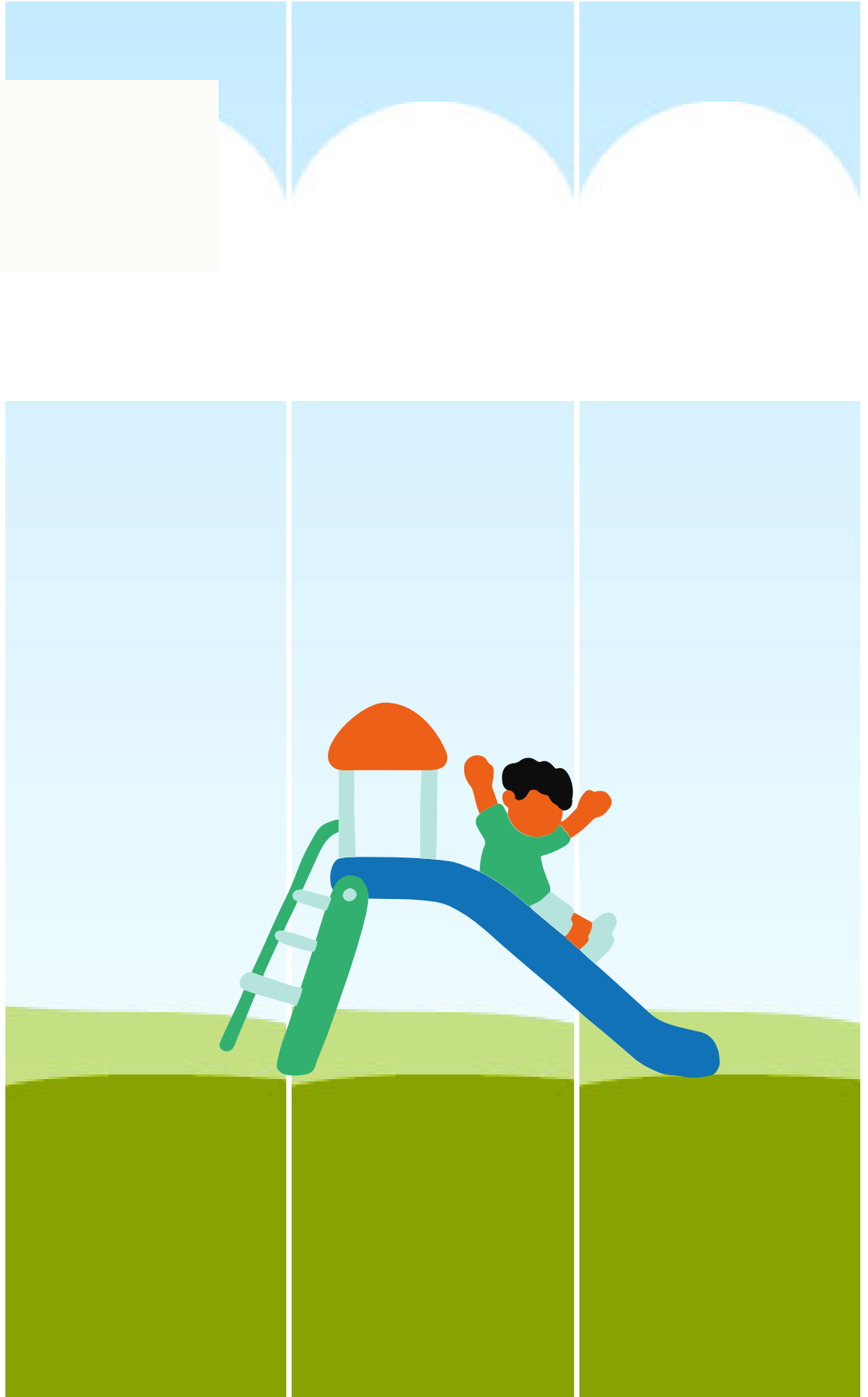


2025-2026 YEAR IN REVIEW

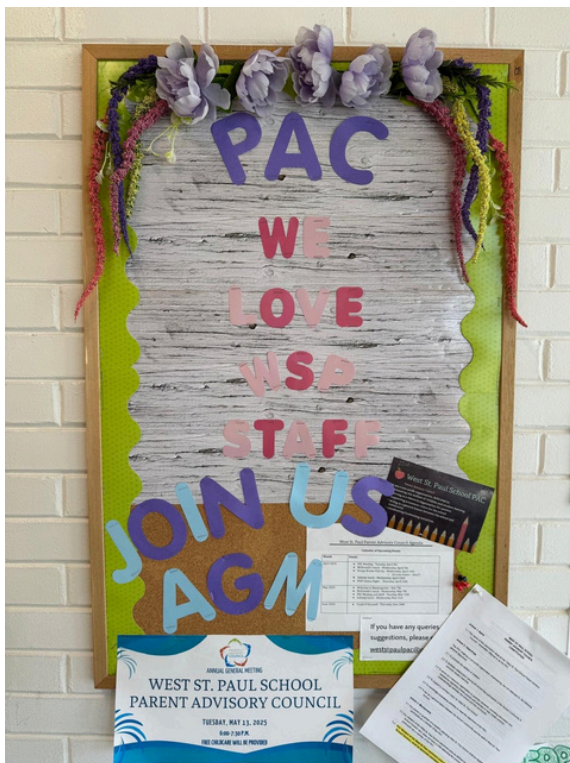
# WEST ST PAUL SCHOOL PAC



# WHAT DOES PAC DO?

THE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL IS A GROUP OF PARENTS WHO MEET ONCE A MONTH. OUR MANDATE IS TO:

- PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND STUDENT LEARNING,
- SERVE AS A RESOURCE ORGANIZATION FOR PARENTS,
- SUPPORT A COMMON VISION FOR THE SCHOOL,
- ACT AS A GENERAL LIAISON BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY, AND
- COORDINATE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES.



# OUR 2025-2026 EXECUTIVE

Chair: Christine Collings

Vice-Chair: Dayna Trann

Secretary: Lisa Whiteside

Treasurer: Brianne Lisecki

Fundraising Chair: Amanda Kruger

Hot Lunch Chair: Brianne Lisecki & Vanessa Cecchini

Craft Sale Chair: Brianne Lisecki

Thank you to our many members-at-large who attend meetings and put on our wonderful events.

## THIS YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- HOT LUNCH PROGRAM
- FUNDRAISING
- HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE
- ANNUAL CRAFT SALE
- GAMES NIGHT
- CONNECTION WITH THE LIONS CLUB
- PLAYGROUND ADVOCACY



## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

When we re-established our PAC program after COVID, we aimed to provide families with an opportunity to purchase lunch through the school once a week.

We started with McDonald's and Subway. This year, we added Bar Burrito again. Now, along with the school's pizza program, families can order lunch every Wednesday.

Our lunch program is not a fundraiser. It's a way to give families a small break from making lunch and gives our students a chance for a little treat, as our middle year's students don't leave the school grounds.

Another significant change in this year's hot lunch program was the move to the Munch-a-Lunch ordering system. Not only does this make ordering for families easier, but it also is a huge time saver for our parent volunteers and the staff.

If you have not yet signed up, watch for information in September!

## FUNDRAISING

We have been doing fundraising events throughout the year in order to raise money for our students and important projects that we are working towards.

This fall, we had Shelmerdine's to sell poinsettias, holiday wreaths and door swag. This spring, we held a fundraiser for Spent Bros. pizza and Krispy Kreme donuts.

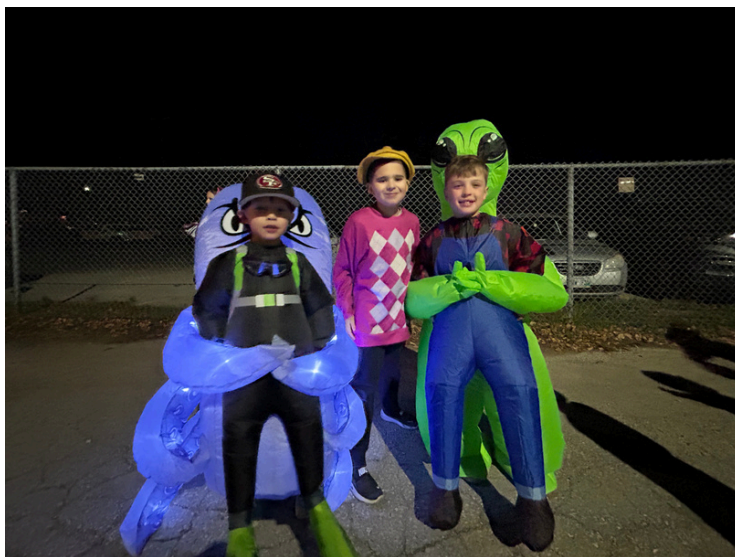
We are always looking for new fundraiser opportunities. If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would be interested in supporting, please let us know!



# HALLOWEEN DANCE

This was our second annual Halloween dance! We invited families for some spooky fun and had a great time dancing, eating mini donuts, and getting our faces painted! The event was bigger than ever and attendance was up from last year.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this event happen!



# CRAFT SALE

A big thank you to everyone who came out to our Craft Sale and helped to make it such a success!

Our craft sale was a huge success with a profit of about \$6000!

- We had 58 craft tables, a bake sale, a 50/50 draw and silent auction baskets.
- Our Grinch entertained the old and young, and we were able to meet up with lots of community members.
- Thank you for your participation in our craft sale and we are excited that we have room to grow and



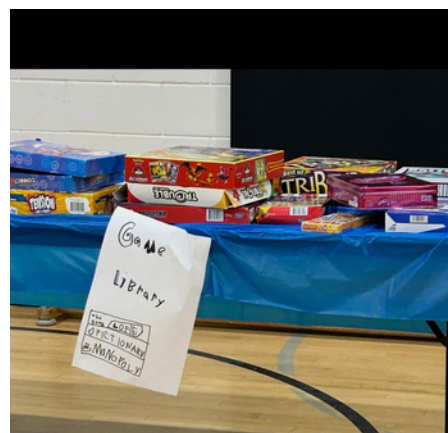
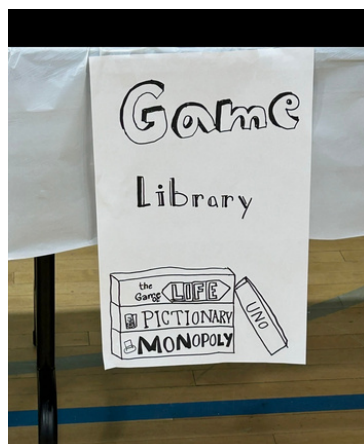
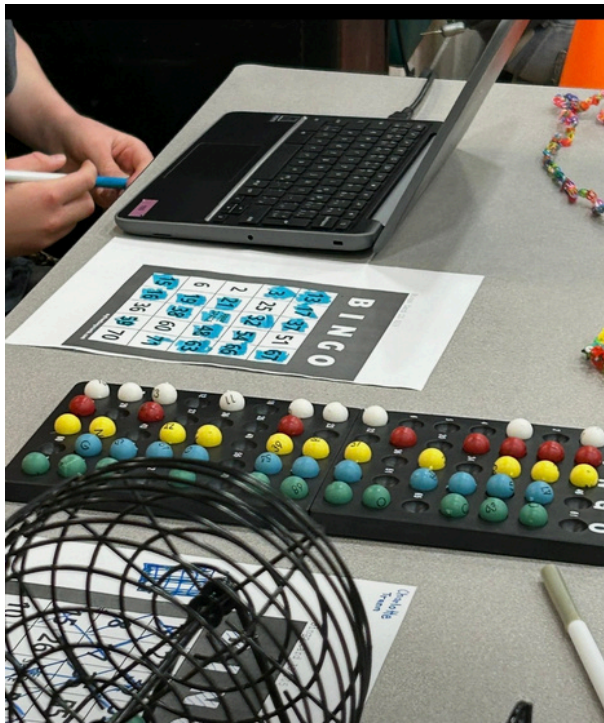
# GAMES NIGHT

Another project this year was to expand our Family Games Night event. While we started this last year, this year, we were able to host two games nights - once in February and one in April.

Family Games Night is a fun time that allows students and their families to come together and play games together, off of a screen.

Board games have been a big hit for our students, both during the days (especially during the cold winter) and during the games nights. We also played Bingo as a whole and a few games like Blook-It.

Add in a few prizes and a snack table, and it's a recipe for a good evening of family fun! Join us next year!



# COLLABORATION WITH THE WEST ST. PAUL LIONS CLUB



We are very lucky to have a dedicated group of community members who are part of the West St. Paul Lions Club. They approached our PAC last year to ask how they can continue to support us even further! (They already help with the eye sight screening program, among other things!)

The Lions Club generously volunteered to help out with the Craft Sale and supported us with their time and energy.

They then went on to help support the school financially with a very generous donation to replace the scoreboard in the gym!

Thank you to the Lion's Club!



# PLAY SPACE ADVOCACY

One of PAC's longest running goals is to improve our play spaces for our students. Most of the fundraising that we have been doing over the years has been for this purpose, but there have been other obstacles in the way.

We are proud to say that this summer, we should be seeing some major renovations to our school yard.

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With fundraising efforts from PAC, a very generous donation from the school board on the school's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and grants that we are seeking, we were able to meet with school division officials, and with various contractors and designers to pick play space elements best suited to our West St. Paul students.

That means that our play space will be modern, accessible, safe, and fun. There will be an emphasis on nature elements and using the land. Keep an eye out for a new playground structure, a large hill, and separate game and musical elements spread out among the trees.

We hope to celebrate this major accomplishment this fall!



Do you have questions for PAC? Email us at [weststpaulpac@gmail.com](mailto:weststpaulpac@gmail.com).

Thanks again for all of the support of  
our school in the past year.  
Have a wonderful spring and summer.  
See you in September!