



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>.

Monday, Oct. 4 – 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. 4 – School mass, grades 1-3. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Wednesday, Oct. 6 – 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. 7 – All-school decade of the rosary, 3:10pm, Marian Grotto behind the school. Parents are encouraged to attend.

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

Friday, Oct. 8 – 0-5ers Lap Time, 10am, Ministry Center. Parents, grandparents, caregivers, join us with your littles for a book and a craft!

Friday, Oct. 8 – Outdoor movie night, Sunset, Front lawn of school. Join us on the front lawn of school to view an "oldy but goody" – Finding Nemo. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on and your own drinks and snacks to munch on.



Friday, Oct. 8 – 1st Grade Parent Gathering, the Brede Family Household. 1st grade parents, please email Erin Brede (brede.erin@gmail.com) if you did not receive the email invite.

Mark your calendars!

Oct. 14 – 8th Grade Parent Gathering @ the Diesen Household (email invite to come)

Oct. 15 – Virtual Grandfriends' Day

Oct. 22 – No school (Teacher professional development)

Oct. 22 – Saint Thomas tailgate at the CC game

Oct. 24 – Trunk or Treat

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

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 – Shepherd's Pie
- Tuesday – Lasagna
- Wednesday – Cheese Quesadillas

Explore our new after-school classes!

We are offering three programs through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. If you are interested in signing up your child for any of the classes, go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at registration@learningmeansfun.com or (847) 482-9999. The classes are: **Smart Start Art** (Wednesdays, Oct. 6 – Nov. 17, 3:25-4:25pm, Kindergarten – Grade 3, Course Code TGR10.6.21) and **Chess Scholars** (Thursdays, Oct. 7 – Nov. 18, 3:25-4:25pm, Kindergarten – Grade 8, Course Code TGR10.7.21). The coding class has been canceled because of lack of enrollment.

Keep in mind!

♥ **COVID procedure update:** We now have permission to share with our community the class that has a positive COVID case. This information was not allowed to be shared previously, but updated guidance allows for us to identify the classroom so that parents in the class with a positive case can more closely monitor their children for symptoms.

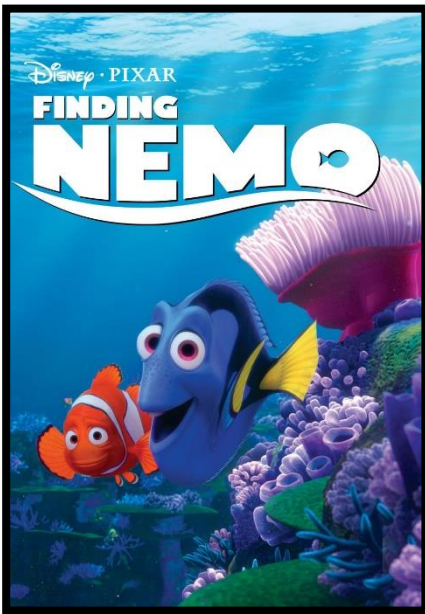
♥ We are slowly welcoming parents back into the building and want to make sure that every parent has a chance to see us in action. We have created a [Sign-Up Genius Lunchroom Volunteer](#) for parents who can only spare a few hours to volunteer once in a while. Find out if your child really does eat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

♥ 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@stthomasgr.org.
- **Advent Angel Tree 2021:** Angel Tree Season is quickly approaching! If this Christmas finds your household or someone you know needing assistance, you are encouraged to 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.

Outdoor Movie Night

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School • Oct. 8 • At dusk



Join us **Oct. 8** on the front lawn of school, at dusk to watch **Finding Nemo**. Bring your chairs or blankets to sit on and your munchies to snack on.

This is a family event. Park in the church parking lot. Find a spot on the front lawn that's perfect for your family's viewing. Parents, you **MUST** remain with your children throughout the event.

We'll let you know in the Oct. 8 Buzz the exact start time of the movie.

You know you want to!



Trunk or Treat Party

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

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

