



# THE BUZZ!

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School | Dynamic Education Centered in Christ



## Set your clocks back!

**Sunday, Nov. 6** – Sunday marks Daylight Savings. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

## 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.

**Monday, Nov. 7 – Uniform update:** Due to unseasonably warm weather, we are extending shorts/no leggings for one more week. Students may continue to wear shorts and skirts/jumpers with no leggings until Nov. 11.

**Monday, Nov. 7 – Grades 1-3 Mass, 9:55am.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 9 – Picture re-takes.** Visit [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order) to order online. Please use code 71324XT. If your child needs a picture re-take, send them in their picture attire and then they can change into their uniform after they get their picture taken. Also, please bring in your old picture package if you are getting re-takes.

**Thursday, Nov. 10 – Board of Education Meeting cancelled,** due to the Diocesan Board Summit.

**Friday, Nov. 11 – Grades 4-8 Mass, 9:55am.**

**Friday, Nov. 11 – Parent Grade Gatherings:**

- **P4 Parent Gathering** at the Cicottes, 5:30-7:30pm.
- **Grade 3 Parent Gathering** at the Pfennings, 6-10pm

## 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.

## Uniform Survey

Thank you to all who came to our Home & School meeting to discuss uniforms. If you missed and would like to participate, please complete this [STA Uniform Policy Survey](#).

## Parent Gatherings

P4: Cicottes – Nov. 11, 5:30-7:30pm

Grade 2: Nov. 18, Barwins & Emmersons

Grade 3: Pfennings – Nov. 11, 6-10pm

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

## 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](#).

♥ **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](#).

## After school opportunities!

**Chess Class** – 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](#).

**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!

Thanksgiving break – Nov. 23-25

Christmas break – Dec. 19 – Jan. 2

All School Spelling Bee – Jan. 12

[Saint Thomas Parent Events Calendar](#)

## Amazon smile!

Support Saint Thomas when you shop at Amazon. Through [Amazon Smile](#), you can select the Saint Thomas Education Foundation and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Foundation in support of our students and school.

## Book fair!

**Book Fair** – Nov. 15-18. The Book Fair is almost here. We still need volunteers for Thursday evening and Friday afternoon (during conferences). Please sign up using our [Book Fair Sign Up Genius!](#) 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-4pm (half day for students, Book Fair during afternoon conferences)

## Other stuff!

♥ **Thanks from Kids' Food Basket** – *"I can't thank you enough for all the support from Saint Thomas today. Your school and students collected **251 pounds of Supper Packs and food**. That is incredible! Again, we can't do this work without groups like yours. It takes a community to help nourish kids to reach their full potential."* Kyle Szucs, Kids' Food Basket

♥ **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: [grcatholiccentral.org/admissions](http://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**