like after St. Paul? Our 7th and 8th graders will have the opportunity to find out! On Friday, September 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., our 7th and 8th grade students will travel to Lutheran High Northwest in Rochester Hills for Future Crusader Day. This special event is designed to give students a firsthand look at what it means to be a Crusader and to experience the community, academics, and activities that await them in high school. Students will have the opportunity to meet Lutheran Northwest teachers, connect with current students and future classmates, and experience a taste of high school life. Parents are also welcome to attend and will have a special information session designed just for them.



And, of course, no school event is complete without food! A free pizza lunch will be provided for all attendees. We are grateful for opportunities like this that help our students begin thinking about their next steps while connecting them with a Christ-centered high school community.

School Store Re-Grand Opening: We're excited to announce that Mrs. McClatchey has once again graciously stocked our school store for the year! The store re-opened on September 14th, immediately after lunch. 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:

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 other class trips. 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.



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.



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