



THE BUZZ!

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

Plan your week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is **patience**: the ability to endure a long wait calmly or deal with annoying problems without frustration.



Diaper Drive Week! Please help support the parish-wide diaper drive for HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid. HELP provides support for expectant mothers through pregnancy and beyond. We will be collecting diapers (size newborn to 5) and wipes at school this week. If you are interested in donating, please bring to the office.

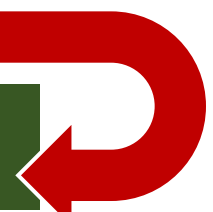
Monday, May 23 – Monday morning rosary, 8:15am, Grotto (In bad weather, we will go to the Church Lower Level.)

Monday, May 23 – Field Day! This is a non-uniform day. Please follow our [Saint Thomas Uniform Holiday guidelines](#). A couple classrooms still need a cooler to borrow for field day on Monday, May 23. If you would like to lend your cooler, please use our [Field Day Cooler Sign Up Genius](#).

- 9-11am – Kindergarten – 5th Grade
- 1-3pm – Middle School*

Field Day Volunteers Needed!

*We need a few more parent volunteers for Middle School field day. If you are interested in helping, please email PE teacher Ashely Emmerson (ashleyemerson@dogrschools.org).



Thursday, May 26 – 7th Grade Leadership Retreat, Saint Thomas.

Friday, May 27 – Anointing Mass (4th – 8th Grade Mass), 9:55am, Church. Our 7th and 8th graders can dress up (in non-uniform dress clothes) for this ceremony.

Friday, May 27 – 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center. Join us for this weekly faith-based early literacy experience for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Check out the lunch menu!

Monday – Popcorn chicken
Tuesday – Pizza sticks
Wednesday – Parfaits

Uniform exchange

If you have any gently used uniforms you no longer need, bring them to school May 23- 27. Please label the size on the outside of each item. Uniforms will be out for browsing on June 2-3.



Sign up today!

♥ **Parents, volunteer in the lunchroom:** You still have time! 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!](#)

♥ **Traveling rosary:** There are just a couple of opportunities left to sign up for our Traveling Rosary. If you are interested, sign up using our [Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

♥ **2022-23 fall sports sign up:** GRACEAC will offer tackle football, volleyball, boys soccer, cross country, and sideline cheer for next year's 5th-8th graders. Additionally, flag football and sideline cheer will be offered for next year's 3rd and 4th graders. The price for 3rd and 4th grade fall sports is \$95 per child, which parents can pay through TeamSnap during registration. These sports will (tentatively) start the week of August 8.

- [5th-8th GRACEAC sports sign up](#)
- [3rd-4th GRACEAC sports sign up](#)

Home & School news!

♥ **Last meeting:** Join us on Tuesday, June 7 for Home and School Wrap Up meeting! Last meeting of the year Tuesday, June 7 at 3:25pm at Wilcox Park.

♥ **Home and School fun:** Home and School has arranged for the Kona Ice Truck to be in the school parking lot on the last day of school, 11am-12noon. We will be sponsoring an icee for all students. Students can grab one as they leave and, if possible, pack a picnic lunch and join other Saint Thomas families at Wilcox Park.

♥ **Uniform exchange:** If you have any gently used uniforms you no longer need, please bring them to school next week, May 23- 27. Please label the size on the outside of each item. This will help with organizing. Uniforms will be out for browsing on June 2-3. Thank you!

♥ **End-of-year service opportunity:** We know this is a very busy time of year, but we hope you will open your hearts to another opportunity to help two of the King's Table families we sponsored at Christmastime. These families have children with special needs and they are living in poverty; they are so grateful for anything we can do for them. Please look at their lists of needs and wants, and consider helping, if you can. Items need not be wrapped. Thank you!

- Preschool- Grade 3: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BABAD2EA57-summer1>
- Grades 4- 8: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BABAD2EA57-summer>

Keep in mind!

♥ **Library books:** Please look for and return all overdue library books or clear accounts if a book has been lost. Contact Mrs. Walch at libadmin@stthomasgr.org for details. The library will be closed effective May 23 for the end of year inventory.

♥ **Altar serving:** If you have a child (5th grade or older) interested in being an altar server for Mass, please contact Lori Vernon (lorivernon@stthomasgr.org) at the Parish.

♥ **Summer camps:** West Catholic has scheduled summer camps for kids. To find opportunities for your kids, visit www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/athletics.cfm and www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/fine-arts-camp.cfm. For Catholic Central Camps, visit <https://www.catholiccentralcamps.org/>.

End of the Year Cheat Sheet

June 1 – P4 Last day of school

June 2 – P3 Last day of school

June 3 –

- 8th Grade last Mass (9:55am)
- 8th Grade last day of school
- Preschool End of Year Picnic Celebration (11am-1pm)

June 7-9 – Middle School Exams (dismissal at 11:30am)

June 7 – Home and School Wrap Up! Last meeting of the year Tuesday, June 7, 3:25pm at Wilcox Park.

June 8 – 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 6pm

June 10 – All School Mass (9:55am) and Last Day of School (half day/11am dismissal) with Kona Ice in the parking lot and picnic (bring your own food) and celebration at Wilcox Park.



Our dear, sweet Mrs. Stegehuis is retiring! Help us celebrate her time at Saint Thomas with cards from current and former students and parents. We will be collecting these in the office. Thanks!

COVID notifications

♥ **New COVID positive cases this week:** 4

Auction 2022 - Don't delay! Get your tickets today!



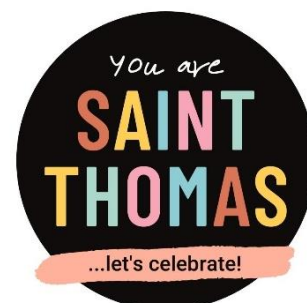
Early Bird Auction tickets on sale until June 10

Individual tickets — \$65 (\$75 after June 10)

Table (seats 10) — \$900 (\$1,000 after June 10)

First 100 tickets sold will be entered into an Auction drawing to win a FitBit Inspire 2 health and fitness tracker.

Don't delay! Purchase today! Visit cbo.io/STA/Bidder.



Thank you for our lovely Teacher Appreciation Lunch!

All the teachers and staff want to thank all the parents who made items for our Teacher Appreciation Week soup and salad lunch. Everything was delicious and such variety! We truly felt the love! Thank you again for your beautiful children and your generous appreciation lunch.



Home and School -

Thank you and God bless you!
Ed Carr

It was wonderful!
Mary Sue

So Wonderful!
Thank You!!
Shaun

Thank you so much!
Dean Isaacson

So delicious!
Thank you!
Kathy Donahue

It was amazing!
Thank you! Sarah

We loved it so much!!
Thank you & God bless -
Bonnie Purke

So Good!
Thank you!
Abby

Thank so much!
Laren

So delicious!
Thank you -
Molly

What a treat!
Thank you for lunch!!
Mr. Perrin

Yum, yum!
Heaven

So amazing!
Thank you!
Katelyn Mollersek

Thank you so much!
Nicole Hordeman

Fabulous, wonderful
Thank-you
Ms. Ted

You are amazing!
Thank you, Amy

Thank YOU for a great TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCH!!

