



THE BUZZ!

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



Danika, 8th grade

Host an exchange student from Guatemala!

We have an exciting opportunity to welcome new students into our Saint Thomas community! We are in need of three host families who will open their homes to Natalia, Jorge, and Danika from Guatemala. This 8-week program runs Oct. 15 – Dec. 7. If you are interested, please contact Ryan Corcoran (ryancorcoran@stthomasgr.org).

Plan your week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is leadership: achieving greatness by bringing out the greatness in others.

Monday, Sept. 19 – 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. 19 – Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am. Parents are welcome!

Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Picture Day for P4-grade 8! This is a NON-UNIFORM day so our students can dress for pictures. Please follow our [Saint Thomas uniform holiday guidelines](#). (If you want a yearbook at the end of the school year, YOU MUST ORDER A YEARBOOK WHEN YOU ORDER PICTURES. 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.)

Wednesday, Sept. 21 – New Family Orientation, 6-7:30pm, Ministry Center. New families, join us for a run-down of everything Saint Thomas. Come with questions; we'll have answers!

Thursday, Sept. 22 – Picture Day for P3. Don't forget to pack your smiles!

Friday, Sept. 23 – Mass for Grades 4-8. Parents are welcome!

Friday, Sept. 23 – Saint Thomas Tailgate at the Catholic Central football game, 5pm, CAT (Catholic Central Athletic Complex, 2770 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids). Mingle with other Saint Thomas families and cheer on our Catholic Central Cougars. Doors open at 5pm. Kick off at 7pm.



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](#).
Please note: Lunch change for Sept. 28 – chicken drummies, mashed potato/gravy, corn, biscuits and warm apples.

Sign up today!

♥ **Winter sport sign up:** Winter sports season is just around the corner! Please sign up with the following links: [GRACEAC basketball](#) and [GRACEAC downhill/slalom skiing](#).

♥ **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!](#)

♥ **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!](#)

Corcoran's corner!

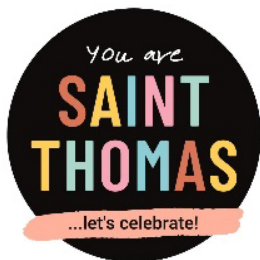
[Hear from Betsy Edgerton and Ryan Corcoran](#) about the upcoming Auction.

Help with Auction!

Auction is just around the corner and we need a little help! Check out the opportunities below to help with Auction:

♥ We need full, new 2 liter pop donations for our Picnic in the Park ring toss game. Drop off the 2 liters outside the school office or at the parish office from now until September 30. Thank you!

♥ Use this [Picnic in the Park Sign Up](#) to donate items or to volunteer at this community-building event on Oct. 2.



Events calendar!

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!](#)

Grandfriends' Day – Oct. 14, 8-11am. [RSVP for Grandfriends' Day](#).

Trunk or Treat – Oct. 30, 2-4pm (Saint Thomas main parking lot)

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)

Keep in mind!

♥ **Koonmen support:** The Koonmen family, who used to attend Saint Thomas School, recently lost their husband and father. Please consider [donating a meal](#) or [contributing to their Go Fund Me](#) page.

♥ **Eucharistic Adoration:** We offer Eucharist Adoration in the Church every Tuesday throughout the school year. [Sign up](#) or email pamstrobels@stthomasgr.org.

♥ **Parish events:** Check out these [Saint Thomas Parish events](#). If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office at (616) 459-4662 or email pamstrobels@stthomasgr.org.

