



CRUSADER CORNER

April 20, 2026

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

Thoughts from the Principal...

When people work together for a common goal it is a thing of beauty. It is the Monday after auction, and once again the warmth and generosity of the St. Paul family is evident. It brings a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes each year when the Jane Reineck Crusader Dinner and Auction rolls around. In fact, just the name of our auction moves me!

The Jane Reineck Crusader Dinner and Auction this past Friday night was fabulous. As I watched the evening unfold, I was amazed once again at the love for this school I was seeing. From the many donations of baskets and products to the generous bidding, I truly had a lump in my throat. On top of the donations and bidding was the generous donation of time and talent provided by our teachers, and the combination of Josh Hickey and John Bearrows running the auction. What a night it was. Even Mother Nature (so to speak) made an appearance at the end, as the weather caused an abrupt ending to the event. But that did not diminish the evening at all. It was fabulous.

So, I thank all who made this happen. When I arrived at St. Paul in 2017 after thirty years at other Lutheran Schools, I was immediately amazed at what gets accomplished here. Almost ten years later, I continue to be impressed and moved by the love, generosity, and dedication that St. Paul congregation, school families, and friends of St. Paul have for the church and school.

God is good and when we focus on Him there is no limit to what can happen. Thank you St. Paul nation. Thank you.

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

This week...

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

Wednesday, April 22

8:40a: Chapel

5:30-6:30p:

Track Practice



@ RTHS

5:30pm: Crusader Community Meeting

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

3:15-4:15p:

Track Practice



Saturday, April 25

6:00pm: Worship

Sunday, April 26

9:00am: Worship

Great job!

Congratulations to our chess team for their showing at the Eswood Tournament last week. All the students did well, but the following placed in their respective divisions:

Everett Furman—2nd
Esther Bresson—2nd
Landric Messer—1st

Grant Rowley—1st
Keilon Salazar—2nd
Caleb Johnson—3rd
Jackson Hartnett—1st



A special thanks to Kelli Abell and Michael Abell for their help with the team!!

The graduation service for the **St. Paul Class of 2026** is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at 4:30pm in the church sanctuary. All are invited to attend.



last DAY OF school

The last day of school for Preschool and 8th grade is Friday, May 15th. The last day of school (grades K-7th) is May 20. School is dismissed at 10:00am that day.

Crusader Community

Please join us for our next Crusader Community meeting **this Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:30pm** at school. We will be discussing teacher appreciation week (May 4-8), fundraiser recap, 2025-2026 school year wrap up, and more! We look forward to seeing you all!

Because of your support, Crusader Community has raised over \$38,000 to benefit the school in 2025/2026! Thank you!



2026-2027 Preschool Registration We are excited to share that Preschool Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now fully online! Registration for current school & church families opened on March 30. Registration for community families opened on Tuesday, April 7. Our policy is to fill the classes on a first-come, first-served basis and therefore encourage you to register as soon as possible in order to secure your child's spot.



love grows here

CHAPEL SERVICE

Our Chapel service will be Wed., April 22 at 8:40am. **The seventh grade class is leading chapel this week.** During chapel we collect offering from students. This month we will donate the offerings to our Jane Reineck/Freida Pickreign Scholarship Fund.



Mr. Hall's schedule for the week of April 20:

4/20	7:30-11:00
4/21	7:30-11:30
4/22	7:30-11:30
4/23	7:30-11:30
4/24	7:30-12:00



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.



The next **School Board meeting** is **Mon. May 4, 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.



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.