



# 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 temperance: The restraint of our desires so that we can do what is right and good.

**Monday, Nov. 14 – Grades 1-3 Mass, 9:55am.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Friday, Nov. 18 – Book Fair in the Library**

### Book Fair!



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

**Last chance to volunteer at the Book Fair.** Please sign up using our [Book Fair Sign Up Genius!](#)

**Thursday, Nov. 17 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-8pm.**

**Friday, Nov. 18 –**

- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 9:55am.**
- **0-5ers Story Time, 10am.**
- **Half Day. Students are released at 11am.**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences, 12-3pm.**
- **Grade 2 Parent Gathering, 7pm at the Barwins, hosted by the Barwins and the Emmersons.**

## Lunch menu!

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



## Parent Teacher Conference Sign Ups

Conferences – Nov. 17-18

- Nov. 17, 4-8pm
- Nov. 18, 12-3pm

P4-Grade 5 – Please use this [Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up.](#)

Middle school parents may drop in without an appointment.

Fall conferences are required. Please sign up for a time to meet with your child's P3-Grade 5 teacher or stop by to meet with Middle School teachers.



## 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](https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) to get started and check out [2023-24 Blackbaud/SMART Aid Online Instructions](#).

♥ **After school opportunities:** We are offering Winter after-school classes in guitar, coding and chess. Check out these flyers for more info: [Winter Guitar](#), [Winter Coding](#) and [Winter Chess](#).

## Events calendar!

5th and 6th grade band Fall Concert  
at St. Cecilia Music Center – Nov. 20

Thanksgiving break – Nov. 23-25

Home & School Meeting – Nov. 30

Christmas break – Dec. 19 – Jan. 2

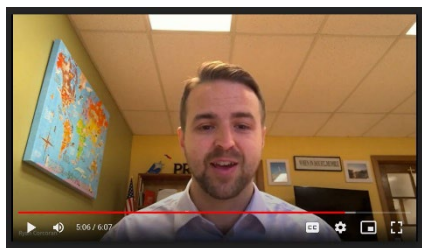
All School Spelling Bee – Jan. 12

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)

## Home & School

Check out our monthly  
[Home & School newsletter](#).

Our next Home & School meeting  
will be Wednesday, Nov. 30 at  
8:15am in the Ministry Center.  
Parents, join us!



## Corcoran's corner!

Hear Mr. Corcoran discuss parent teacher conferences and reflect on the spirit of hospitality at our school in his [weekly Corcoran's corner](#).

## Holiday music events!

♥ **Saint Thomas School Nativity Program, Dec. 9 at 9:55am in the Church basement:** Come hear the beautiful Nativity story through dialogue and song from our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes in the Church basement. Contact Mrs. Emily Brunner ([emilybrunner@stthomasgr.org](mailto:emilybrunner@stthomasgr.org)) with questions.

♥ **Saint Thomas School Vespers Service, Dec. 11 at 5pm in the Church:** Come celebrate the beauty of the advent/Christmas Season through prayer and song. Vespers Service put on by all students in Grades 1-4 and 6-8. Please have students in the church by 4:30pm, wearing nice clothes in red and green.



## Other stuff!

♥ **Parish Thanksgiving Dinner** – Saint Thomas will be hosting our Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 24, from 12-2pm in the lower level of church. All are invited to join in the celebration and bring your family or invite friends! [Register for the dinner](#) or use this [Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#). Call Lori F. at (616) 459-4662 with questions.

♥ **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: [gcatholiccentral.org/admissions](http://gcatholiccentral.org/admissions). For more information about Open Houses and Shadow days, check out this [Catholic Central admissions flyer](#) and then [RSVP for the Open House](#) and [RSVP for Shadow Days](#).

♥ **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>.



## *Advent by Candlelight 2022*

Friday, December 2 at 7 pm

All Ladies of the Parish and School are warmly invited!

Please join us as we gather in the Church  
for music, prayer and a reflection  
followed by a festive reception in the Church Lower Level.

Be inspired to live **Holy Moments** this Advent,  
with insights from Saint Teresa of Calcutta,  
who encouraged us to do  
**"Small things with Great love".**

Come alone, with family members, friends or watch virtually.



Please RSVP by November 30th  
on the Parish website  
or by calling the Parish Office.

Questions? Contact Pam Strobel  
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