



THE BUZZ!

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

Plan your week!

Monday, Sept. 20 – 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. 20 – School mass, grades 1-3. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Wednesday, Sept. 22 – School pictures (P4-Grade 8). This is a non-uniform day (please follow our [Uniform Holiday Guidelines](#)). Don't forget your smiles! Order pictures online at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/61975B>. The Saint Thomas code is 61975B.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 – 0-5ers Playdate in the Park , 10-11am, Wilcox Park. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers with children ages 0-5, join us at the park for conversation and fun. Let's play, learn and grow together.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 – New Family Meeting, 6:30pm, Church Basement. We will go over all things Saint Thomas and answer any questions you might have. Children are welcome, however, we will not have any childcare.

Thursday, Sept. 23 – School picture day (P3). Order pictures online at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/61975B>. The Saint Thomas code is 61975B. Again, bring your smiles with you!

Friday, Sept. 24 – School mass, grades 4-8. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Mark your calendars!

Sept. 28 – Uniform holiday

Sept. 28 – Virtual Coffee Talk with Ryan and Marygrace

October – Celebrate Life Month

Oct. 7 – All-school rosary

Oct. 15 – Virtual Grandfriends' Day

Oct. 22 – No school (Teacher professional development)

Oct. 29 – Half day, Records day, End of First Quarter

Trust your virtues!

Leadership: The art of achieving personal greatness by bringing out greatness in others.

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 few lunch menu items:

- Monday - English muffin pizzas
- Tuesday – Potato soup and grilled cheese
- Wednesday - Mini turkey pot pies

Keep in mind!

♥ 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!

♥ 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, M-F, 3:30-5:30pm.** This is a great job for a high school/college student (must be at least 18, no weekends or holidays). Contact Courtney Richards (courtneyrichards@stthomasgr.org).

♥ Saint Thomas Parish opportunities:

- Join the **Saint Thomas Prayer Vigil to pray for LIFE** at the clinic on Thursday, Sept. 30. [Sign up online](#) or contact Helen Milanowski (616-774-8471) for more information.
- **Saint Thomas will be hosting a Blood Drive** on Oct. 24, 8:30am-1pm. [Make your appointment online](#) or contact Nicki Lechner at nlechne@versiti.org.

♥ Here are some opportunities at our Catholic high schools:

- **Catholic Central Skills Training (Grades 5-8, September and October) or Basketball League (Grades 3-8, November and December):** If you are interested or would like more information, contact Brad Van Timmeren (Girls Varsity Basketball coach at Grand Rapids Catholic Central, bradvantimmeren@grcatholiccentral.org).
- **Catholic United Cheer Open Gyms:** For girls in grades 3-8 who are interested in cheerleading, there will be open gyms Mondays at Saint Isidore, 6-8pm, Sept. 13-Oct. 18. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Spaulding (spaulding67@gmail.com).
- **West Catholic Middle School Strength & Conditioning (for current 7th and 8th graders), Sept. 13-Oct. 7.** [Sign up for West Catholic Strength & Conditioning.](#)
- **Experience West Night, September 29, 6:30-8:30pm:** We welcome 8th-grade students and their parents who would like to meet West Catholic teachers and students while learning about faith, financial aid, academics, athletics and more! [Sign up for Experience West Night.](#)
- **West Catholic Family Speaker Series:** Hear Chris Padgett, renowned author, professor, musician and comedian, on Monday, Nov. 8, 6:30pm. Visit grwestcatholic.org/speakerseries for more information or to purchase tickets.