



THE BUZZ!

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

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALL IN WEEK!

Join us for a special "ALL IN" Chapel Talk every morning at 8am. Visit our Chapel Talk link at <https://meet.google.com/rgb-ofxa-vhj> to learn more and celebrate people of ALL abilities.

Monday, Jan. 24 – ALL IN Chapel Talk about Dyslexia
(Ryan Corcoran) 8am at [Chapel Link](#).

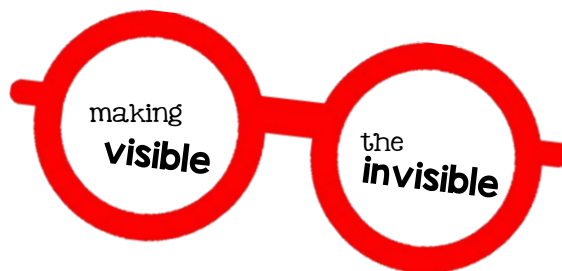
Tuesday, Jan. 25 – ALL IN Chapel Talk about Mental Health
(Kelly Meerman and Joel Passinault, Catholic Central counselors)
8am at [Chapel Link](#).

Wednesday, Jan. 26 – ALL IN Chapel Talk about Autism
(Marge Hayward, Behavior Analyst) 8am at [Chapel Link](#).

Thursday, Jan. 27 – ALL IN Chapel Talk about ADD/ADHD (Mary Schafer) 8am at [Chapel Link](#).

Thursday evening, Jan. 27 – ALL IN evening discussion about the future of inclusion at Saint Thomas
(Marygrace Tyrrell and Ryan Corcoran), 6pm, In person or virtual at [Chapel Link](#).

Friday, Jan. 27 – ALL IN Chapel Talk, What is inclusion? (Betsy Edgerton) 8am at [Chapel Link](#).



Plan your week!

Monday, Jan. 24 – School mass, grades K-3. Parents are invited to attend Mass. They can sit on the Mary and Joseph (East) side pews.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – Uniform holiday. Please follow our Saint Thomas [uniform holiday guidelines](#).

Tuesday, Jan. 25 – 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!

Wednesday, Jan. 26 – Virtual Home and School meeting, 7pm. Parents, please join us for this [Virtual Home and School meeting](#) (<https://meet.google.com/zpx-jkhp-kqm>).

Friday, Jan. 28 – School mass, grades 4-8. Parents are invited to attend Mass. Because of limited seating, please use this [Friday Mass Sign Up Genius](#) and sit in the choir pews, near the piano.

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

Mark your calendars!

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

March 7-8 – Hearing/vision screening

March 8-10 – Book fair in the Ministry Center (more details to come!)

Check out the lunch menu!

Here are the next few lunch menu items:

- Monday – Chicken stir fry
- Tuesday – Breakfast sandwich
- Wednesday – Chicken tenders

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 and 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](#)

COVID Notifications

♥ Starting this week, Saint Thomas will notify parents/guardians when there is a positive case in their child's class. We will use this [letter template](#) that explains parent options. We will no longer be sending COVID positive letters to the whole community. We will add new cases for the week in the Buzz (see below). Please see the three Kent County Health Department documents we are using for guidance:

- [K-12 and High Education School Toolkit](#)
- [K-12 COVID-19 Symptom and Testing Protocol](#)
- [Kent County Public Health Order 1.11.22](#)
- New COVID positive cases this week: 5

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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 in-person and live streamed.

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!