



St. Paul School District No. 45

Maxims: Build Community, Believe in Yourself, Become a Lifelong Learner

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Dear St. Paul District Families,

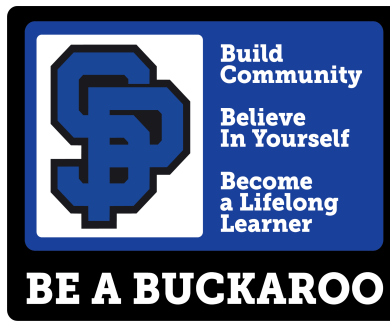
It is my true pleasure to welcome each of you back for the 2026–2027 school year at St. Paul Schools! As we prepare to open our doors for a new academic year, our core priorities remain steadfast: maintaining a safe, supportive learning environment and ensuring that every student has meaningful access to learning each and every day.

I hope this letter finds your family safe, healthy, and enjoying the final weeks of summer break. One of my favorite times of the year is always the first few days of school. There is nothing quite like the energy and sparkle in our students' eyes as they reconnect with friends and dive back into learning—and the proud smiles on parents' faces are just as special.

Over the summer, our team made significant preparations to ensure a smooth start. Our buildings and grounds are nearly ready, and our athletic programs, FFA, and 4-H activities have kept many students active and engaged over the break. A special thank you goes out to our coaches, advisors, staff, and volunteers for their dedication—these programs are a vital part of the student experience at St. Paul.

The St. Paul Maxims: Over the last 18 months, our district and community engaged in a collaborative journey to align our schools with the core values we all share. Through extensive surveys, listening sessions, and open conversations involving staff, students, and parents, we worked tirelessly to ensure every voice was heard. Last spring, I was proud to present the culmination of this community-wide effort to our staff and the School Board.

These maxims reflect our deepest beliefs as a district and will serve as our compass for driving all instructional, financial, and operational decisions:



- **Build Community:** Strong schools are built on strong relationships. We foster an inclusive, welcoming environment where students, families, and staff work together, creating a safe space where everyone feels connected, valued, and supported.
- **Believe in Yourself:** Self-confidence and resilience are the foundations of success. We encourage every student to discover their unique strengths, embrace challenges as opportunities to grow, and develop the courage to pursue their fullest potential.
- **Become a Lifelong Learner:** Education extends far beyond the classroom walls. We inspire curiosity, critical thinking, and a passion for discovery, equipping our students with the skills and mindset needed to continuously learn and adapt throughout their lives.

Students at the Center: Everything we do, from facilities upgrades to staffing decisions to program development, is driven by a single goal: creating the best possible experience for our students. We want every child who walks through our doors to feel safe, valued, and inspired. Whether it's through academic instruction, extracurricular activities, or access to new opportunities like the CTE building, we are deeply invested in helping every student thrive.

Important Upcoming Dates

- August 31 – Staff return for professional development and classroom preparation
- September 3rd (1:00–3:00 PM) – School Visit Day:
 - MS/HS schedule pick-up and locker assignments
 - Elementary school supply drop-off
- September 8 – First day of school
- September 15 – Elementary PTC Meeting in the Multipurpose Room @ 3 PM
- September 17 - School Pictures
- September 17 - MS/HS Back to School Parent Meeting (HS Commons) @ 6 PM

When our students return on September 8th, they will find our schools refreshed, safe, and full of educators eager to help them succeed.

As always, I encourage you to reach out with any questions, thoughts, or ideas. We are here to support your family every step of the way, and I look forward to a fantastic year of partnership, growth, and achievement.

Sincerely,

Troy Fisher, EdD
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