



# THE BUZZ!

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## Plan your week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is honesty: sincerity, openness and truthfulness in one's words and actions.

**Monday, Oct. 24 – Monday Morning Rosary.**

**Monday, Oct. 24 – Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 26 – No hot lunch (due to a funeral). Please send a lunch with your child.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 26 – P4 Grandfriends Trunk or Treat, 10:20am.**

**Thursday, Oct. 27 – P3 Grandfriends Trunk or Treat, 10:20am.**

**Thursday, Oct. 27 – Saint Thomas Costume Parade at Holland Home Raybrook (2121 Raybrook St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546), 6pm.** Halloween parade for our "Grandfriends" at Holland Home. Meet in the lobby. Parade little ones around the rooms to trick or treat and see the residents of Holland Home Raybrook. Don't forget your costumes and a bag to hold treats. If you have any questions, please email Emily Brunner ([emilyabrunner@yahoo.com](mailto:emilyabrunner@yahoo.com)) or Genevieve Boyle ([genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com)).

**Friday, Oct. 28 – Mass for Grades 4-8, 9:55am.**

**Friday, Oct. 28 – 0-5ers StoryTime, 10am, Ministry Center.**

**Friday, Oct. 28 – Half day/Records day.** Children are dismissed at 11am.

**Friday, Oct. 28 – Lots of Parent Grade Gatherings:** P3 Parent Gathering at the Kammels and Kindergarten Parent Gathering at the Bredes.

**Saturday, Oct. 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the Mazckas.**

**Sunday, Oct. 30 – Trunk or Treat, 3-4pm.** Cars must be in place by 2:55pm to participate.

## All Saints' Day service project

We will be collecting donations for Kids Food Basket for an all-school service project on November 1, All Saints' Day. Students will be decorating donation bags (provided by the organization) and assembling the donations into the bags.

Grades 1, 6: Pudding Cup

Grades 2, 7: Fruit Cup or Pouch (no foil tops please)

Grades 3, 8: Pretzel, Cheez-it or Goldfish bag (1.5 oz. or smaller)

Grades 4, Preschool: Meat sticks – either TWO 0.28 oz sticks or ONE 0.5 oz. stick

Grades 5, K: Quart Size Bag – Please use quart size zipper lock bags as Supper Packs will be packaged into the Sack Suppers.



## Check out the lunch menu!

Check out our [October menu](#). **No school lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 26 (funeral). Please send a lunch.**

## Important reminders!

♥ **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.

♥ **Blackbaud/SmartAid window open:** The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2023-24 school year is open. The first deadline is Dec. 1, 2022. Visit [studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school](http://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) to get started and check out [2023-24 Blackbaud/SMART Aid Online Instructions](#).

♥ **Sports uniform turn in:** Please remember to turn in your Fall sports uniform (or any other Saint Thomas uniform that you have at home) to the office. Please include a note with your child's name on it.

♥ **Note from Home & School President:** If you are on Facebook and would like to join our parent page, search for Saint Thomas Talk!

## After school opportunities!

**Chess Class** – We are offering Fall Chess Class, beginning Nov. 2. Check out this [Fall Chess flyer](#) for information on signing up. We also are offering guitar, coding and chess again in the Winter. Check out these flyers for more info: [Winter Guitar](#), [Winter Coding](#) and [Winter Chess](#).

**Academic Junior High Decathlon** – We are considering starting a Saint Thomas Junior High Decathlon. We are looking for a parent volunteer to coach the team. If you are interested, check out this [Decathlon information page](#) and contact Marygrace Tyrrell ([marygracetyrrell@stthomasgr.org](mailto:marygracetyrrell@stthomasgr.org)).

## Events calendar!

**All Saints Day** – Nov. 1 (Late start of 8:30am and K-8 Mass at 9:55am)

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Nov. 17-18

[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 2: Barwins & Emmersons, Nov. 18

Grade 3: Pfennings – Nov. 11, 6-10pm

Grade 5: Maczkas – Oct. 29, 7pm

Grade 8: Nettie Boivin & Amy Ziemer – Nov. 3

If you need information, please contact Home & School Pres. Genevieve Boyle ([genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com)).



## Corcoran's corner

This week in our [weekly Corcoran's corner](#), Mr. Corcoran raves about our Saint Thomas community and our Auction success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Auction. We were able to meet all of our fundraising goals thanks to your generosity!

## Book Fair!

**Book Fair** – Nov. 15-18. We need volunteers to help run our Book Fair. Please use our [Book Fair Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer! Students will attend during their regular library times. Here are the times when the Book Fair will be open:

- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 12:30-4pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 16, 8am-4pm
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 8am-8pm
- Friday, Nov. 18, 8am-4 pm (half day for students, Book Fair during afternoon conferences)

## Other stuff!

♥ **Sibshops** – for brothers and sisters of children with special needs. For more info, check out this [Sibshops flyer](#).

♥ **Catholic Central Admissions Information:** 2023-24 Incoming Freshman Applications are OPEN! Priority deadline is Dec. 1, 2022. Open to all current 8th graders. Learn more and apply online at: [grcatholiccentral.org/admissions](http://grcatholiccentral.org/admissions). For more information about Open Houses and Shadow days, check out this [Catholic Central admissions flyer](#).

♥ [Experience West Catholic](#)

♥ [Cannonsburg Ski & Snowboard Punch Card Pass Program](#)



# Trunk or Treat Party

## Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

**Let's party like it's Halloween! Trunk or treat! Bring the trunks, treats and treaters!**

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 30, 3-4pm (cars must be parked by 2:55pm)

**Who:** Saint Thomas School and Parish children of all ages!

**Where:** Saint Thomas Church parking lot

**What:** Hand out pre-packaged treats from your trunk.  
Let your child trick or treat at all the trunks!  
Costumes encouraged! Prize for best decorated trunk!

**Questions:** Contact Betsy Edgerton or Cammi Lawrence  
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