



THE BUZZ!

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

Parent volunteer sign up!

Parents, we've got tons of ways for you to get involved in our school community. If you haven't done so already, please complete our [Parent Volunteer Form](#) so we can get started (all parents must be [Virtus](#) trained to volunteer in the building).

Special thanks to our Home & School for the delicious teacher breakfast this morning! ♥

Plan your week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is docility: willingness to learn or be taught or to accept direction; receptivity or openness.

Monday, Sept. 12 – Monday Morning Rosary. Parents, please join us at the Marian Grotto right after Chapel (around 8:15am). We will kick off the week by praying for our kids, their teachers and our Saint Thomas community!

Monday, Sept. 12 – Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am. Parents are welcome!

Wednesday/Thursday, Sept. 14/15– 8th Grade Unity and Leadership Retreat, Camp Blodgett. Pray for our 8th grade leaders.

Friday, Sept. 16 – Mass for Grades 4-8. Parents are welcome!

Sign up today!

♥ **Calling all parents!** We're asking for full, new 2 liter pop donations for our picnic in the park ring toss game. You can drop the 2 liters outside the school office or at the parish office from now until September 30. Thank you!

♥ **Auction Picnic in the Park sign-up:** We need you! Use this [Picnic in the Park sign up](#) to bring items or work at this community-building event on Oct. 2.

♥ **Parents, volunteer in the lunchroom:** See if your children are eating their veggies! We would love to have an extra set of hands to support our school lunch program. [Sign up to volunteer in our lunchroom!](#)

♥ **Mom Crew!** Moms, sign up to help in the lunchroom on Sept. 23. First-come, first-serve. Volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. [Sign up to volunteer in our lunchroom!](#)

♥ **Grandparent Crew!** Grandparents, sign up to help in the lunchroom on Sept. 30. First-come, first-serve. Volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. [Sign up to volunteer in our lunchroom!](#)





Check out the lunch menu!

Check out our [September lunch menu](#). And here are the [instructions for putting money into your child's lunch account](#).

Corcoran's corner!

Why a biannual Auction? [Mr. Corcoran explains](#).



Picture day reminder

If you want a yearbook at the end of the school year, **YOU MUST ORDER A YEARBOOK WHEN YOU ORDER PICTURES**. We will NOT have yearbooks to buy in the Spring. You must purchase a yearbook as a separate add-on item when you order pictures. Yearbooks are NOT included in any of the available picture packages. Yearbooks must be purchased as an add-on item.

Events calendar!

Picture Day – September 21, 8am-2pm (We need volunteers! If you are interested, please contact volunteer coordinators Becca Maguire at rebecca.maguire11@gmail.com or Becca Kohn at rrkohn@gmail.com.) Our Picture Day Code for ordering is 71039NF. Pictures can be ordered before and after Picture Day.

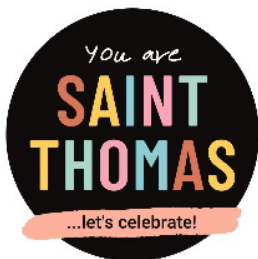
New Family Orientation – September 21, 6-7pm (Ministry Center)

Saint Thomas Tailgate at the Catholic Central football game – September 23, 5pm to Kick Off! (Catholic Central Athletic Complex, 2770 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids)

Auction Picnic in the Park – Oct. 2, Noon-3pm (Wilcox Park)

CELEBRATE Auction Event – Oct. 8, 6:30-10pm (Cultural Center, 2250 E Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids). [Buy your tickets today!](#)

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)



Keep in mind!

♥ **Parish events:** Check out these upcoming parish events.

- **Eucharistic Adoration** beginning Tuesday, September 13. We offer Eucharist Adoration in the Church every Tuesday throughout the school year. [Sign up](#) or email pamstrobels@stthomasgr.org.
- **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil**, Oct. 14. Call Respect Life ministry leader Helen Milanowski at (616) 774-8471 for more information.
- **Blood Drive** on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 8:30 am-1 pm in the Community Room of the Ministry Center. Contact Lori at (616) 459-4662 ext. 1220 to sign up.
- **Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner** on Thursday, Nov. 24, from 12-2pm in the lower level of church. Contact Lori at (616) 459-4662 ext. 1220 with questions.

