



THE BUZZ!

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

Skating Party Saturday, March 12!

Saturday, March 12 – Party in your Parka, 6pm, Southside Ice Arena (566 100th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315). This is a free school-family event – all skates are free. Please complete this [Skating Party Waiver](#) if you will be attending. We recommend helmets (especially for beginners) and they should all bring their own (bike or ski helmets work great). Concessions will be open for purchases. Thank you to Mike and Meredith Slobodnik for sponsoring this event!

Plan your week!

Parents, please join us virtually or in person for our Chapel talk every morning. Parents can stand in the back of church or sit in the last row on the alter side. The Chapel talk link is <https://meet.google.com/rgb-ofxa-vhj>. The virtue this week is courage: the ability to do something that frightens you; strength in the face of pain or grief.

Monday, March 14 – 4th Grade Reconciliation Retreat. This is a non-uniform day for 4th graders.

Monday, March 14 – NO MONDAY MORNING ROSARY (due to 4th Grade Reconciliation Retreat).

Tuesday, March 15 – March is Reading Month Uniform Holiday! Dress like a book character day non-uniform day.

Wednesday, March 16 – Musical Medley practice, 3:20-5pm, Church Lower Level.

Wednesday, March 16 – Virtual Home and School Meeting. Parents, join us for this Google Meet at <https://meet.google.com/mfy-gaet-hzc>.

Friday, March 18 – School Mass, grades 4-8, 9:55am. 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, March 18 – LapTime, 10am, Ministry Center. See flyer for details.

Check out the lunch menu!

- **Monday – No lunch. Please send a lunch with your child.**
- Tuesday – Beef tacos
- Wednesday – Hot ham and cheese sandwich



Mark your calendars!

March 22 – Door decorating contest ([STA Door Decorating Sign Up Genius](#))

March 27 – Middle School Choir Concert

March 29 – Uniform holiday

Sign up today!

♥ **Door Decorating Contest:** Put your creative hats on for the best-dressed, better-impress door decorating contest. Parent volunteers and students, we will be having a **door decorating contest after School 3:30-5:30pm on Tuesday, March 22**. Doors will be themed after a character in a book or book itself. Looking for Parent volunteers to join the fun and assist the Lead Room Parents and students day of event. Come be part of the fun! Parent Volunteers, please RSVP using our [STA Door Decorating Sign Up Genius](#).

♥ **Parents, volunteer in the lunchroom!** It's super fun! Even if you just have an hour to spare, we would love to have an extra set of hands to support our school lunch program. [Sign up to volunteer in our lunchroom!](#)

Keep in mind!

♥ **Strategic Planning:** We are excited to share with you an opportunity to get involved in our Strategic Planning process. The first step for parents is to [complete our Strategic Planning Survey](#). In the next few weeks, we will announce our in-person planning session for school parents.

♥ **Home and School** is offering a **service opportunity** for students and families. We would like to continue to help and support the families we sponsored at Christmas. The Herman family is facing great medical and financial challenges. Please consider using our [MealTrain Sign Up](#) to help. Meals can be dropped off right after school. Thank you!

♥ **Parish Events:** Check out these other [Parish Lenten activities](#).

COVID notifications

♥ **New COVID positive cases this week: 0**

Please see our updated [letter template](#) that explains Kent County Health Department recommendations. Covid resources:

- [K-12 and High Education School Toolkit](#)
- [K-12 COVID-19 Symptom and Testing Protocol](#)
- [Kent County Public Health Order 1.11.22](#)



MUSTARD SEED MIDDLE
SCHOOL CHOIR
CONCERT



SUNDAY MARCH 27TH
AT 6PM
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CHURCH PROPER

PLEASE HAVE CHOIR STUDENTS AT CHURCH
AT 5:30PM IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS. EMAIL
KATHYPROULX@SAINTTHOMASGR.ORG IF
YOUR STUDENT CANNOT ATTEND OR IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



Saint Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Parish and School



Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School's

0-5 PROGRAMS

dynamic education centered in Christ

You belong here! All kids! All abilities! All in!



Hip hip hoorack!
LapTime is back!



LapTime ♥ Fridays, 10-11am ♥ Saint Thomas School ♥
Ministry Center ♥ Starts March 18! ♥

Children become readers on the laps of their parents. Join us for this weekly early literacy experience for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Giggle, learn, create and experience new worlds in an environment that celebrates children, books, friendships, and play.

Park your car in the Church parking lot. Walk behind the church and through the gate. Enter the Ministry Center double doors.

Questions? ♥ Call the School Office (616-458-4228). ♥

