

Dear Parents of the Class of 2025,

My name is Diane Haislup. As your son's class dean for the next four years, I am excited to welcome you to the upper school! I am truly looking forward to helping your son grow independently and as part of his class. My colleagues and I are committed to supporting your son through his upper school experience, helping him to develop into a confident, capable young man. Collaboration between students, teachers, and parents is a quality that sets the St. Paul's community apart, and we believe this partnership gives your son the best opportunity to succeed. Your first point of contact with the school should be your son's advisor. The advisor plays an important role in helping your son adapt to the new challenges and expectations he will face in the upper school, and with the support of a junior and senior peer leader, will help answer any questions you or your son may have throughout the year. The advisor can get feedback from teachers quickly and will support your son in developing his study habits and his self-advocacy and time management skills.

While the workload in the upper school is more rigorous in comparison to their middle school experience, we pride ourselves on helping our boys to be as well rounded as possible. We have numerous opportunities for them to get involved in and outside of the classroom, and these settings allow them to connect with their peers and faculty at a deeper level. Our extracurricular activities range from the visual and performing arts to athletics, STEM, and a variety of clubs listed below that provide our boys chances to lead and explore their interests. Ninth graders can be hesitant to try new things, but our faculty will encourage them to dive right in, and as their parents, we hope you can help promote the idea of trying something new. Here are a few key reminders as we approach the fall:

- Freshman orientation will take place on Monday, Aug. 30 and all upper school orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 31. During orientation your son will learn who his advisor is and will be fully looped in on upper school culture and rules. Please contact our Dean of Students, Kevin Benzing, if you have any questions: kbenzing@stpaulsmd.org
- During freshmen orientation, your son will learn how to log into the St. Paul's IT network as well as how to use his computer and other devices effectively and appropriately in school. Your son should bring his computer to orientation for this workshop.
- Fall sports begin as early as Aug. 9. Please contact the Head Coach (emails below) of the sport your son is interested in with any questions.
- For the fall musical production, High School Musical, please contact the Theater Director, Christina Kemmerer (ckemmerer@stpaulsmd.org) with any questions. Auditions are from Aug. 23 through 25 from noon to 4 p.m.

I hope these reminders are helpful and address any questions you have about the start of the school year. On behalf of the upper school faculty and staff, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer! Please do not hesitate to contact either me or the other administrators listed below if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Diane R. Haislup Grade Dean, Class of 2025

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Student Clubs and Activities

Asian Student Group Fishing Club Outdoor Club

Beekeeping Club

Gay Straight Alliance

The Page & The Epistle –
Newspaper

Black Awareness Club German Club Peer Leadership

Book Club Hispanic & Latino Awareness Club Photography & Videography Club

Cards Club Honor Council Politics Club
CASA Club Japan Club Robotics Club
Chess Club Jazz Band Club Route 81

Crusader – Yearbook Jewish Student Awareness Club Service Learning Council

Crusader Up Math Team SLIC

Debate Club Mental Health Club Spirit Council

Discipline Committee Middle School Mentors Sports Marketing Club

Engineering Club Model UN – 11th & 12th Grade Student Government Association

Entrepreneurship Club The Monitor – Literary Magazine Tuesday Donuts

Film Club Movie Club Vestry

Fine Arts Association One Love Club