



ST. PAUL VIKING



August 28, 2026

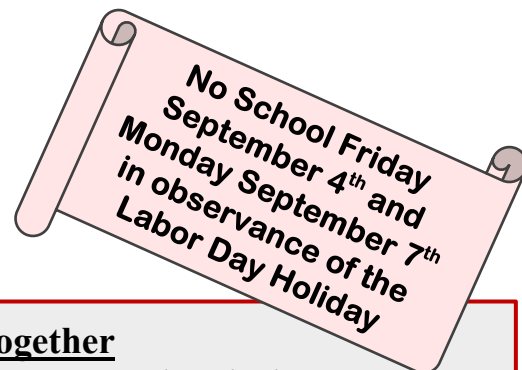
Back To School

Blessings

Serve
Support
Share



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



Rooted in Christ: Growing Together

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” — Colossians 2:6–7

Welcome back, St. Paul Vikings!

A new school year is here, and with it comes a brand-new opportunity to grow, learn, serve, and walk together in faith.

This year, our St. Paul family is **Rooted in Christ.** 🌳

Just like a tree needs strong roots to grow tall, weather every season, and produce good fruit, we know that our children need strong roots in Christ to grow into the people God has called them to be. Our prayer this year is that every student who walks through our doors will feel known, loved, encouraged, and most importantly grounded in the love of Jesus.

For our returning families, **welcome home.**

For our new families, **welcome to the St. Paul family!** We are so thankful that God has brought you here.

This year, we will learn together, laugh together, worship together, face challenges together, and celebrate the many blessings God places before us. From the classroom to the playground, from chapel to special events, every moment is an opportunity to help our students grow their roots deeper in Christ.



🌱 **Rooted in faith.** 🌱 **Rooted in love.** 🌱 **Rooted in community.** 🌱 **Rooted in Christ.**

As we begin this new school year, may our roots grow deeper, our faith grow stronger, and our hearts overflow with thankfulness for the blessing of being part of this special school family.

Here's to a beautiful year of growing together! Welcome back, St. Paul Vikings! We are so glad you're here.



ALL-PARENT MEETING — MEET YOUR PTL!

📅 **Tuesday, September 15 | 6:30 PM**

Join us for our **All-Parent & PTL Meeting!** This is an important evening for all St. Paul families as we kick off the new school year together.

❤️ **Meet** your PTL and learn how they support our school.

🎉 **Learn** about upcoming events, activities & fundraisers and ways to get involved.

👤 **Connect** with new and returning families.

🕒 **Learn** about your 20 “Time & Talent” volunteer hours and how to fulfill them throughout the year.

📺 **Hear** important school updates & expectations from our staff.



Important School Dates

Friday September 4th – No School – Arts Beats and Eats and Labor Day
Monday September 7th – No School – Labor Day
Sunday September 13th – Jr Chancel Sings – 9:30am worship service
Tuesday September 15th – All Parent and PTL Meeting – 6pm
Friday September 25th – Family Fun Night – 6pm
Sunday September 27th – All School Choir Sings – 9:30am worship service
Wednesday October 14th – School Picture Day
Thursday and Friday October 15–16th – No School – Fall Break/Teacher Conference

Special Lunch:

Special Lunches coming back soon!

PTL Notes:

September 15th – All Parent/PTL Meeting – 6:30pm
September 25th – Family Fun Night – 6–8pm

Bagel Days will return on September 11, 2026

**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 4th for Cross Country and 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

Please see the attached Fall Sports Handout attached to the Viking Newsletter for more information!

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.

**Procedure For Absence**

1. Call the school by 8:45 a.m. to inform us of the absence. If the office does not receive a call, we will be calling you.
2. Upon return, look for your child's assignment list, fill in the reason for absence, sign it and return it to the teacher the next day.
3. Absences and tardies due to doctor/dentist appointments: Have your child give the doctor's note to his/her teacher.

**Meet our new preschool and latchkey staff:**

Please welcome **Clare Hanosh**, our new prekindergarten classroom teacher. Here is Clare's biography so you can begin to know her better. We welcome Clare to the St. Paul staff.



Hi! My name is Clare Hanosh. I have my associate's degree in early childhood education from Oakland Community College. I am currently a student at Central Michigan University in the process of completing my bachelor's degree in early childhood education. I've had the opportunity to work with children ranging from 8 weeks to 4 years old, and I truly love watching each child learn, grow, and reach new milestones. I'm so excited to be a part of each young child's journey! My goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where they feel loved, supported, and encouraged to explore and grow. I can't wait to get to know the families in the school and be a part of these early special years!

We welcome **Julia Paul**, one of our new latchkey caregivers, to the St. Paul staff. Mrs. Paul will be working in the latchkey program in the afternoon three days a week. Julia has many long-term connections to St. Paul: an alumnus of the school, the wife of Mr. Paul, our music and science teacher, the mother of three St. Paul alumni, and a long-time church member. She is coming to St. Paul after decades of working as a nurse and a professor of nursing studies at Oakland University. I look forward to Mrs. Paul's ministry with our students who attend latchkey in the afternoons.

**Important School dates:**

Friday September 4th – No School – Arts Beats and Eats and Labor Day
 Monday September 7th – No School – Labor Day
 Sunday September 13th – Jr Chancel Sings – 9:30am worship service
 Tuesday September 15th – Back to School Night and PTL Meeting – 6pm
 Friday September 25th – Family Fun Night – 6pm
 Sunday September 27th – All School Choir Sings – 9:30am worship service
 Wednesday October 14th – School Picture Day
 Thursday and Friday October 15-16th – No School – Fall Break/Teacher Conference

Special Lunch:

Special Lunches coming back soon!

PTL Notes:

September 15th – All Parent/PTL Meeting – 6:30pm
 September 25th – Family Fun Night – 6-8pm

Bagel Days will return on September 11, 2026



ST. PAUL VIKING



**Serve
Support
Share**



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

August 28, 2026

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.



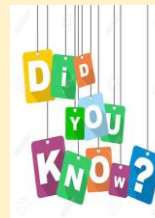
🥯 Bagel Helpers Wanted!

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 today Friday August 28th 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 Monday 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.



Important School dates:
 Friday September 4th – No School – Arts Beats and Eats and Labor Day
 Monday September 7th – No School – Labor Day
 Sunday September 13th – Jr Chancel Sings – 9:30am worship service
 Tuesday September 15th – Back to School Night and PTL Meeting – 6pm
 Friday September 25th – Family Fun Night – 6pm
 Sunday September 27th – All School Choir Sings – 9:30am worship service
 Wednesday October 14th – School Picture Day
 Thursday and Friday October 15-16th – No School – Fall Break/Teacher Conference

Special Lunch:
 Special Lunches coming back Soon!

PTL Notes:
 September 15th – All Parent/PTL Meeting – 6:30pm
 September 25th – Family Fun Night – 6-8pm

Bagel Days will return on September 11, 2026