

Notes From the Office

March 2026



ST. PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Message from Mrs. Yankovich

Dear Parents,

As we journey through the beautiful season of Lent, we are reminded that this is a time of prayer, sacrifice, and drawing closer to Jesus. At school, our students are focusing on growing in virtue, deepening their relationship with Christ, and preparing their hearts for Easter.

Lent is a powerful opportunity for families to grow together in faith at home as well. Even small moments of intentional prayer can make a lasting impact.

Below is a simple family devotion you can use during Lent:

A Simple Family Lenten Prayer (5 Minutes)

Begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Scripture Reading:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God." – Psalm 51:10

Family Reflection Questions (choose one or two):

- What is something I can give up to make more room for Jesus?
- How can I show extra kindness in our home this week?
- What is one way our family can serve someone in need?

Family Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

During this Lenten season, help our family grow closer to You.

Give us hearts that are kind, patient, and generous.

Help us make sacrifices with joy and remember that everything we do can bring us closer to Jesus.

Prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Amen.

Close with a Hail Mary or Glory Be together.

Thank you for partnering with us in forming your children spiritually and academically.. Lent is a season of renewal and what a gift it is to walk this journey together as a St. Paul family.

Respectfully,

Jenny Yankovich

St. Paul Classic Update

We are excited to share that we have a volunteer to chair our St. Paul Classic Auction next fall! A heartfelt thank you to Marge Snead for generously stepping into this leadership role.

The Snead family is new to St. Paul this year and have a daughter, Kennedy, in kindergarten. We are so grateful for their willingness to jump in and serve our school community in such a meaningful way.

The St. Paul Classic is one of our most important fundraising events, directly supporting our students, staff, and programs. As Marge begins planning for this special event, she will be learning the timeline and traditions that make it so successful. We encourage our veteran auction volunteers and parents to come alongside her with support, guidance, and enthusiasm.

We look forward to an amazing event next fall and are incredibly thankful for families who say "yes" to serving our school.

CYO - Track and Field Registration

Registration for Track and Field and Girls Flag Football are now open. Visit the CYO [website](#) for more information and to enroll.

Every child should have the opportunity to participate in sports and be part of a team. CYO is a great way to do it with your friends in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

I hope every 3rd - 8th grader will participate

Go St. Paul Lions!!!

Classroom Snacks

If your child has a daily snack in the classroom, we ask that families please provide that snack from home. In order to support focus, learning, and overall wellness, snacks should be healthy and easy to manage during the school day.

Some healthy snack ideas include:

- Fresh fruit (apple slices, grapes, oranges, berries)
- Cut vegetables (carrots, cucumbers, bell peppers)
- Cheese sticks or cubes
- Yogurt
- Crackers
- Trail mix (nut-free, if applicable to classroom guidelines)
- Pretzels/popcorn
- Applesauce or fruit cups (in easy-open containers)

Please avoid candy or other desserts

Providing a nutritious snack helps students maintain steady energy and stay focused in class.

Thank you for partnering with us to support healthy habits at school!

Anchor Dates 2026-2027 School Year

Please find attached our draft anchor dates for the upcoming school year. These dates are being shared to help families begin planning ahead.

Please note that this is a draft and there may be some subtle adjustments. The official school calendar will be released later this spring.

Thank you for your flexibility as we finalize details!

August

20 - First Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal

21 - 11:30 Dismissal

24 - First Day of Preschool

26 - Back to School Night

September

7 - No School - Labor Day

8 - No School - Teacher Professional Development

October

9 - End of 1st Qtr. - 11:30 Dismissal

16 - No School - Teacher Professional Development

21 - 23 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

November

6 - No School - STP Classic

9 - No School - Teacher Professional Development

23-27 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December

14 - Christmas Concert - 6:00 pm

18 - End of 2nd Qtr. - 11:30 Dismissal

21-Jan 5 - No School - Christmas Break

January

6 - Classes Resume

18 - No School - Martin Luther, Jr. Day

19 - No School - Teacher Professional Development

24 - 29 - Catholic School's Week

29 - Grandparent's Day - 11:30 Dismissal

February

11 - 12 - No School - Parent Teacher Conferences

15 - No School - President's Day

16 - No School - Teacher Professional Development

March

12 - End of 3rd Qtr. - 11:30 Dismissal

15-19 - Spring Break

25-29 - Easter Break

April

16 - No School - Teacher Professional Development

26 - Spring Concert - 6:00 pm

May

7 - No School Teacher Professional Development

13 - 8th Grade Graduation

19 - Last Day of School - 10:00 am dismissal

20 - Teacher Check out Day

*In order to accommodate our preschool morning dismissal, all K-8 half days will be dismissed at 11:30 and there is no after school care on these days.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

**ORDER BY
MARCH
11TH!**



Don't miss out!

[*Link to Order*](#)

Drop off Reminders

Just a reminder that school starts at 7:50. If your child is dropped off after 8:00, parents need to come in and sign the students in at the school office in order for the tardy to be excused. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates to Remember

March 4 - Can Day

March 10 - Austin's Dine Out Night Fundraiser

March 13 - End of 3rd Quarter - 11:00 am dismissal

March 16-23 - Spring Break

March 27 - EMBRACE Day - For \$2, students may wear blue/green to support EMBRACE - more information to follow



EMBRACE Day

Dress Down to Lift Up
Ditch the uniform to support lifting up every learner in our schools



Donate now or bring a donation on March 27, 2026 for an out of uniform day wearing EMBRACE colors, green or blue.



27 March, 2026



Suggested Donation: \$2

Our Mission

The mission of EMBRACE is to provide the opportunity for an inclusive education by supporting children with disabilities and learning differences in our Catholic schools.



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Lion's Roar - St. Paul School Newspaper

Please click [here](#) for the latest issue of The Lion's Roar!

March Lunch Menu



St. Paul Lunch Menu March 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2-Mar Hot Dog Yogurt & Mini Pancakes Broccoli Crinkle Cut Carrots Mandarin Oranges Cinnamon Roll 120/40	3-Mar Chicken Tenders & Roll Yogurt & Mini Pancakes Shredded Lettuce Potato Triangles Fruit Cocktail 150/30	4-Mar French Toast Sticks & Sausage Yogurt & DCC Muffin Romaine Salad Skillet Potatoes Pears 150/25	5-Mar Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Yogurt & DCC Muffin California Veggies Apple Slices Strawberries & Banana 165/25	6-Mar Grilled Cheese Sandwich LENT Yogurt, Mini Pancakes & String Cheese Fresh Veggies Pineapple Baked Beans Cookie 170/30
9-Mar Chicken Nuggets & Roll Yogurt & Mini Pancakes Baby Carrots Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mandarin Oranges 150/25	10-Mar Bosco Stick & Marinara Sauce Yogurt & Mini Pancakes Baked Beans Romaine Salad Pineapple 150/25	11-Mar Dutch Waffle & Sausage Links Yogurt & BB Muffin Grape Tomatoes Peaches Applesauce 150/25	12-Mar Chicken Strips & Roll Yogurt & BB Muffin Shredded Lettuce Apple Slices Lemon Berry Frozen Fruit Cup 145/25	13-Mar LENT No Lunch <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HALF-DAY</div>
16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar LENT
<div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">SPRING BREAK</div>				
23-Mar <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #90EE90; text-align: center;"> Professional Development Day </div>	24-Mar Chicken Strips & Roll Yogurt & Mini Pancakes Green Beans Sidewinder Fries Rosy Applesauce 145/20	25-Mar Dutch Waffle & Sausage Links Yogurt & BB Muffin Baby Carrots Pears Pineapple 170/25	26-Mar Chicken Nuggets & Roll Yogurt & BB Muffin Shredded Lettuce Black Beans Fruit Cocktail 150/25	27-Mar LENT Cheese Pizza Yogurt, Mini Pancakes & String Cheese Red Peppers Peaches Wild Cherry Frozen Fruit Cup 165/25
30-Mar Hot Dog Yogurt & Mini Pancakes Broccoli Crinkle Cut Carrots Mandarin Oranges Cinnamon Roll 120/40	31-Mar Chicken Tenders & Roll Yogurt & Mini Pancakes Shredded Lettuce Potato Triangles Fruit Cocktail 150/30	1-Apr French Toast Sticks & Sausage Yogurt & DCC Muffin Romaine Salad Skillet Potatoes Pears 150/25	2-Apr Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Yogurt & DCC Muffin California Veggies Apple Slices Strawberries & Bananas 170/25	3-Apr LENT Grilled Cheese Yogurt, Mini Pancakes & String Cheese Fresh Veggies Pineapple Baked Beans Cookie 170/30

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PTO Opportunity

As we look ahead to next year, we are still seeking volunteer(s) to serve as PTO Chair(s). After a dedicated two-year commitment, Angela Blackburn and Tonya Sullivan will be rotating off their leadership roles. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and heart they have poured into supporting our school community.

The PTO plays a vital role in building community, supporting our teachers, and enhancing student experiences at St. Paul. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, meet other families, and make a meaningful impact on our school.

If you are interested in learning more about what the role entails, please reach out. We are happy to answer questions and help support a smooth transition.

Austin's Dine Out Night

We have a dine out day and bake sale at Austin's on **Tuesday, March 10th!** This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year and we'll look for volunteers to donate baked goods and time to help with the bake sale. The school will receive 15% of all sales proceeds at Austin's for dine in and carry out sales and 100% of bake sale donations! Mention the school at check out to ensure the school receives the donation proceeds. Use the link below to sign up to bring baked goods to sell. More information to follow. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AA9A928A4FA7-62421095-stpbake>

All baked goods can be dropped off at the school office on March 9th.

From the School Nurse

Spring is in the air. We are already seeing symptoms of Spring allergies- if your child has suffered from seasonal allergies in the past, please get the prevention started. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



Book Drive from March 24–27

Need a spring break activity? How about cleaning out the bookshelves? Students are invited to bring in gently used books that they have outgrown to donate to our school library the week after spring break. Age appropriate titles only, please. Contact ejohnsen@stpaul.eduk12.net with questions. Sponsored by Isla and Mia in Mrs. Spears' 5th grade class.

Protecting God's Children

“VIRTUS”

All volunteers at the school and parish that interact with children/or vulnerable adults are required to be VIRTUS trained prior to volunteering. You are only required to take the training once. You will be required to complete a background check when signing up and every three to five years to be in compliance. If you are not sure if you have attended a VIRTUS session in the past or at a previous parish, please contact Michelle Cabrera, Safe Environment Coordinator, at michelle@spcatholic.org or 913-764-0323 ext. 101.

St. Paul Church will host a VIRTUS session on Friday, May 1st, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Note, you can only use a desktop computer

Here are the steps to follow: Go to virtusonline.org

- Select "**Begin the Registration Process**"
- Under "Please select your Archdiocese/Diocese/Religious Organization from the list below:", Scroll down to "**Kansas City in Kansas (Archdiocese)**" Hit "Select"
- **Create a User ID and Password**
- Follow the prompts

- At the end of the background check process, you will then need to select the session that works best for you.



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