



# ST. PAUL VIKING



## Autumn

## Blessings

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St. Paul Lutheran Church and School • Royal Oak, MI

October 16, 2026

# Color Fun Run Next Friday

## Vikings, We're in the Home Stretch!

**ONE WEEK TO GO!** Our Color Fun Run is just around the corner, and our Viking families are showing up BIG! We've already reached our first incentive goal of **\$4,000**, earning a **FREE DRESS DAY** for the entire school! Now we're closing in on **\$5,000** and a **CRAZY HAT DAY!** 🧢 😊

But Vikings, we're not stopping there! Our ultimate goal is **\$7,500**, and we **KNOW** we can get there! I'm seeing pizza parties, silly string flying, with a very colorful principal in our future!

**We are SO close, and \$7,500 is absolutely within reach!** Every registration, donation, and share brings us closer to making these fun rewards a reality while supporting our students, classrooms, enrichment opportunities, and special events.

### Here's your one-week challenge, Viking Families:

- Register your student if you haven't already!
- Share your child's fundraising page with family, friends, and coworkers.
- Help us spread the word and push toward that next incentive!



**We are Vikings. We are unstoppable. We work together, and we get it done!** Let's finish strong, reach that \$7,500 goal, and show everyone what the St. Paul Viking family can do!

**LET'S GO, VIKINGS!** ❤️ ❤️ 🏴‍☠️

**VIKINGS, LET'S KEEP RUNNING TOWARD OUR GOAL!!!**

### **Calling All Vikings! Co-Ed Volleyball Needs Players!**

Players Wanted! 🏐 St. Paul is looking for students in grades 3–8 to join our co-ed volleyball team! Whether your Viking is an experienced player or just looking to learn a new sport, we'd love to have them join us for a fun season of teamwork, skill-building, and Viking spirit!

**Season: October 20 – November 20**

**Practice Days: Tuesdays and Some Fridays**

#### **What to Bring:**

- A current sports physical on file to participate
- Comfortable gym clothes
- Athletic shoes suitable for the gym



**Let's rally together, Vikings!**  
**We hope to see you there!**



Come learn new skills, build confidence, encourage your teammates, and have fun on the court!

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**🎃 CARS still Needed for Trunk or Treat- Calling All Vikings – Spooktacular Help Needed!** 🎃

St. Paul Lutheran Church & School will again be part of this year's Royal Oak Spooktacular, hosting our annual Trunk or Treat right in our school parking lot! The Event is happening Sunday October 18th from 1 to 3 pm. We need your help to make this a fun and festive community event. **Candy Donations (bags of candy) are still needed and may be dropped off at the church in the designated collection box or at the school office.** **Trunk Volunteers -Families still needed** to decorate their cars and hand out treats. It's a great way to show our Viking Spirit and share God's love. Thank you for helping us make this outreach event a blessing for the Royal Oak community!

**Evergreen Sale to Support St. Paul!**

Our annual **Evergreen Holiday Fundraiser** with **Carlson's Greenhouse** is underway! Bring a little holiday beauty home while supporting St. Paul Lutheran School.

Choose from **poinsettias, festive wreaths, fresh evergreens, gift cards, and more**—perfect for decorating or gifting this holiday season!

- ★ **Viking Incentive:** The student with the **most sales** will win a **Pizza or Donut Party** for their entire class!
- ★ **Orders Due:** Wednesday, October 28
- ★ **Pick-Up:** St. Paul Lutheran School Parking Lot — Date TBD



**Don't miss your chance to order and support our school!** Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a success! Questions? Contact **Julie Hansen** at 248-778-7246 or [jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org](mailto:jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org).

**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 29<sup>th</sup> in Armada. Permission slips came home last Friday and are due on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 are needed to help with children who do not have parents attending. We look forward to another fun-filled annual trip together. This field trip is available to Preschool 3s and K-8 Families this year.



🎄 **PTL Christmas Shop – The Magic of Giving!** 🎁 - One of St. Paul's most treasured holiday traditions is coming Friday, December 11th! If you're new to St. Paul, you're in for a treat! Our PTL Christmas Shop is filled with gifts priced at \$1–\$5, giving our Vikings the joy of shopping for special surprises for family and friends.

**We Need Your Help!** We're collecting new and handcrafted items for all ages. Have a hidden crafting talent? We'd love your creations! Don't forget those popular gifts for Dad, Grandpa, and Uncle!



**Volunteers Needed!** We need helping hands the day before to set up and on the day of the shop to help children shop and wrap their gifts. A Signup Genius will be shared next month.

**Let's make this special tradition magical for our Vikings! Every donation and helping hand makes a difference. Thank you for spreading the joy of giving at St. Paul!**

**Quiz Night – Gather Your Team!**

Join us for a fun night of trivia, friendly competition, and fellowship on Friday, October 23, from 7–9 p.m. in the Church Lounge!

Form a team of up to 8 people and tackle 10 rounds of trivia with 10 questions each. There's no entry fee, but free-will donations will benefit the St. Paul Schools Scholarship Fund, helping make Christian education accessible to more families. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase!

Questions? Contact Chris Schultz at [chrisschultz.723@gmail.com](mailto:chrisschultz.723@gmail.com).

Bring your brainpower and help make a difference!

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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.



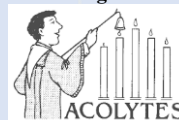
This week's chapel offering contributions came to **\$28.90**, with a quarter total thus far of **\$276.47**. Thank you for your support!

### Serving Others, Serving Christ – 7th and 8th Grade Service

As part of our middle school expectations, all 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to complete one hour of service outside of school hours, beyond their regular household chores. Service is a wonderful way to use your God-given gifts to help others and to live out Christ's love in our community. Not sure how to complete your service hour? Talk with one of our teachers! Many teachers have opportunities for students to assist with projects or tasks after school.

**For St. Paul students who are church members who will be confirmed: Students are also expected to serve as an Acolyte once each quarter during a church service. You can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8A822A4FAC25-63823335-church>**

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." — 1 Peter 4:10  
Thank you, Vikings, for using your talents to serve God, our school, and our community!



### **Good Food. Great Cause. Stronger Vikings! -- Dine & Support St. Paul! -- Tuesday, November 17 | 10:00 AM–9:30 PM**

**Join us for a Panda Express Fundraiser and help support St. Paul Lutheran School! – 2250 E. 12 Mile Rd., Royal Oak**

**Order online:** PandaExpress.com or the Panda Express app. **Fundraiser Code:** 3866643

**Ordering in person?** Bring the paper flyer or show the fundraiser flyer on your phone.

**Order ahead or on November 17!** Every order helps support our Vikings!



 **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.

Can't access the website? Email photos to [jthomas@stpaulroyalok.org](mailto:jthomas@stpaulroyalok.org). Thank you for helping us capture memories that make St. Paul special! All photos are welcome—even if they only feature your child!



**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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