



THE BUZZ!

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Plan your week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is patriotism: paying due honor and respect to one's country, with a willingness to serve.

Sunday, Oct. 30 – Trunk or Treat, 3-4pm, Main parking lot. Cars must be in place by 2:55pm to participate. Hand out treats from your trunk. Let your child trick or treat at all the trunks. Costumes encouraged. Prize for best decorated trunk! Trunk not required to trick or treat!

Monday, Oct. 31 – Monday Morning Rosary, 8:15am, Adoration Chapel.

Monday, Oct. 31 – No Mass for Grades 1-3 (K-8 Mass on Tuesday).

Tuesday, Nov. 1 – LATE START, 8:30am. Dropoff: 8:15-8:30am.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 – K-8 All Saints Day Mass, 9:55am. Mass attire for K-8th grade students. Parents are welcome to join us. Please check in at the office.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 – Home & School Meeting, 8:15am, Ministry Center. Home and School invites all parents to a morning of coffee and conversation. We will spend time discussing the uniform policy and, if time allows, any other concerns you may have. Please come if you can. If you are unable to attend, please complete this [STA Uniform Policy Survey](#).

Thursday, Nov. 3/Friday, Nov. 4 – NO SCHOOL! (teacher development)

Thursday, Nov. 3 – 8th Grade Parent Gathering hosted by Nettie Boivin and Amy Ziemer.

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. Please have your child bring items in to their teachers.

Grades 1, 6: Pudding Cups

Grades 2, 7: Fruit Cups or Pouches (no foil tops please)

Grades 3, 8: Pretzels, Cheez-its or Goldfish bags (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.



Lunch menu!

Check out our [November lunch menu](#).

Important reminders!

♥ **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 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.

♥ See the [letter from Bishop Walkowiak](#) and the [Q&A Regarding Proposal 3](#).

♥ **Library note:** Please check out this [letter from our Saint Thomas librarian](#).

After school opportunities!

Chess Class – We are offering Fall Chess Class, beginning Nov. 2. We need two more students to sign up for this class to run! 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).

Wow!

5th Grade Podcast

Mrs. Dressander worked with Mr. Mester's 5th grade class on planning, researching, and putting together their very own podcast. Listen to their [Hornets Now podcast](#) with Mrs. Fischer!



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: Pfenning's – 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).

Events calendar!

Picture re-takes – Nov. 9 (Visit www.inter-state.com/order to order online. Please use code 71324XT.)

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Nov. 17-18 (Look for a Sign Up Genius soon!)

Thanksgiving break – Nov. 23-25

Christmas break – Dec. 19 – Jan. 2

All School Spelling Bee – Jan. 12

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)



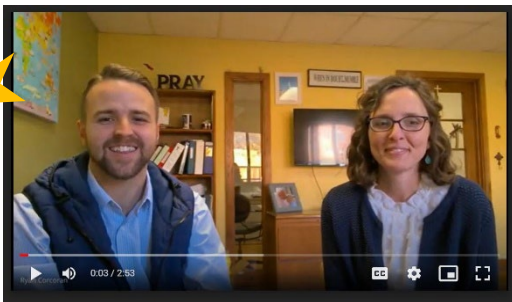
Book Fair!

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)



Corcoran's corner!



In our [weekly Corcoran's Corner](#), Ryan and Marygrace discuss MAP scores.

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. For more information about Open Houses and Shadow days, check out this [Catholic Central admissions flyer](#).

♥ **Catholic Central Football News:** No passes, of any kind, will be accepted for the remainder of the Catholic Central football games this season. Post-season games are managed by MHSAA, not Catholic Central. All spectators will be required to purchase tickets using GoFan. Click on the link to purchase tickets for this Friday's game: <https://gofan.co/app/school/M110192>.

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

