

St. Paul Summer Newsletter

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Find Rest in God Alone!



St. Paul Lutheran School will soon begin its 146th year serving families in the Fox River Valley with Christian education. The theme for our school year is "Find Rest in God Alone" and our Fox Valley Lutheran School's logo is above. Our theme comes from 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."

God has given parents the primary responsibility to "start children off in the way they should go." (Proverbs 22:6). May He continue to bless us as we partner together to train and equip children for life on this Earth and most importantly for life in Heaven with Jesus. Thank you for partnering with us in this awesome responsibility!

The faculty and staff are diligently working this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. Please review all of the information included with this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact us. May the LORD bless the remaining weeks of your summer vacation. Remember to stay connected to Jesus.

Summer Worship

Join us for summer worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 9:30AM and Mondays at 6:00PM. Worship Information and recordings can be found on our [WEBSITE](#) and our [YouTube Channel](#).

Back-to-School Sunday, August 17

8:00AM Worship Service
9:30AM Worship & Installation Service
10:30AM-12PM Registration Day at St. Paul
11:30AM-1:00PM Fellowship Gathering at City Park

Join us for our School Opening Service at 9:30AM. After our opening service, join us for School Registration, book and supply drop off, and pictures. Afterward, please join us at City Park 11:30-1:00 to have fun and fellowship with your St. Paul Family!

Items to bring on this day would include:

- All school supplies
- Checkbook for tuition & book/supply payments
- Picture form with payment- provided at home visits
- Required Signature Forms-See Below

Areas (IN NO SPECIFIC ORDER) to accomplish on registration day:

- Visit the **gymnasium** to purchase books or supplies, sign up for activities, and visit informational tables.
- Get your child's picture taken in the **gymnasium**.
- Visit the **office** to sign tuition agreements, pay tuition (3% discount if paid in full), request financial assistance (St. Paul Lutheran Church Members), and **drop off required forms**
- Drop off school supplies in the **classroom** and visit with the classroom teachers and school families.

If you have any questions, please call (920-733-9061) or email (office@stpaulappletonwi.com) the school office.

Additional Attachments

Please take note of the other items included in this mailing. Please return any signed documents (highlighted below) prior to/on Back-to-School Sunday.

1. Hyperlinked Items within this Newsletter
2. [School Year Calendar](#)
3. [School Supply List](#)
4. [School Dress Code](#)
5. [Parent/Student Handbook](#)
6. [Medication Authorization Form- Sign & Return](#)
7. [Technology Agreement- Sign & Return](#)
8. [Parental Consent Form- Sign & Return](#)

School Athletics

9. [Athletic Concussion Form- Sign & Return](#)
10. [Athletic Alternative Year Form- Sign & Return](#)
11. [Athletic Physical Form- Sign & Return](#)

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PowerSchool

PowerSchool is our online Student Information System. It provides you the opportunity to view assignments, grades, lunch balance, and attendance. Most of all, it allows us to **communicate with you through text, email, and phone**. If your information has changed or you would like to update contacts to receive alerts via text, email, and phone, login to your account, on a laptop, to make these changes or contact the office for assistance. The web address for PowerSchool is wels.powerschool.com.

In order to receive texts through our PowerSchool system, you need to sign up by texting "Yes" to 67587.

There is a **PowerSchool APP** available for your mobile device. Once you have an active PowerSchool account, you can download and register the APP. You will need to enter your log in credentials and our school code **NGBR** so that it links you with St. Paul Lutheran School.

T-Shirt Orders

Please preorder your child's school t-shirt by **August 1** by filling in the information on this [FORM](#). The cost of each student's (K-8) t-shirt is included in your registration fees. If you would like additional t-shirts for your family, the cost is \$15 each, payable at the office. The shirts are used during Falcon wear days, field trips, school-sponsored events, and to share your school with your neighbor.

Home Visits with your Teacher

Your child's homeroom teacher has already been in contact with you and provided an introductory email message to you. If you have not received this email, check your spam and junk folders as it may have ended up there, otherwise contact (contacts included in this newsletter) your child's teacher and notify them you have not received this message. They will also be contacting you to schedule a home visit. These visits are very important for several reasons.

The visit help sets the stage for good teacher/home communication throughout the year and set the stage for a partnership in Christian education between teacher and parents. It also gives the teacher time to get to know the family of the student, which will allow them to serve your child in the classroom.

In addition to these benefits, there is important information that you will be receiving that you will absolutely need. You will be receiving information regarding back-to-school procedures, registration materials, and your teacher's expectations for the school year.

Please do all you can to make sure that you and your child will be available for a visit with your teacher(s). These visits are such a valuable tool for the start of the school year.

School Office Summer Hours

During the month of July, the office hours will be Monday through Thursday 8:00AM-12:00PM. Starting August 4-15, office hours will be Monday through Thursday 7:00AM-3:30PM. If you need assistance outside of the office hours, please send an email to office@stpaulappletonwi.com, and we will get back to you.

School Hours & Drop Off/Pick Up

6:30-7:30 AM: Before School Care

7:55 AM-3:15 PM: School Hours

3:30-5:30 PM: After School Care

St. Paul Lutheran School (K-8) doors open at 7:30 AM for student drop off. You may drive up and drop off children at the Harris Street entrance; otherwise, park in the parking lot and escort children to their classrooms. **Please do not drop children off in the parking lot unless you are escorting children into the building. Also, please do not park near the Harris Street entrance to drop children off, rather use the parking lot.** All students should proceed to their classrooms upon drop off. Kindergarten children need to be signed in and out by an authorized adult each day. Students need to be picked up from their classroom by 3:30 PM. Any remaining students not registered for sports' practices will be required to sign up and utilize the after school care program.

Child Care: Before & After School

All families wanting to utilize the Before/After Care program for the 2025-2026 school year must contact and register with our ECC Assistant Director Laura Borree prior to August 1. For any questions, please contact Mrs. Laura Borree at lboree@stpaulappletonwi.com or (920)733-9061.

Tuition Rates

Tuition Rates for the year are as follows:

	1 st Child, K-8	2+ children, K-8 (each child)
Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church	\$1,650	\$1,500
Non-Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church	\$4,800	\$4,800

New Teacher Welcome & Installation!

Mr. Jason Dutcher will serve as our 4th grade teacher at St. Paul. He plans to relocate to the Fox Valley at the beginning of July. Mr. Jason Dutcher will be installed as 4th grade teacher at our school on Sunday, August 17 during our 9:30AM service. A basket will be available at the church welcome desk and in the gymnasium for welcoming cards and gift cards. **Please help us welcome him to the St. Paul Family!**

iReady Summer Enrichment

Information about iReady enrichment support for math and reading were provided to each family with last year's report card. This enrichment will be available until August 1. Please have your child spend at least 30 minutes each week for math and at least 30 minutes each week for reading support this summer.

Report Cards

4th Quarter report cards were distributed after the school closing service on Thursday, May 22. If you did not attend the school closing service or did not receive your child's report card, they are available in the school office for pick up.

Calendar of Events

SCHOOL & ATHLETIC CALENDAR

The [CALENDAR](#) is on our [WEBSITE](#). This calendar includes both school and athletic events. Please check it frequently as practice and game times/locations may change.

Back to School Sunday

Sunday, August 17, 8:00 & 9:30 AM worship in church;
10:30-12:00 registration in school and gymnasium
11:30-1:30 PTO family gathering at Appleton City Park

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 20, 7:55 AM

St. Paul Sport's Information

We are excited to offer a full slate of athletic programs for the 2025-2026 school year at St. Paul! **There is a sports parent meeting (including winter sports) on August 21st @ 3:30pm in the gym. This meeting will cover all sports offered by St. Paul. Please make sure at least one parent/guardian is there to represent your athlete. This will be the only informational sports meeting for the school year!** If you have any questions pertaining to fall sports, or the athletic year in general, please reach out Mrs. Jewel Pautz (jpautz@stpaulappletonwi.com). St. Paul will be competing in the FVWAL athletic conference. The only difference this year is that our school will be included in the small division during our fall and winter seasons.

As of today, all cross-country and volleyball meets, matches, and tournaments are on our All Ministries [Calendar](#).

Prior to participation in our sport's programs, please make sure you review our athletic handbook (there are changes from last year) and turn in signed hard copies of the following: [annual physical form](#) or the [alternate year card](#), [parent/athlete concussion agreement form](#), and a copy of the signature page from the [athletic handbook](#) (p.16).

Falcon Fall Sport's Sign Up

Registration for all Falcon Sports was due May 21. If you need to change or adjust your registration, please reach out to Mrs. Jewel Pautz directly. If you need to register for a winter sport still, please use the link [HERE](#).

A&B team Volleyball (5th-8th grade girls)

It has been awesome to see many of the girls attend our summer skills sessions for volleyball! Check the athletic calendar for additional skill's sessions and practices prior to the start of the school year. [Miss Sarah Petermann](#) will be coaching the A-team this season. **St. Paul is still in need of a B-team Volleyball coach.** Please reach out to Mrs. Pautz if you are interested in volunteering your time. Look for emails from the coaches regarding times and dates. If your daughter is planning on playing volleyball this season, please ensure she is equipped with kneepads, gym shoes, athletic clothing, and a water bottle to be ready for the start of the season.

Cross Country (Co-ed: grades 3-8)

We are in need of Cross Country Coaches for the upcoming school year. Meets usually take place on Mondays in September & October (meet dates are on the calendar). Please ensure your child planning to participate in cross country has appropriate running shoes and a water bottle.

School Challenge Team

St. Paul is participating in the **Community First Fox Cities Marathon Weekend with a School Challenge Team**. Anyone can participate in the Fox Cities Marathon Weekend events September 19-21 as part of our team. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Find a Group or Team". You can search for St Paul Lutheran, Appleton in the Group/Team Name box. To participate go to the following [LINK](#).

Soccer (Co-ed: grades 4-8)

[Mrs. Dina Dietzler](#) will coach our soccer team this year. Soccer will be available to boys and girls in grades 4-8. The soccer season is dependent upon student interest in grades 4-8. If there is enough interest, Mrs. Dietzler will communicate more information about the season as we near the start of the school year, but as of now, please ensure that each child planning to play soccer has cleats, shin guards, and a pair of black athletic shorts for the season. **St. Paul is still looking for an assistant coach for soccer.** Please reach out to Mrs. Pautz if you are willing to volunteer your time.

Band Program

Fox Valley Lutheran High School will be offering band this school year for those entering grades 5-8. Additional information about the FVL Schools Band program is found on the [FVLHS WEBSITE](#). [Registration](#) for band will be due by August 1.

Piano Lessons

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Piano lessons are available at St. Paul. For children who already take lessons from [Mrs. Stacey Kraus](#), please contact her for details. For anyone new to piano or if you would like additional information about piano lessons for your child, please contact [Mrs. Janna Zornow](#). For more information, click [HERE](#).

Junior Choir & Handbells

For students who would like to use their gifts in praising their Lord with music with either their voice or in a musical group, while learning more about music and technique, St. Paul offers either Junior Choir and/or Handbell choir for students in the upper grades. Junior Choir is open to students in good standing for grades 5-8. Handbells is open to students in good standing for grades 6-8. Since both, especially handbells, is such a group effort, where every player or singer is important, it is imperative that Choir members are present for performances. Consider using gifts or finding new ones in either of these groups! Rehearsal is during the school day at least once a week. A schedule will be provided at the beginning of the school year

VEX Robotics Program

"VEX Robotics hosts the world's largest robotics competition for students all over the world to compete against one another using a robot of their own design. In the VEX IQ Competition, classroom STEM concepts are put to the test as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications, and more. **St. Paul will be starting VEX for grades 5-8 in October.**

There will be a parent informational meeting in September. Please contact Mrs. Schwerin, Mr. Schulz, or Mr. Ivan for more information.

Lunch Program

St. Paul is part of the Federal National School Lunch Program. The price of a student meal for the 2025-2026 school year is \$3.50 per meal, \$0.40 per reduced meal, and \$0.00 per free meal. A milk only option is available for \$0.45. Adult meals are \$4.50 per meal. It is strongly encouraged that you review the Federal Free & Reduced information/forms that will be provided at your family home visit. If you may qualify for this program, please fill out the free/reduced application and return in to the office. **Since this application is also utilized for this program and other Federal Title services that we are currently participating in at St. Paul, we are requesting that families who may qualify for Free and Reduced Meals complete this application.**

PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization)

PTO is our school parent/teacher organization that coordinates and assists with activities and events for our families at St. Paul throughout the school year. **Our first meeting of the school year will be August 26 at 6:30PM.** Please join us as we plan activities and events for the 2025-2026 school year. Come with your thoughts, ideas, and plans as we partner together for the benefit of our St. Paul Family! If you have any questions, you may contact our PTO leaders at PTO@stpaulappletonwi.com.

PTO Upcoming Activities

Mark your calendars for the upcoming PTO sponsored events:

Wednesday, July 30 11AM-4PM: Swimming at Plamann Park Lake (weather permitting). Look for the St. Paul sign for the designated area. For more park information and admission cost, visit their [WEBSITE](#).

Sunday, August 17 11:30AM-1:00PM: Stop by the PTO table at registration to ask questions or share ideas for the 2025-2026 school year. Gather at Appleton City Park after you register. There will be tables set up near the playground area.

Wednesday, August 26 6:30PM: PTO Meeting

SCRIP

SCRIP is available for purchase in the school office. Did you know that you could earn money back from your SCRIP purchase toward your tuition? You can also designate it to another family, toward tuition assistance, or the school operation fund. Click this [LINK](#) for more information about our SCRIP program. You can also order SCRIP online through RaiseRight. Go to the following [LINK](#) to "Join a Program". You will need to enter the following enrollment code: **2B6CB34L4891** to enroll with St. Paul Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

School Payments

You can utilize PayPal as an option to make payments. The link to make online payments can be found [HERE](#). You will be required to add a 3% fee, which will need to be added to the transaction to cover processing. **For each transaction, please make sure you add a note to indicate what you are paying for: Tuition, Books, Lunch, etc.** If you do not want to pay through PayPal and include the additional 3% to your cost, no worries, you can still pay with cash or check. If you plan to utilize PayPal, please make sure you have an active PayPal account ahead of time.

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St. Paul Lutheran Ministries Facebook Page is found online [HERE](#). Our school also has a closed Facebook Page for our school families. It is found online [HERE](#). Video recordings of our worship services can be found on our [YouTube Channel](#). Please connect with us via social media.

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