



# 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 temperance: The restraint of our desires so that we can do what is right and good.

**Monday, Nov. 15 – Monday morning parent rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level.** (Please enter through the northeast church entrance and head down the stairs.) Parents, join us as we pray the Rosary to kick off the week. Pray for our children. Pray for their teachers. Pray for our world.

**Monday, Nov. 15 – School mass, grades 1-3.** Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

**Tuesday, Nov. 16 – Parent/teacher conferences, 4-8pm.** Parents, please use our [Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up Google Doc](#). Find your child's teacher's Sign Up Link to choose your conference day/time. Then note the Google Meet Link, which you will use to get into the virtual meeting.

**Thursday, Nov. 18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the Fox House.** Any 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent who hasn't received an email invite, please contact Tiffany Fox ([tifffox18@gmail.com](mailto:tifffox18@gmail.com)).

**Thursday, Nov. 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the Preston House.** Any 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent who hasn't received an email invite, please contact Sara Preston ([spreston95@yahoo.com](mailto:spreston95@yahoo.com)).

**Friday, Nov. 19 – School mass, grades 1-3.** Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

**Friday, Nov. 19 – Half day/Dismissal at 11am.**

**Friday, Nov. 19 – Afternoon parent teacher conferences, 12-3pm.** Parents, please use our [Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up Google Doc](#). Find your child's teacher's Sign Up Link to choose your conference day/time. Then note the Google Meet Link, which you will use to get into the virtual meeting.

## Mark your calendars!

Nov. 22 – Middle School parent/teacher conferences (4-8pm)

Nov. 24-26 – Thanksgiving break

Nov. 30 – Uniform holiday

Nov. 30 – Coffee Talk with Ryan and Marygrace

Dec. 1 – First deadline for SMART Aid Financial Assistance

## Check out the lunch menu!

Here are the next few lunch menu items:

- Monday – Cereal
- Tuesday – Nachos
- Wednesday – Chicken salad on croissant

## Sign up today!

♥ Sign up to help provide a meal for our teachers during parent-teacher conferences. Home and School will be **providing a soup, salad, sandwich bar on Tuesday, Nov. 16** immediately after school. We are looking for help with setup and volunteers to bring in food and other items. Please click this [sign up genius link](#) to help.

♥ The **GRACEAC winter II sports** link is open for registration. This is for 5th-8th grade girls basketball. Please use the [GRACEAC Winter Sports Sign Up](#). The deadline to sign up is Dec. 6. Practices will begin the week of Jan. 3.

♥ We invite all Saint Thomas school and parish women to join us **Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm in the Church for our annual Advent by Candlelight**. Check out the flyer at the end of this Buzz. If you are interested in attending, please register by Dec. 1 with our [Advent by Candlelight Google form](#).

♥ 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.

## Keep in mind!

♥ **Home and School** helps support our wonderful teachers and staff in various ways, including Stock the Lounge (with snacks, drinks, and treats), handing out Christmas cookie trays, and providing meals during conferences. We rely on parent participation to make all of these successful. Thank you!

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Jen Bendon class is Stocking the Lounge next week. If you are a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade parent and want to help, check out this [Stock the Lounge Sign Up Genius](#) or contact Cathy Tyska (616-648-4301). Please contact Home and School President Jessica Poelma ([Jessica.poelma@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.poelma@gmail.com) / 616-516-1899) with questions or to get involved.

♥ **Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays:** Every Tuesday throughout the school year from 8:30 am - 5 pm, Eucharist Adoration is offered in the Saint Thomas Church for quiet prayer and reflection. Please use our [Eucharistic Adoration Sign Up](#) or just come as you are able. If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at (616) 459-4662.

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

♥ **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. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1.



We invite all Saint Thomas parish and school women to join us  
Friday, Dec. 3 at 7pm for our annual Advent by Candlelight Service.

Hear Suzi Furtwangler, retired Saint Thomas School principal, speak  
about taking care of ourselves during this season. Suzi will share ideas for  
spiritual, emotional, and physical health during Advent and always.  
This year, we will gather in the Church for music, prayer and a reflection  
followed by an optional reception in the Church Lower Level.

Please register by Dec. 1 on the Parish website or  
by completing this [Advent by Candlelight Registration](#).

Come alone, with family members, friends or watch  
virtually. If you plan to attend virtually, please  
register so that we can send you the link.

Questions? Please contact

Pam Strobel ([pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org](mailto:pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org)) or  
Betsy Edgerton ([betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org](mailto:betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org)).