



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 honesty: Sincerity, openness and truthfulness in one's words and actions.

Sunday, Oct. 24 – Trunk or Treat, 3pm, Church Parking Lot. Hand out pre-packaged treats from your trunk. Let your child trick or treat at the trunks! Costumes encouraged! All cars must be in place by 3pm for our treaters' safety.

Monday, Oct. 25 – 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. 25 – School mass, grades 1-3. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Tuesday, Oct. 26 – Uniform holiday. Please follow our Saint Thomas [uniform holiday guidelines](#).

Tuesday, Oct. 26 – Virtual Coffee Talk with Ryan and Marygrace, 10am. Grab a coffee and log on to our [Coffee Talk Google Meet](#) with our Saint Thomas administrators. Come with questions, comments, and suggestions!

Wednesday, Oct. 27 – Preschool 4s Trunk or Treat, 10:15am (AM preschool) and 2:30pm (PM preschool), Preschool Parking Lot. Songs, prayer and costume parade. Grandparents, families and siblings welcome!

Thursday, Oct. 28 – Preschool 3s Fall Fun Day, 10:15-11am, Blacktop outside the Ministry Center.

Friday, Oct. 29 – School mass, grades 1-3. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Friday, Oct. 29 – Half day/Records day/End of first quarter. Dismissal at 11am.

Friday, Oct. 29 – 8th Grade Bowling Event, 11:30am-1:30pm, 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).

Friday, Oct. 29 – 2nd Grade Parent Gathering at the Pfennig House. Any 2nd grade parents who have not received an email invite, please contact Sarah Pfennig (spfennig1@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars!

- Nov. 1 – All Saints Day
- Nov. 5 – 4th Grade Parent Gathering at the Sharp House
- Nov. 16 – Evening parent/teacher conferences
- Nov. 18 – 5th Grade Parent Gathering at the Fox House
- Nov. 19 – Afternoon parent/teacher conferences
- Nov. 24-26 – Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 1 – First deadline for SMART Aid Financial Assistance

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 – Chicken drummies
- Tuesday – Loaded tater tots
- Wednesday – Walking tacos

Keep in mind!

♥ **Uniform announcement:** Students can **wear shorts until Oct. 29** this year.

♥ 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://www.smarttuition.com/> to get started and check out [2022-23 Blackbaud/SMART Aid Online Instructions](#).

♥ Parents of 8th graders, check out these [Catholic Central admissions activities](#) and [West Catholic admissions events!](#)

♥ 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've got a [Sign-Up Genius Lunchroom Volunteer](#) for parents who can 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 1. 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.
- 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.

♥ Check out the **Betty Van Andel Opera House Trick-or-Treat event, Oct. 29 from 10am-3pm**. For more information, check out the [Trick-or-Treat @ The Betty flyer](#).

♥ **Cannonsburg is offering affordable ski and ride** options for you and your k-12 student. For more information, check out this [Cannonsburg Ski Club order form](#) or contact Tiffany Fox at (616) 745-8876.