



THE BUZZ!

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Plan your week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is loyalty: faithfulness to commitments or obligations.

Monday, Oct. 10 – 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, Oct. 10 – No Mass (we will have K-8 Mass Friday)

Monday, Oct. 10 – Wear green for mental health! We are partnering with the Children's Healing Center to show our support for mental health. Please have your children wear green uniform shirts or fleeces to school. We will be taking an all-school picture in our green shirts after chapel. We appreciate your support in this!

Tuesday, Oct. 12 – Saint Thomas volunteers at Kids' Food Basket (1300 Plymouth NE, GR). If you are interested, visit www.kidsfoodbasket.org to sign up or call Bonnie at (616) 458-5674 to register with the group and support healthy kids in our community!

Thursday, Oct. 13 – Board of Education meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center.

Friday, Oct. 14 – Grandfriends' Day! There's still time to [RSVP for Grandfriends' Day](#). Check out the [Grandfriends' Day schedule](#) for the morning!

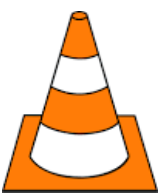
Friday, Oct. 14 – No StoryTime this week (cancelled because of Grandfriends' Day).

Friday, Oct. 14 – K-8 Mass (with grandfriends), 9:55am.

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Grade 4 Parent Gathering at the Wilsons' home, 7:30pm.

Check out the lunch menu!

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



Important reminder!

♥ **PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR LET KIDS OFF IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL!** Safety is our first priority.

Picking up and dropping off in front of the school can be dangerous. Please pick up and drop off in car line or gate line. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sign up today!

♥ **Winter sport sign up:** Winter sports season is just around the corner! Please sign up with the following links:

- [GRACEAC competitive cheer](#)
- [GRACEAC basketball](#)
- [GRACEAC downhill/slalom skiing](#)

♥ **4th grade boys basketball clinic.** A note from **Brendan Murphy, Saint Thomas parishioner/employee:** *My name is Brendan Murphy. You might recognize me from attending mass at Saint Thomas or from helping out around the gym on game days. I'll be running a little clinic for fourth grade boys to get a chance to have fun, work on their skills, and play basketball with their classmates. The clinic will meet once a week. If you have any questions or would like to help coach, feel free to reach out using either my phone or email. (bmurf17@gmail.com or 248-697-1671).*

♥ **3rd/4th grade boys basketball league:** GRACEAC (the league that runs the Saint Thomas sports program) is considering a basketball league for 3rd/4th grade boys. If your 3rd/4th grade son would be interested in this, please email Mr. Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org) ASAP so we can see if we have enough boys to run a league.

♥ **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 jeannevalch@stthomasgr.org.

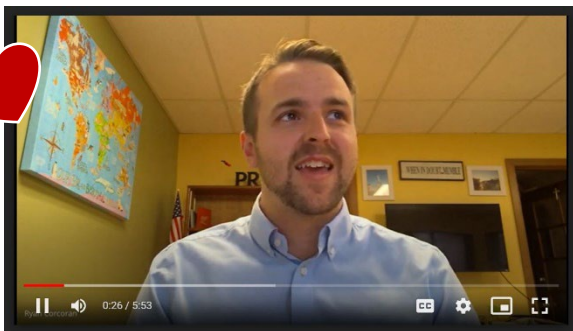
Events calendar!

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

Book Fair – Nov. 15-18. Use our [Book Fair Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer!

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

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)



Parent Grade Gatherings

P3: Kammels – Oct. 28, 7:30pm

P4: Cicottes – Nov. 11, 5:30-7:30pm

K: Bredes – Oct. 28, 6-8pm

Grade 1: GerkeGreens – Oct. 15, 4-6pm

Grade 3: Pfenning's – Nov. 11, 6-10pm

Grade 4: Wilsons – Oct. 15, 7:30pm

Grade 5: Maczkas – Oct. 28, 7pm

Grade 6: Buehlers – Sept. 30, 7pm

Grade 7: Jandernoa – Oct. 16, 7pm

Grade 8: Nettie Boivin & Amy Ziemer – Nov. 4

**Grade 2 is still available. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Home & School Pres. Genevieve Boyle (genyavello@hotmail.com).

Student Council, Grades 4-8

Student Council is back! This is a great way for the students to take a leadership role in the school community. Students are bringing home permission slips and expectations. Please review those expectations with your student. We will have classroom elections next Thursday. Looking forward to a great year.

Corcoran's corner!

Check out Mr. Corcoran's [weekly video about Auction, Grandfriends' Day and more!](#)