



THE BUZZ!

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

Plan your week!

Parents, please join us virtually for our Chapel talk every morning. The Chapel talk link is <https://meet.google.com/rgb-ofxa-vhj>. The virtue this week is loyalty: a strong feeling of support or allegiance.

Monday, Oct. 11 – 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, Oct. 11 – School mass, grades 1-3. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Wednesday, Oct. 13 – 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.

Thursday, Oct. 14 – 8th Grade Parent Gathering, Diesen Family Home. Any 8th grade parents who did not receive an email invite, please contact Host Stephen Diesen (stephen_diesen@yahoo.com).

Friday, Oct. 15 – School mass, grades 4-8. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Friday, Oct. 15 – Virtual Grandfriends' Day! Turn on, tune in and enjoy time with your grandfriends!

Mark your calendars!

Oct. 22 – No school (Teacher professional development)

Oct. 22 – Saint Thomas tailgate at the CC game (see attached flyer for details)

Oct. 24 – Trunk or Treat (see attached flyer for details)

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

Oct. 29 – 8th Grade Bowling Event (Clique Lanes – RSVP to Emily Brunner, emilybrunner@stthomasgr.org)

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. Lunch is free for all students this year. Here are the next few lunch menu items:

- Monday – Hot Ham and Cheese
- Tuesday – Chicken Poppers
- Wednesday – Turkey Lunchables

Keep in mind!

♥ **GRACEAC Winter sport sign up** is happening! Visit <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/286495> to sign up! Winter I sports include boys basketball and girls competitive cheer for 5th-8th graders. The winter I season will begin Oct. 25 and end around Dec. 18.

♥ The window to **apply for financial assistance** for the 2022-23 school year is open. The first deadline is Dec. 1, 2021. Please visit <https://smartaidforparents.com> to get started and check out [2022-23 Blackbaud/SMART Aid Online Instructions](#).

♥ We are slowly **welcoming parents back into the building** and want to make sure that every parent has a chance to see us in action. We have created a [Sign-Up Genius Lunchroom Volunteer](#) for parents who can only spare a few hours to volunteer once in a while. Find out if your child really does eat their fruit and veggies at lunch! All volunteers must be Virtus trained.

♥ Home and School Volunteer Opportunities:

- We are looking for a **6th-grade parent from Mrs. Schafer's Home Room** to organize stock the lounge for Monday, November 1st. You do not need daytime availability to do this. Detailed directions will be provided.
- We are looking for **Middle School Parents** interested in organizing social events for our Middle Schoolers. Any and all ideas are welcome!
- We are looking for **one to two parents to organize an all-school social event** for Friday, Oct. 29! Think apple orchards, an outdoor hike, or corn maze. You decide!

Please contact Jessica Poelma (Jessica.poelma@gmail.com / 616-516-1899) if interested in helping.

♥ **An 8th Grade Bowling Event – Friday, Oct. 29 from 11:30am-1:30pm at at Clique Lanes** (533 Stocking Ave. NW). This is a parent-sponsored event (chaperones needed). The cost is \$10/person, which includes two hours of unlimited bowling, shoes, pizza lunch and drinks. Please RSVP to Emily Brunner (emilybrunner@stthomasgr.org).

♥ GVSU is offering **free, virtual homework** help in all subjects for students in grades K-12. Visit www.gvsu.edu/k12connect/, email k12connect@gvsu.edu, or call (616) 331-5122 for more information.

♥ Saint Thomas Parish opportunities:

- **Saint Thomas will be hosting a Blood Drive** on Oct. 24, 8:30am-1pm. [Make your appointment online](#) or contact Nicki Lechner at nlechner@versiti.org.
- **Advent Angel Tree 2021:** Angel Tree Season is quickly approaching! If you or someone you know needs help this Christmas, please contact Allen and Diane Senninger, Advent Angel Tree Ministry Coordinators, for help (adventangeltree@stthomasgr.org or 616-540-6021). The deadline for all referrals is Friday, Oct. 22, 2021. Angel Tree applications must be returned by Monday, Nov. 1, 2021.

♥ Catholic Central events/opportunities:

- [8th Grade Shadow Days](#), Tuesdays & Thursdays, Oct. 12 - Nov. 18
- [CC Experience Nights](#) (6th-8th grade families), Oct. 14, 25 and Nov. 10
- [Experimente CC en Espanol](#) (familias de 6°- 8° grado), 2 de Noviembre
- [Open House](#) (4th-8th grade families), Nov. 14

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TAILGATE AT THE CC FOOTBALL GAME

Oct. 22, 2021 / 5pm



The Saint Thomas Education Foundation invites **YOU** to join us at the Catholic Central football game tailgate on Friday, Oct. 22.

Bring food, drink, and chairs for you and your family. Let's get ready to have some football frenzy fun! Wear your CC or STA sports gear, get loud, be proud and cheer on those CC Cougars!



Trunk or Treat Party

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Let's party like it's Halloween! Trunk or treat! Bring the trunks, treats and treaters!

- When:** Sunday, Oct. 24,
3-4:30pm
- Who:** Saint Thomas School and Parish children of all ages!
- Where:** Saint Thomas Church parking lot
- What:** Hand out pre-packaged treats from your trunk.
Let your child trick or treat at all the trunks!
Costumes encouraged!
- Questions:** Contact Betsy Edgerton
betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org

