



# 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 courtesy: Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness.

**Monday, Dec. 6 – Monday morning rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level.** (Please enter through the northeast church entrance and head down the stairs.)

**Monday, Dec. 6 – School mass, grades 1-3.** Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

**Monday, Dec. 6 – GRACEAC Winter Sport sign up deadline.** Please use the [GRACEAC Winter Sports Sign Up](#) to sign up for girls' basketball (grades 5-8) or Catholic United skiing (grades 6-8).

**Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Late start to the school day, 8:30am.** To avoid the Mass traffic, we will start school at 8:30am. Please drop students off between 8:15 and 8:30am.

**Thursday, Dec. 9 – Spelling Bee, 1:30pm,** Church Lower Level. Parents, if you would like to attend, please RSVP on this Spelling Bee Sign Up Genius. We will also have it available on our Chapel link (<https://meet.google.com/rgb-ofxa-vhj>).

**Friday, Dec. 10 – School mass, grades 1-3.** Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

## Mark your calendars!

Dec. 14-16 – Middle School Exams

Dec. 20-Jan. 2 – Christmas Break

## Check out the lunch menu!

Here are the next few lunch menu items:

- Monday – Cheese bocso sticks (K-Grade 5) / Pizza (Grades 6-8)
- Tuesday – Breakfast sandwiches, cheesy potatoes
- Wednesday – **NO SCHOOL LUNCH; please bring a lunch from home that day**

## Sign up today!

♥ **Home and School is organizing a school-wide Christmas service project.** We are sponsoring three families through King's Table Ministries, which serves families impacted by developmental and intellectual disabilities. In addition to each having a child with special needs, these families include a single parent caring alone for five children, a mother who has a brain injury, and a family that was homeless for a year during the pandemic. Each family has made a wish list for Christmas. Please consider buying something from the list for the family your child's grade is sponsoring.

All gifts should be wrapped, labeled, and brought to school on Thursday, Dec. 16. Please also pray for these families. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Home and School Vice President Genevieve Boyle ([genyallo@hotmail.com](mailto:genyallo@hotmail.com)).

- 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>

♥ 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.

♥ GRACEAC is offering **Catholic United Skiing** in the upcoming winter II season. This will be the first time offering the program! Catholic United Ski will be open to 6th-8th grade boys and girls. Parents will register and pay the \$250 per skier fee through the [GRACEAC Winter Sports Sign Up](#). The deadline to sign up is Dec. 6.

♥ 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!](#)