



At St. Paul's technology is used by students, parents, and staff to ensure a most responsive environment to increase achievement and further learning.

We use technology to communicate with parents and students. We use voice mail to reach teachers. Our phones will ring the classroom teacher before or after the school day and will go to voice mail while they are teaching. Feel free to call Tammy in the office to get messages to children through the day, but your message will go to voice mail during classes. Parents can message teachers through our student information system also known as Fast Direct. When checking grades or assignments parents can send a message or email through your child's grade book account. Teachers check these messages on a daily basis as they enter attendance or grades. You can have messages sent to your email account if you provide Fast Direct with an email address. For questions about Fast Direct, call or [email Tammy](#) in the office.

Our tuition payment program ([Tuition Management Systems](#)) deals directly with parents. Call them at 1-888-722-4867 or email them at [schoolsupport@afford.com](mailto:schoolsupport@afford.com)

The office will phone all families using School Reach. Please let Tammy know if you want to receive those calls at a different number or multiple numbers. There are some texting features of this service as well.

Teachers have email accounts. Their address is their first initial and last name @stpaulslutheran.net. They check their email on a daily basis.

You are also welcome to stop by and meet with teachers, however common courtesy dictates that you would call ahead to make an appointment. Remember they cannot meet with you when they are teaching or supervising students.

All families pay a technology fee. This fee is used to support all uses of computers and technological resources. This includes:

- The building heating and cooling management,
- Our phones in each room
- School Reach automatic phone caller
- Lunch Room meal tracking and payment system
- All rooms have an interactive white board and projector
- Sound and video is provided for special events
- Fast direct keeps track of all student information, like grades and attendance.

- Tuition Management Systems is our online tuition payment program.
- We have excellent internet access open to all who enter our building.
- Each class has two to eight computers and 26 are available to students in the computer lab.
- All staff members have a school provided laptop.
- Students quiz and test in reading using Renaissance Learning's Accelerated Reader and Star Reading programs.
- Students in grades three through eight use Tiger Apps, our Google Apps for Education portal.
- This fall we begin MAPS (Measures of Academic Progress) testing three times a year.
- Teachers have Discovery Education's video streaming service for educational video.
- Computer studies are delivered to grades Kindergarten through grade eight by an online course from Learning.com.

We work hard to keep up so that your children are able to effectively use available learning tools.