

ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

School Mission Statement:

TOGETHER, we partner with families to nurture children for Christian lives of service and for eternity.

<u>2025 – 2026 School Theme</u>: St. Paul Lutheran School begins its 146th year of serving families in the Fox River Valley with Christian education on Wednesday, August 20th. The theme for this school year is "Find Rest in God Alone". This year's theme is based on Psalm 62:1-2, 'My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress. I will never be shaken.'



It is our prayer that we continue to nurture our families in the message of our Savior's birth, crucifixion, and resurrection for the sins of all. This is the message we want all of our students to learn and remember for the rest of their lives. It is also the message that we are Spirit-led to share with everyone around us!

Worship Schedule: Labor Day Sunday (8/31) marks the last Sunday of our summer worship schedule, with services at 8:00 and 9:30 (there is no service on Labor Day Monday). On Sunday, September 7th, we go back to worship at 8am & 10:30am. We will also have Monday services at 6:00 pm, beginning 9/8. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

<u>School News</u>: This newsletter, known as "School News" is the primary avenue through which school announcements will be made. Today, a hard copy will go home with each child at St. Paul. If you would like to receive a text notification with the news every week, please opt in by texting 'Y' to 67587. You may also find the School News on our website: www.stpaulappletonwi.com, click on the 'School' tab, then 'Weekly Newsletter/Documents'. NEXT WEEK, hard copies will only be available in the office.

<u>PowerSchool App:</u> Don't forget to upload the PowerSchool App to your smart phone! From the App, you can view your child's grades, lunch balance, and attendance. Enter the WELS Schools code 'NGBR' and your PowerSchool login credentials for access.

<u>Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures:</u> If you are dropping your child off at the Harris Street entrance in the morning, <u>DO NOT</u> park your vehicle. Let your child(ren) out at the curb and they will walk in themselves. This area can become quite congested, so your attention to those behind you is appreciated. If you pull into the parking lot, you <u>MUST</u> walk your child(ren) into the school. No child should be navigating the parking lot without a parent/guardian. All parents must come into the school to pick up their child(ren). Daily announcements will be read at 3:10 and students will be dismissed to their parents afterward.

Emergency Procedures Update: In coordination with other local WELS Schools and the Emergency Manager for the city of Appleton, Mr. Kelley developed an updated reunification plan. Our reunification method is modeled after a plan that was designed by the iloveyouguys foundation. For more details and information, click <u>HERE</u>. Our faculty were trained and completed a mock reunification at Alexander Gym during our summer inservices.

In the event of a critical incident at St. Paul that requires us to evacuate our school, our reunification site will be held at Alexander Gymnasium on the campus of Lawrence University. Parents will be notified and directed to park in the large parking lot behind the 1025 Building on East South River Street. Once you arrive at this location, you will be required to show your ID and complete a reunification form. Please be mindful that the reunification process could take multiple hours to complete. We want to ensure that our children will be reunited with their families as safely as we possibly can. We pray that we will not need to implement this reunification plan, but it is ready in the event of a critical incident at St. Paul. If you have any questions or would like further information about this reunification plan, please see Mr. Kelley.

<u>PTO Meeting</u>: There will be a PTO meeting held in the school lunchroom on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 26</u>. Join us at 6:00PM for food/fellowship and 6:30PM for our meeting. You can view our meeting agenda <u>HERE</u>. The following are links to our previous meeting minutes: <u>March 2025 & August 2024</u>.

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MLC Football vs. Lawrence University Tailgate Event: You're invited to a special tailgating event on Saturday, September 6, from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM on the Riverview Lutheran Church/School campus at 136 W Seymour St, Appleton, WI. We're gathering as a community to show support for Martin Luther College as they take on Lawrence University at the Banta Bowl! The MLC Knights will be visiting Riverview from 9:15 to 9:45 AM, and kickoff is at 12:00 PM. This is a free, family-friendly event – rain or shine – with food and beverages provided. For more info click HERE.





<u>PayPal Lunch Payments</u>: Reminder that if you utilize PayPal to make payments on your lunch account, there is a 3% transaction fee. Be sure to note 'Lunch' in your transaction. Any questions, please stop by the office.

Free & Reduced Lunch *MILK* note: Please note that if your child qualified for the F&R lunch program and brings a cold lunch, if they take a milk, it is NOT included in the program. Cost for this carton of milk is \$0.45 and will be charged to the child's account. If the child takes hot lunch, milk is included in their rate.

<u>Health & Wellness Policy</u>- We follow our regular school procedures for ALL illnesses: "A student who in the past 24 hours has had a temperature above normal (100.4 or above), diarrhea, or vomiting should not be sent to school. If so, the parents will be called to pick their child up. Medication should not be administered to children in order to reduce their fever before sending them to school. Children who become ill at school are to be kept at home for the next school day. All cases of contagious disease (e.g. strep, Covid, pink eye, chicken pox, flu, etc.) or conditions such as head lice must be reported promptly to the school office so that parents of exposed children may be notified as soon as possible." A main recommendation would be if you are not feeling well, stay home and/or seek medical attention. In the event you sought medical attention, please follow the guidelines given by your medical provider.

<u>St. Paul Facebook Pages</u>: On occasion, our staff likes to post fun photos of our students on either of our TWO facebook pages. Our general page is <u>St. Paul Lutheran Ministries: Church – School – Childcare</u>, or our exclusive 'private' page is '<u>St. Paul School Families</u>'. Please 'Like' and/or join our pages!

Student Photos & Retake Day: Students who had their photo taken on registration Sunday will be receiving their orders in the next couple weeks. If you have a question or an issue with your order, you may contact Debbie Daanen Photography directly. Our school representative is Ms. Ashley Schmit (920-739-3249 or ashley@debbiedaanen.com). Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th. If you are not happy with your child's photo OR you missed the initial picture day, your child's picture will be taken that morning. Students having their photo retaken must return their original photo package to the photographer on 9/17.

FVL Shared Info: As a member of the FVL Schools partnership, schools do share personal information with Fox Valley Lutheran High School as St. Paul Lutheran School offers programs and events through the high school.

<u>St. Paul Scrip Program:</u> Would you like to earn money toward your tuition by purchasing your gas, groceries, clothing, and more? St. Paul offers an extensive scrip program, allowing you to purchase gift cards (physical or electronic) to make purchases at every day retailers and restaurants and earn rebates for your tuition. Check out our link online: http://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/school/falcon-scrip-program or stop by the office for more information.

<u>Asbestos Note:</u> This serves as notification that there are some floor tiles in the school building that still contain asbestos. These floor tiles are maintained according to state law and are deemed safe by the appropriate agencies. If you have any questions about this item, please contact Mr. Kelley.

<u>Athletic News:</u> Fall sports practices will begin tomorrow after school. Please double check the <u>school calendar</u> for any practice and game information. Please reach out to Mrs. Pautz (jpautz@stpaulappletonwi.com) if you have any questions regarding St. Paul Athletics. Thank you!

ECC Help Wanted: The ECC has 2 full time openings for caregivers. The positions are for an assistant teacher and a floater. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the ECC team, please email Candy Schulz at cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com.

Upcoming Events: