



# THE BUZZ!

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



## Before you plan your week...[what's funny about Christmas?](#)

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 humility ~ Recognizing that our gifts come from God and appreciating others' gifts.

**Monday, Dec. 13 – Monday morning rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level.** (Please enter through the northeast church entrance and head down the stairs.)

**Monday, Dec. 13 – School mass, grades 1-3.** Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Uniform holiday.** Please follow our Saint Thomas [uniform holiday guidelines](#).

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 – 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!

**Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Middle school exams/Dismissal at 11:30am for middle schoolers.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Middle school exams/Dismissal at 11:30am for middle schoolers.**

**Thursday, Dec. 16 – Middle school exams/Dismissal at 11:30am for middle schoolers.**

**Friday, Dec. 17 – School mass, grades 4-8.** Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).



Saint Nicholas visited every classroom this week and we heard some students whisper "Jolly old Saint Nicholas, lean your ear this way..."

## Mark your calendars!

Dec. 20-Jan. 2 – Christmas Break

Jan. 30 – Feb. 5 – Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 2 – Preschool/Kindergarten Round UP!

## Congratulate our winners!

Congrats to our **School Spelling Bee Champion Peter App (Grade 7) and Runner-Up Eliza Szymanski (Grade 3).**



## Check out the lunch menu!

Here are the next few lunch menu items:

- Monday – Tacos
- Tuesday – Chicken drummies and mash potatoes
- Wednesday – Nachos

## Sign up today!

♥ **A HUGE thank you from Home and School to everyone who signed up to buy gifts for our King's Table Ministries families!** Your generosity is greatly, greatly appreciated and will be such a blessing to these families. There are a few items left on the families' wish lists, if you would still like to sign up. A Visa gift card for the family is always a welcome gift as well.

- **Preschool- Grade 2:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BABAD2EA57-grades1>
- **Grades 3-5:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BABAD2EA57-grades>
- **Grades 6-8:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BABAD2EA57-grades2>

**Please send gifts with your children on Thursday morning, Dec. 16.** Our students will pray over the gifts during chapel (no matter if they are in church or in their classroom) and, later that day, they will be delivered to the families. Thank you, thank you, thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Home and School Vice President Genevieve Boyle ([genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com)).

♥ **Home and School will be providing cookie trays** for our school staff this year! We are including a tray for everyone - office staff, maintenance, ESS support staff, enrichment and counselors, special teachers, paraprofessionals, classroom teachers (preschool-8th grade), and after-school care. We are looking to put together 51 trays total! We need help with providing baked goods, Christmas trays to arrange the donated baked goods on, plastic wrap wrap, gift tags, and help with assembly on the morning of Wednesday, December 15. Any leftover supplies will be saved for next year. Thank you! All items can be left **outside the school office by 8am on Wednesday, Dec. 15.** Check out our [Cookie Tray Sign-Up Genius](#).

♥ It's Do Good December – you could **do some good in our lunchroom!** Parents, check out our [Sign-Up Genius Lunchroom Volunteer](#) and consider signing up. All volunteers must be Virtus trained.

## Keep in mind!

♥ **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!](#)

SAINT THOMAS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRESENTS THE

# **bold** hoodie

<https://saintthomastheapostle.itemorder.com>

Online ordering closes Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The 8th grade class designed this hoodie for the students, teachers, and entire Saint Thomas community.

Hoodies will arrive before Christmas!

Please use the link above to place your order for family and friends!

\*This is not a fundraiser.