



THE BUZZ!

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

Plan your week!

Hey! Monday is a day off – consider these fun activities:

- [World of Winter](#) is going on all over downtown Grand Rapids right now. You won't want to miss this!
- [Snow Much Fun](#): Yes, it's chilly, but if you bundle up, you'll find that Michigan has lots to offer. With the right clothes, gear, and this list of Michigan winter activities, you'll never forget the Winter of 2022!
- [Global Book Club](#): Want your child to "travel" the world without packing a single suitcase? The Global Children's Book Club is a way for families to virtually visit 12 different countries in 2022. You'll find book lists (picture and chapter books), crafts, recipes, videos, music, and more.

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 orderliness: keeping yourself physically clean and neat and your belongings in good order.

This week in church for chapel – Grades K-3rd; in the classroom during chapel – Grades 4-8.

Monday, Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/No school

Wednesday, Jan. 19 – 8th graders take PSAT, 8:15am (immediately after chapel in the Ministry Center).

Friday, Jan. 21 – School mass, grades 4-8. Please remember to wear mass attire, white shirts and ties (boys) and skirts/jumpers (girls).

Mark your calendars!

Jan. 24-28 – ALL IN WEEK! Let's celebrate people of ALL abilities.

Jan. 25 – Uniform holiday

Jan. 25 – Virtual Coffee Talk with Ryan and Marygrace ([Coffee Talk Google Meet link](#))

Jan. 28 – Registration packets sent home; look for them in your courier's backpack.

Jan. 30-Feb. 4 – Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 2 – Preschool/Kindergarten Round UP! RSVP on our [Round UP! Google Form](#).

Feb. 7 – Registration packets due

Welcome littlest Hornet!

We want to welcome the newest member to our Saint Thomas community: Isaac Jack DeVasto arrived on Dec. 18. Proud sibling is Lucy (Kindergarten).



Check out the lunch menu!

Here are the next few lunch menu items:

- Monday – No school
- Tuesday – Hot dogs
- Wednesday – English muffin pepperoni pizza

Sign up today!

♥ We are very much in need (in other words DESPERATE) for more parent volunteers in the lunchroom. Even if you just have an hour to spare, we would love to have an extra set of hands to support our hot lunch program. [Sign up to volunteer in our lunchroom!](#)

♥ **GRACEAC spring sports registration** is open! Please see the two separate links below. The first link is for the 5th-8th grade spring sports (girls soccer, girls lacrosse, boys lacrosse, baseball, boys & girls track, and boys & girls tennis – 6th-8th grade only). The second link is for 3rd/4th grade boys and girls lacrosse. This link is different as the 3rd & 4th grade parents will pay the registration fee directly through TeamSnap. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 27.

- [GRACEAC 5th-8th grade spring sports](#)
- [GRACEAC 3rd-4th grade lacrosse](#)

♥ The **traveling rosary** is back! Beginning on the Monday of Catholic Schools Week, Mr. Corcoran will present a rosary to one family each week. To participate, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4AA9AF29A31-traveling.

You may choose to pray one decade each day or pray the entire rosary at once. Then each family will return the rosary by the end of the week so that another family can participate the following week. Any questions, contact Cathy Buehler at stthomas@familybuehler.net.

Keep in mind!

♥ **From Home & School:** Home and School is hoping to continue to help the King's Table families we sponsored at Christmas, as we are able. We have an opportunity to help provide meals for the Herman family – which would be such a blessing to them. Please check out the [Herman family meal train](#) and consider signing up. Thank you!

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

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ARISE! SHINE!

It's Catholic Schools Week! Jan. 30 - Feb. 4, 2022

Celebrate! Sunday, Jan. 30

- Saint Thomas 8th grade leaders speak at Mass.

Welcome! Monday, Jan. 31

- **Faith on your Feet Day!** Let's knock our socks off Catholic Schools Week wearing **CrAZy** socks!
- Mr. Corcoran presents our first of the school year **Traveling Rosary**
- **School-Wide Service/Art Project** – There is no greater service than to serve others. We will be collecting art supplies to donate to Artists Creating Together, a nonprofit arts organization for individuals with disabilities, and participating in their collaborative art project called "Shine On." Our students will be creating mini drawings and paintings of suns, rays, stars and lights to contribute to ACT's larger project. Pizza party for the most generous homeroom.
- **Yoobi Long** the Saint Thomas Flat Hornet is back in the house, the Saint Thomas HOUSE!

Learn! Tuesday, Feb. 1

- **Dress down day** – classroom themes welcome!
- **STA Trivia Game** at Chapel with our own Guy Smiley

Serve! Wednesday, Feb. 2

- Serve your community by adopting a class! Do something nice for another Saint Thomas class.
- **Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up!** 9am or 6pm. RSVP on our [Round UP! Google Form](#).
- **Snack time surprise** for students and staff

Lead! Thursday, Feb. 3

- **Hornet Spirit Day** – Arise! Shine! – Dress like a leader!
- **Virtual CSW Parent Luncheon** – Terry Tyrrell, President of CCHS discussing the importance of inclusive Catholic education.

Succeed! Friday, Feb. 4

- **Announcement** of the winners of the Art Donation contest.
- **Red Glasses recipients** and semester end **Middle School awards** – end of day virtually

Throughout the week

- **Prayer Wall** – Never underestimate the power of one small prayer - God hears the heart not the words
- **Send photos of you and Yoobi Long**, the Saint Thomas Flat Hornet as you travel through your week!

We are Saint Thomas! You Belong Here! Rise by Lifting Others!