



CRUSADER CORNER

Jan. 26, 2026

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, Jan. 26

3:10p: Speech Team Practice
5:00p: Var. Boys BB Practice

Tuesday, Jan. 27

3:15p: JV Boys BB Practice
Basketball (H) vs. ACS Sycamore
5:30p: JV Girls



Wednesday, Jan. 28

9:30am: SPELLING BEE
1:00p: Chapel
3:10pm: Speech Team Practice
Basketball (H) vs. Belvidere
4:30p: JV Boys
5:30p: JV Girls
8th GRADE RECOGNITION NIGHT!!
6:30p: Varsity Boys



Thursday, Jan. 29

9am WINTER SPORT PICS
3:15p: JV Boys BB Practice
Basketball @ Creston
5:30p: Varsity Girls



Friday, Jan. 30

3:10p: Speech Team Practice

Saturday, Jan. 31

6:00pm: Worship

Sunday, Feb. 1

9:00am: Worship

Thoughts from the Principal...

People are generally skeptical and I believe they come by this skepticism honestly. You see, it is difficult for most people to accept that they could receive something great with no strings attached. We are conditioned by experience to realize that there are always strings attached, often strings that are detrimental.

In our society today we are constantly barraged by ads that promise something great to us. Most often it is a financial benefit, but it could also be promises of improved health, weight loss, general fitness, or even mental and spiritual benefits. If you buy into their product, service, or plan, everything will be so much better for you. Most of us are smart enough to know that there are no shortcuts and that there is always a catch. Most of the time things aren't what they seem, and sometimes people end up in much worse shape than they were to start with.

I tell you that to tell you this: It is probably wise to be skeptical when it comes to the world and what it has to offer. But there is one area that allows us to bury our skepticism and dive in with both feet. God offers us peace and joy because He has sent His Son to take the responsibility for all of our sins. No matter what we have done or will do, we are forgiven completely. We do not have to give anything to receive this amazing grace. There are absolutely no strings attached. Absolutely none.

May we all accept this great gift from God and claim the peace and joy that comes from knowing that we are forgiven. May the peace of God which passes all understanding be yours, and may it keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, unto life eternal.

Blessings to All,
Steve Hall; Interim Principal
St. Paul Lutheran School

8th Grade Winter Sports Recognition will be held before the last game this Wednesday, January 28th for both basketball and cheerleading.



Team Pictures are scheduled to be taken Thursday, 1/29 at 9:00 in the school gym. All basketball players and cheerleaders should have their uniforms at school to be part of the pictures. Individual and team photos will be taken and will be available for purchase.

We were blessed to be visited on January 15 by the Pittman family, who are Lutheran Missionaries to Kenya. To help support their ministry, we sold ice cream bars during lunch on Thursday, January 22nd. We will also have a **"Wear Pajamas for \$1.00 Day" on Thursday, 1/29.** The proceeds from both events will be sent to the Pittman family. Thank you for your support.

Crusader Community

There will be no Crusader Community meeting in January. Keep your eye out for our meeting date in February.

The St. Paul Spelldown for K-4th graders is scheduled for February 4th after chapel (approximately 9:30am) in the church sanctuary.



FYI

Mr. Hall will be at school from 7:30-11:30 the week of January 26 with the following exceptions:

1/27 7:30-11:00; 4:00-6:30

1/28 7:30-10:30, 12:30-2:00, 3:30-7:30

CHAPEL SERVICE

Our Chapel service will be Wed., Jan. 28th at 1:00pm. 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. Feb. 2, 2026 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.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our 5th-8th grade classroom spelling bee representatives! They will be competing in the school spelling bee Wednesday, 1/28 at 9:30 in the church sanctuary.

5th grade: Luke Hatfield, Charlotte Miller, Grace Olson (alternate: Esther Bresson)

6th grade: Lucas Bunger, Henley Martinson, Ayva King (alternate: Caleb Johnson)

7th grade: Caden Hatfield, Ayla True, Katie Suneson (alternate: Noah Hayden)

8th grade: Charlie Frankenberry, Leni Haedt, Taylor Thomas (alternate: Olive Pemberton)

Our 5th-8th Spelling Champion will go on to represent St. Paul at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 19th at Dixon High School.

The 59th Annual St. Paul JV Boys Basketball Tournament is scheduled for February 20-21, 2026. **We will need volunteers to coordinate concessions for this event.** Please consider this opportunity to serve. We need you!



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.



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.