



St. Paul School District No. 45

Proud History, Cultivating the Future

*Our mission is to provide a progressive learning environment for all students
to achieve by the objectives and principles outlined in the St. Paul Brand.*

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Athletic Director's Newsletter Monday, August 24, 2026

Dear Buckaroo Family,

Gratitude!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some people who have contributed to the athletic programs throughout the summer. Thank you, Boosters, for your commitment to the St. Paul Rodeo Week, and thank you, parents and athletes, for helping park cars and serve concession products. Thank you, Juan and crew, for helping to get our campus ready for school to begin. Thank you, Lynn and Leslie, for your help with paperwork collection and tracking. Finally, thank you athletes and coaches for your work in the summer (off-season) which will help us be successful in-season.

Competition Begins

Volleyball has the annual Alumni game on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00, and Football goes to Harrisburg to play Oakland on Friday, August 28 at 7:00. There will be a gate fee for both. We will also be charging a gate fee for the two evenings Volleyball hosts two other teams (Monday, Aug. 31 and Tuesday, Sept. 8) when we will have two matches and our opponents will play each other in between our matches. Entrance fees are as follows: \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and active military, and \$2 for visiting students. Our Cross Country runner's first race will be on Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Veneta. Please pay the \$110 sports fee before competitions begin. We are continuing to use the Hudl platform for viewing games.

Communication

Coaches will be sharing this in their parent meetings at the beginning of the season, and we'd like communication between coaches, athletes, and parents to be via email or the Rooms app. If you have challenges with this, please feel free to contact me.

Software Change

Big Teams / Schedule Star was a software our athletic department staff was using for scheduling events. They were sold to *Arbiter*. We are currently transitioning from *Arbiter* to *EventLink*. Our hope is that once everything has transitioned, it will be best for kids, parents, and staff. Thank you for your patience. More information will follow.

Injury Maintenance

The team at **Therapeutic Associates Newberg Physical Therapy** located at 710 E 1st St, Newberg, OR 97132, [\(503\) 538-4805](tel:5035384805) is continuing their relationship with us in their community service project. When you contact them for an appointment, mention that you are an 'In Season St. Paul Athlete' and they will provide you with 3 free visits.

New League in 2026-27

We have joined the Tri-River League at the 2A Level for all seasons. Regis, Colton, Delphian, Sheridan, Santiam, and Western Christian for Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball and Softball. For Football, it will be Regis, Colton, Sheridan, Santiam, Willamina, and Jefferson. We are looking forward to this opportunity for competition through our programs.

Wrestling

Parents and athletes will meet in the Commons on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM to discuss our plans for this winter.

Together WE are Better

There are several reasons that I feel blessed to be the Athletic Director at St. Paul High School. I'll spare you the long list and highlight just one. I feel like we work together in our pursuit of excellence. We know it is not always easy; in fact, sometimes we consider the alternative, which is settling for average or mediocrity. Let's keep encouraging one another to make "no excuses" and be willing to do what it takes to be GREAT. All the time and everywhere we go, let's find ways to work together to accomplish the task of building capable, confident young men and women.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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