ST. PAUL VIKING

November 13, 2026

Autumn Blessings

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

Panda Express Fundraiser Tuesday 11/17
Silly String + Pep Rally Friday 11/20

Celebrating Our Quarter 1 Honor Roll Students

We are proud to recognize the students whose hard work, dedication, and commitment to learning earned them a place on the Quarter 1 Honor Roll!









Principal's Honor Roll - All A's

Connor	4th Grade
Griffin	4th Grade
Hannah	7th Grade
Evan	7th Grade
Eben	8th Grade

Teacher's Honor Roll - All A's and B's

Randall	4th Grade	Asheri	7th Grade
Caliwynn	4th Grade	Olivia	7th Grade
Chase	6th Grade	Logan	8th Grade
Drew	6th Grade	Anastasia	8th Grade
Mitchell	6th Grade	Rileigh	8th Grade
Ivan	6th Grade	Brendan	8th Grade
Nova	7th Grade		

Congratulations to each of these Vikings on a strong start to the school year! Your perseverance and effort have paid off, and we are excited to see you continue growing throughout the year.

Thank you to our teachers and families for encouraging and supporting our students along the way. Keep up the great work, Vikings!

St Paul Lutheran Pep Rally! 2026 Get Ready to Show Your Viking Spirit!

Join us on Friday, November 20, at 2:00 p.m. as we kick off our Parent vs. Student Volleyball Showdown with an exciting St. Paul Lutheran Pep Rally!





Students, families, and friends are invited to fill the gym and cheer on our young volleyball players as they show off their skills and take on their parents in a fun-filled tournament. Who will earn the bragging rights - the students or the parents?

Our pep rally will bring together prayer, music, cheering, school spirit, and plenty of fun as we celebrate our St. Paul community. Wear your Viking gear, bring your loudest cheers, and help us create an unforgettable afternoon!



All are welcome - come cheer on our teams and show your Viking pride!

Good Food. Great Cause. Stronger Vikings! - Dine & Support St. Paul! – This 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!





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Need an Afternoon to Prep for Christmas? We've Got You Covered!



Our middle schoolers are at it again this year, they're hosting a **Parents' Afternoon Out** to give you a little breathing room during this busy season! Kids absolutely loved the games, crafts, snacks, and fun at last year's babysitting event, so we're opening the doors once more for an afternoon filled with safe, joy-filled childcare… while you enjoy a much-needed break.

Saturday, December 12 **1:00–4:00 PM**

Whether you want to finish your Christmas shopping, wrap gifts in peace, or simply enjoy a quiet moment to yourself, we're here to help. St. Paul staff, parents, and our wonderful older students will be on hand to care for your children and keep them happily engaged. Sign Up Genius will be coming soon – be on the look-out.

Chapel Offerings Put Compassion into Action

Our students are discovering that even small acts of generosity can have a meaningful impact. Through our Quarter 2 chapel offerings, they are helping stock the St. Paul Food Pantry and provide food for families throughout our community.

So far this quarter, our first two chapel offerings have raised **$26.25**. That brings our chapel offering total for the school year to **$344.22**. We are grateful for every gift and for the caring hearts behind them!



Families can also support the pantry by donating canned goods. Donations may be:

- Placed in the collection bag outside your child's classroom
- Dropped off at the school office during the day
- Brought to chapel with your child's offering

Whether it is a chapel offering or a can of food, every contribution is an opportunity to share kindness with a neighbor. Thank you for helping our student's put faith and compassion into action!

PTL Christmas Shop — The Magic of Giving!



One of St. Paul's treasured holiday traditions returns Friday, December 11th! Gifts are priced at $1–$5, giving our children the joy of shopping for surprises for family and friends. **We need your help!** We're collecting new and handcrafted items for all ages, including gifts for Dad, Grandpa, and Uncle, sometimes forgotten in the mix of donated items.

Volunteers needed both to set up the day before and to help children shop and wrap on the day of. A Signup Genius and a crafting fellowship night are in the works, with details next month. Let's make this tradition magical for our children. Every donation and helping hand makes a difference. Thank you for spreading the joy of giving at St. Paul!

Parent Pulse Survey



We are continuing to use the Parent Pulse platform to survey parents about their and their child's experiences at St. Paul Lutheran School. Beginning last week and through the end of November, each parent will receive an email invitation to complete a survey which should take 5-7 minutes to complete. Mr. Francik appreciates your consideration and time to share your valuable feedback.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Food Pantry Blessings



As we prepare to give thanks for God's abundant blessings, we invite you to join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. Come and lift your hearts in gratitude as we reflect on His goodness and share in a time of praise and fellowship.

As part of our worship, we will once again collect donations for our St. Paul Food Pantry to support families in need within our community. You are encouraged to bring a bag of nonperishable food items to place at the altar. Suggested donations include 16 oz. jars of peanut butter and jelly, canned meats, soups, fruits, pork and beans, boxed cereals, oatmeal, rice, potatoes, and noodles.

If you'd like to lend a hand in organizing the pantry donations, we'd love your help on Friday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the church lounge. For more information, please contact Sue in the church office.

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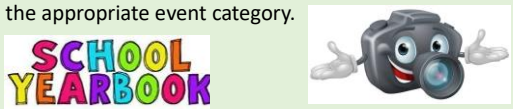
Help Us Fill Our Yearbook! - Our yearbook is a collection of memories made all year long, and we need your help!
Have photos from a school event? Share them with us! Scan the QR code or visit the Entourage Yearbook Website. ★Password: **Vikings 1**
★Create an account or log in to your previous account. ★Upload your photos into the appropriate event category.
Can't access the website? Email photos to jthomas@stpaulroyaloak.org.
Thank you for helping us capture memories that make
St. Paul special! All photos are welcome—even if they only feature your child!



Called to Serve: Acolyte Sign-Up for Grades 7 and 8

Serving as an acolyte gives students a meaningful opportunity to take an active role in worship and serve their church family. This quarter, we are asking families to have their seventh- or eighth-grade student sign up to acolyte during a church service.

Acolyting is part of each student's religion grade and fulfills a requirement for Confirmation class and Christian service. Please use the new Signup Genius link below to select a service time that works for your family:

Acolyte Sign-Up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8A822A4FAC25-63823335-church

Thank you for helping our students grow in faith, responsibility, and service to others.



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

Bundle Up, Vikings!

-We've been fortunate to enjoy a mild fall so far, but with colder days ahead, we want to ensure that all students stay cozy and prepared! Please remember to send your child with a warm coat, hat, and mittens or gloves for outdoor play.
-Classrooms can also be a bit chilly, so it's a good idea to pack a dress-code-approved sweater or jacket for indoor comfort. When winter arrives, don't forget to add snow boots and snow pants on especially cold days.
-To keep everyone safe and comfortable, please note that students without appropriate outdoor gear will need to stay indoors during recess. Thank you for helping us keep your children warm and ready for all the fun winter brings!



Half Day Extended Care Hours:
Please Remember on Most half days, Extended care is available Only until **4pm** unless noted otherwise!



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. Every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, St. Paul earns a percentage of the sale!

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