

THE BUZZ!

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School | Dynamic Education Centered in Christ

Plan your week!

Monday, Sept. 13 – Monday morning rosary, after drop off (8:15am), Wilcox Park. Parents, join us at Wilcox Park as we pray the Rosary to kick off the week. Pray for our children. Pray for their teachers. Pray for our world.

Monday, Sept. 13 – School mass, grades 1-3. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Wednesday, Sept. 15 – 8th Grade Leadership Retreat, Camp Blodgett. Bus leaves at 8:45am. We'll start loading at 8:20am. Be on time, ready to go and ready to lead!

Thursday, Sept. 16 – 8th Grade Leadership Retreat, Parent/Student Prayer Service, Noon. Parents, we will wrap up this awesome weekend with a prayer service for our 8th grade leaders. Immediately following this prayer service, parents will take their children for the day (students will not return to school). If you are unable to pick up your child, please make arrangements for your child to get a ride home with another student and notify Marygrace Tyrrell (marygracetyrrell@stthomasgr.org) of these plans.

Friday, Sept. 16 – School mass, grades 4-8. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Mark your calendars!

Sept. 22 – New Family Meeting

Sept. 22/23 – Picture Day

Check out the lunch menu!

Lunch ordering will be done daily in the classroom. Let your child(ren) know EACH morning what (if anything) they are to order for their lunch. Teachers will get class totals to the lunchroom each day at 9:15am. Lunch is free for all students this year. Here are the next couple of lunch menu items:

- **Monday, Sloppy Joes**
- **Tuesday, Pepperoni Bosco Sticks**
- **Wednesday, Confetti Pancakes**

Trust your virtues!

Docility: Willingness to be taught.

Keep in mind!

♥ Anyone new to Saint Thomas, we will be having our **New Family Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6:30pm**. We will go over all things Saint Thomas and answer any questions you might have. FYI...children are welcome, however, we will not have any childcare.

♥ Our very own **Mr. Drew Edgerton** is being sponsored in ArtPrize. Please [check out his ArtPrize entry](#). Click on the photo of his art piece to learn more about it. It's on display in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel lobby. Way to go, Mr. Drew!

♥ **Picture day is Sept. 22 for P4-8th Grade and Sept. 23 for P3**. We use Inter-State Studio for pictures. This is a non-uniform day for students. You can order pictures online at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/61975B>. The Saint Thomas code is 61975B.

♥ Parents, if you are interested in volunteering at school or helping with school events/activities, please complete our [VIP \(Volunteer in Partnership\) Google form](#). Contact VIP Coordinator Katie Morrow (katiemorrow@stthomasgr.org) with any questions.

♥ Saint Thomas Community, we have a few **job opportunities**. Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions:

- **Long-term substitute elementary teacher for September**. Please contact Melissa Fischer (melissafischer@stthomasgr.org).
- **Custodial help after school, M-F, 3-4 hours a day**. Contact Mr. Ted (tedcoon@stthomasgr.org).
- **Lunch room coordinators, M-F, 11am – 1pm**. Contact Ryan Corcoran (ryancorcoran@stthomasgr.org).
- **Hornets' Nest help**. These are great job for a high school/college student (must be at least 18, no weekends or holidays). Contact Courtney Richards (courtneyrichards@stthomasgr.org).

♥ Updated ways to give! We will be using Faith Direct, which will enables you to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. Please enroll by responding to the mailing you will receive or visit faith.direct/MI1135 to enroll securely online. You can also text "Enroll" to (616) 208-2700. Envelopes will still be accepted.

♥ Saint Thomas Parish is looking for **volunteers to help serve coffee and doughnuts after Mass on Sundays** beginning Sept. 12. You are invited to sign up on our [Coffee and Donut Volunteer Form](#). Contact Lori Fedewa at 459-4662 ext.1220 and/or email Lorifedewa@stthomasgr.org for questions. This is a great family opportunity to serve!

♥ **West Catholic High School** is hosting a **financial planning night, Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30-7:30pm**. This event is open to all families who value Catholic education. Learn about ways to plan now so you are prepared to be in the position to allow your children the opportunity to attend Catholic education through high school graduation. Get information about how the high school financial aid process works and start saving money, tax-free, for your children's education. Sign up at <https://www.grwestcatholic.org/financial-planning-k-12-beyond>.