



CRUSADER CORNER

Dec. 1, 2025

St. Paul Lutheran School proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ through academic excellence while reflecting God's love in all His children.

This week...

Monday, Dec. 1st

3:00p: Cheer Practice
3:15p: JV Boys BB Practice
5:00p: Girls BB Practice
5:30pm: School Board Mtg.

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

3:15p: Girls BB Practice
Boys BB (H) vs. Creston
5:30p: **Var. Boys**

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd

8:40am: **Chapel**
3:15p: Girls BB Practice
5:30p: Crusader Comm. Mtg.
6:00pm: **Advent Worship**

Thursday, Dec. 4th

Boys BB (H) vs. Eswood
5:30p: **Var. Boys**
6:30p: **JV Boys**



Friday, Dec. 5th

Girls BB @ Freeport Tourn.
JV BB @ Freeport Tourn.
Var. BB @ Yorkville Tourn.

Saturday, Dec. 6th

Girls BB @ Freeport Tourn.
JV BB @ Freeport Tourn.
Var. BB @ Yorkville Tourn.
6:00pm: **Worship**

Sunday, Dec. 7th

9:00am: **Worship**

The St. Paul Children's Christmas programs are scheduled for **Sunday, December 14th** at 1:00pm (Preschool) and 4:00pm (K-8).

Thoughts from the Principal...

Advent is about waiting. It is about waiting for the birth of the babe in a manger, but also about waiting for the triumphant return of the victorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on that last day.

Waiting is a prominent part of life. We should be good at it considering the amount of practice we get. We wait at the stoplight. We wait at the doctor's office. We wait in the checkout line. We wait for that phone call. Waiting is a part of life. Waiting for the Lord IS life.

The baby in a manger is the Savior. The people of the Old Testament waited for the Messiah promised already in Genesis 3:15. On that night in Bethlehem, the promise was fulfilled. The Savior has Come! He is the light of the world.

I pray that during this time of Advent and Christmas, we can truly recognize the joy that is ours through our Savior. This is a big deal! Jesus Christ suffered all of the punishment for the sins we have committed, are committing, and will commit in the future. We are forgiven! We are saved! We are free!

May we use this freedom to share our Christmas joy with others. Go and make disciples!!

Advent Blessings to All!

Steve Hall; Principal

ST. PAUL ANGEL TREES

Please feel free to take an angel from the Christmas trees for one of the families that St. Paul is sponsoring this year. After purchasing the gift, return it with the angel to Mrs. Rodeghero, no later than **December 12th**. Please do not wrap the present. Thank you!

C.A.N. ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The Rochelle Community Action Network (C.A.N.) along with Kiwanis Club are once again sponsoring a hat, coat, and mitten drive for children in need. The coats will be given to needy children at the annual Children's Christmas Shopping Trip. Please donate any children's/adult's coats (clean and in good condition) at our drop off box inside the school's entrance by **December 10th. Give the gift of warmth.**

'Comfy for the Community'

Tuesday, December 2nd is Giving Tuesday. St. Paul has teamed up with the Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) and other local businesses for a day of fundraising to support local nonprofits. On Tuesday, December 2nd, students can pay \$1.00 to wear pajamas to school and teachers can pay \$5.00 to wear jeans. All money collected will be directly donated to the RACF endowment fund which helps support local nonprofits.

St. Paul has a fund to help families with their tuition costs. The Frieda Pickreign/Jane Reineck Fund is available for our families, but this fund depends upon donations. Please consider a gift to this important cause.

Crusader Community

Our next **Pizza Day** will be **Monday, Dec. 15**. All students are invited to eat pizza for lunch that day *free of charge*.

Our next Crusader Community **meeting** will be Dec. 3, 5:30pm at 1900 Squires Landing. Contact the school office for the zoom link.

Looking for a gift idea for you teacher? Wondering what they like? Follow this link to see your teacher's favorite things!

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1p5LO_GVs_00v41dPAjkGnNbgi1bvymXd?usp=drive_link

We could use help at the scorer's table for home basketball games. It is not difficult and Mr. Hall will train you if needed! If your child is playing in the game you get a front row seat and you will not be charged admission at the gate. Email Mr. Hall (shall@stpaulrochelleil.org) if you can help.

CHAPEL SERVICE

Our Chapel service will be Wed., Dec. 3rd at 8:40am. During chapel we collect offering from students. This month we will donate the offerings to our Jane Reineck/Freida Pickreign Scholarship Fund.

School Board

The next **School Board meeting** is Mon. Dec. 1, 2025 at 5:30pm.

When your child is absent, teachers will send the assignments to the office and parents can pick them up after 3:00pm. Please call to let us know when you are coming in to pick up your students homework.



St. Paul follows a combination of the ALICE program and the "I Luv You Guys" program regarding terminology during a crisis management event. This is the same as D231 uses. Please make a note of this in case we have cause to utilize any of the steps listed below.

HOLD 1. Students clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced. Do business as usual. 2. Adults close and lock door and account for all students and adults. Do business as usual.

SECURE 1. Students return to inside of building. Do business as usual. 2. Teachers bring everyone indoors, check that outside doors are locked as they should always be, increase situational awareness, take attendance, do business as usual.

LOCKDOWN 1. Students move away from sight and maintain silence. Do not open the door. 2. Adults recover students from hallway if possible. Lock the classroom door, turn out the lights and move away from sight. Silence should be maintained and the door should not be opened.

Coupon Books

This is exciting news! This year we have put together a **coupon book** to help raise money for St. Paul school. The committee has been working hard on this project since late summer. As everyone is preparing to buy gifts for Christmas, please keep the coupon books in mind as we believe people will be very pleased with the coupons being offered. Forms will be sent home for each student to sell. We would also like to set up a booth at Benny's and/or Walmart (date to be determined). If you or your student would like to participate, please reach out to Marissa Sveta.



Help is needed to coordinate **concessions** for home basketball games. It can be simple or extravagant depending on what you would prefer. Contact Mr. Hall (shall@stpaulrochelleil.org) if you can help.

Don't Forget—If your child is going to be late, absent, or leaving early, please call the school office at 815-562-6323 before 8:45 a.m. If you email the teacher that is great but the office staff must know also. **If your child is leaving early, a parent MUST come to the office to sign out the student. Thank you!**

SCHOOL DOORS ARE LOCKED

All doors will be locked during regular school hours. If you need to enter the school during the day, please come to the older double doors and press the button on the intercom to your right. Someone in the office will then unlock the door for you to enter. You will need to proceed to the office for a pass. Also, if anyone is in the building after 8:35 a.m. they will be asked to check in at the office.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

St. Paul Lutheran School, Rochelle, IL, admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.