



# THE BUZZ!

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

## Next week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is humility: Awareness that all of our gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others.



**Sunday, Dec. 11 – Vespers Service, 5pm, Church.** Our students (grades 1-4 and 6-8) have been preparing for this performance. Parents, please have students in the church by 4:30pm, wearing Sunday best clothes in red and green. We encourage all students to be there.

**Monday, Dec. 12 – Morning Rosary, 8:15am, inside the Church, west side.**

**Monday, Dec. 12 – Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am, Church.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Uniform holiday.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Thursday, Dec. 15 – Middle School Exams, 8-11:30am.** These days are uniform holidays for our middle school students only. Middle school students will be dismissed at 11:30am.

**Friday, Dec. 16 – Mass for Grades 4-8.**

**Friday, Dec. 16 – 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center.**

**Dec. 19 – Jan. 2 – Christmas Break!** Enjoy the break! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! We'll see you Jan. 3, 2023!



Artist Michaela, Grade 1

## Teacher/Admin surveys!

Thank you to those who have completed a survey. We hope to have full parent participation – even if you just want to say, “Keep up the good work!” Please help us improve by completing the following surveys by Dec. 16:

- Principal feedback – [forms.gle/H4MV1a3xu1VqrDg49](https://forms.gle/H4MV1a3xu1VqrDg49)
- Asst. Principal feedback – [forms.gle/tjG8GEtGeMonPJFJ7](https://forms.gle/tjG8GEtGeMonPJFJ7)
- Teacher feedback – [forms.gle/V7YbM8Ac1CpEFTvNA](https://forms.gle/V7YbM8Ac1CpEFTvNA)

## Events calendar!

All in Week – Jan. 23-27

Catholic Schools Week – Jan. 30 – Feb. 3

Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up – Feb. 1

Wow!

### STA store!

Saint Thomas now has a spirit store! Visit our [We Wear Saint Thomas Store](#) to purchase items. Please note: These items are NOT part of the STA uniform; they can ONLY be worn on spirit days or uniform holidays.

## Lunch menu!

Check out our [December lunch menu](#). Please note lunch change for Monday, Dec. 12 – French toast, sausage and cheesy potatoes.

## Home & School news!

♥ **Christmas service project:** Please consider helping with our school-wide Christmas service project. These three families have great need, and we are hoping to shower them with love this Christmas! Click on the links below for a Sign Up Genius of gifts for these families:

- [Preschool – Grade 2 – the Herman family](#)
- [Grades 3-5 – the Ervin Family](#)
- [Grades 6-8 – the Fields Family](#)

♥ **Cookie tray thanks:** THANK YOU to everyone who baked, assembled, and delivered cookies for our wonderful teachers and staff! The cookie boxes were beautiful, and we appreciate the many contributions!

♥ **Volunteer opportunity:** Calling all dads, grandpas, and uncles! We are looking for a few of you to help plan this year's Mother/son event. This would be a fun way to meet and work with other dads, get creative and have fun, and do something special for your wives and sons!

## Girls basketball sign up!

Girls basketball begins in January. If your daughter is interested in playing GRACEAC basketball (grades 5-8), please sign up using our [GRACEAC Girls Basketball Sign Up](#) by Dec. 19.

## Corcoran's corner!

Mr. Corcoran and Mr. Dahlquist talk about Saint Thomas's Educational Support Services program and the joy of working at Saint Thomas in this week's [Corcoran's corner](#).

## Meal train for STA families!

♥ **Hieshetter family:** Thank you for your willingness to assist with a meal for Sue and her family as she recovers from her surgery. Please note that her husband Mike has a severe peanut allergy and any meals should be sure to not include any trace of peanuts. To help with a meal, please sign up at [www.mealtrain.com/trains/vl8m6w](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/vl8m6w).

♥ **Boog family:** Please think about supporting the Boog family with a meal, so they can focus on sweet Ethan! If you can help with a meal, please sign up at: [www.mealtrain.com/trains/mmkkq6](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/mmkkq6).

♥ **Eakin family:** Please consider supporting the Eakin family with a meal, as they adjust to life as a family of six! If you'd like to help with a meal, please sign up at: [mealtrain.com/085ry9](http://mealtrain.com/085ry9).

♥ **Rosser family:** Saint Thomas mom Dawn Rosser is recovering from bypass surgery and needs help feeding her family during this time. The schedule continues through the end of the year. If you can help with a meal, please sign up at: [takethemeal.com/MUBY5506](http://takethemeal.com/MUBY5506).

## Help wanted!

Saint Thomas is seeking a full-time employee to assist Ted and his crew with afternoon/ evening cleaning and maintenance of our facilities. Email Pam ([pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org](mailto:pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org)) or Carla ([carlagrant@stthomasgr.org](mailto:carlagrant@stthomasgr.org)) at the Parish office or call them at (616) 459-4662 for an application form or to get additional details.