



# 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 leadership: achieving greatness by bringing out the greatness in others.

**Monday, Sept. 26 – 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. 26 – Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am.** Parents are welcome!

**Wednesday, Sept. 27 – CC Service Day.** CC students will visit and help out around Saint Thomas.

**Friday, Sept. 30 – Mass for Grades 4-8, 9:55am.** Parents are welcome!

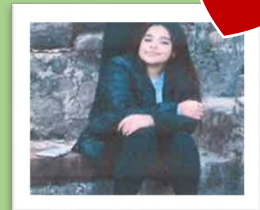
**Friday, Sept. 30 – Story Time, Ministry Center, 10am.** Join Genevieve Boyle and her sidekick Anna for a good book with new friends and a fun craft. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

**Friday, Sept. 30 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the Buehler home (445 Bel-Air Dr. NE, GR 49503), 7pm.** Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. Any questions, email Cathy at [stthomas@familybuehler.net](mailto:stthomas@familybuehler.net) or call/text (616) 401-1452.

## 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 or would like more information, please contact Ryan Corcoran ([ryancorcoran@stthomasgr.org](mailto:ryancorcoran@stthomasgr.org)).



Natalia, 8<sup>th</sup> grade



## Help with Auction!

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

## Check out the lunch menu!

Check out our [September menu](#) and the [October 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.**

## All the things!

♥ **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 or [sending a handwritten note](#).

♥ **Home and School:** 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). Thank you to those who have offered to host a grade level parent gathering! We are still looking for someone to host 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 8th grade families. Please contact Home and School President Genevieve Boyle ([genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com)) if you are interesting interested in hosting.

♥ **Technology newsletter:** Our new tech teacher is off and running. Check out this [technology newsletter](#) to see what your students have been working on.

♥ **Sluggett slides:** Check out this slide presentation with information about [Saint Thomas Athletics](#). Any questions? Contact our Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett ([jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)).

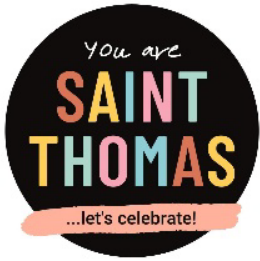
## Sign up today!

♥ **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!](#)

♥ **Spelling Bee:** All 3rd-8th grade students are eligible to sign-up for Spelling Bee. Please use this [2022-23 Spelling Bee SignUp](#). Sign-up deadline is midnight October 19, no exceptions. Any questions, please contact Jeanne Walch at [jeannewalch@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeannewalch@stthomasgr.org).





## 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)

**Book Fair** – Nov. 15-18. More details to come!

[Saint Thomas Parish October "Respect Life" Events](#)

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)

## Saint Thomas Games!

Come support your fellow Saint Thomas Hornets! Here are the games going on at the Saint Thomas gym this week:

- **Monday, Sept. 26** – 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball, 6pm.
- **Thursday, Sept. 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball, 7pm.

## Corcoran's corner!

[Mr. Corcoran wants to say THANK YOU!](#)

