What's buzzing around the halls of Saint Thomas? Jan. 23-27, 2023

THE BUZZ!

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SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALL IN WEEK!

ALL IN Week is a celebration of our efforts to create a community of belonging in an inclusive environment, empowering our students.

Next week!

Monday, Jan. 23

- Chapel: "Hear us out!" Welcome to ALL IN Week!
- Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am, Church
- Lunchtime story: *Invisible Boy*

Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Chapel: "I hear you!" Emma Schmuker
- Lunchtime story: *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon*

Wednesday, Jan. 25

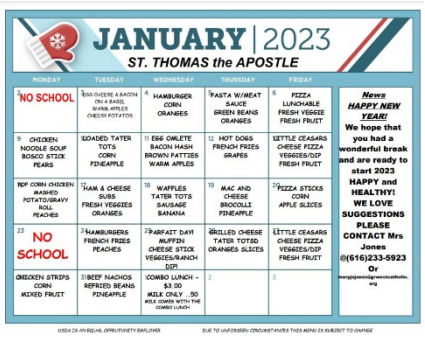
- Chapel: "Listening: Drumming a story" with artist Josh Dunigan
- Drumming experience for Grades 1-8 – Students will discover how music works to connect our brains and bodies through hands-on (drums) exercises, exploring a variety of rhythms from around the world. The students will work with each other to create group musical moments that are inclusive and open to everyone who wants to participate.

Thursday, Jan. 26

- Chapel: "Now hear this!" Mr. Drew and Ms. Miranda Eden
- Lunchtime story: *The Big Umbrella*
- ESS Staff/Family Appreciation Lunch, 12:30pm, Ministry Center

Friday, Jan. 27

- Chapel: "Harmonizing voices" Catholic Central Acapella Group
- No Grades 4-8 Mass (Father is out of town)
- 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center
- Lunchtime: "Being heard: Karaoke"

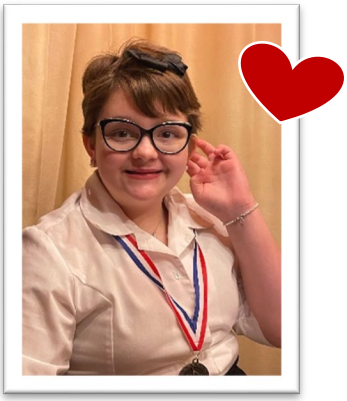


Lunch menu and update!

West Catholic High School provides our food services program. **West Catholic now only accepts online-only lunch money deposits.** This means no cash or check deposits will be allowed. Depositing lunch money through Infinite Campus is the safest and most transparent practice for WC as it provides lunch services to six Catholic school campuses in the diocese. WC appreciates your patience! Check out these instructions for depositing money into Infinite Campus.

All-star band student!

Congratulations to Saint Thomas 7th grade french horn player Claudia G. for being selected to the MSBOA District 10 All-Star Band. Claudia had a full day of rehearsals with students from all over the Grand Rapids and Holland area on Saturday, Jan. 14. Then in the evening the All-Star band held an amazing concert at Rockford High School. She represented Saint Thomas and our Catholic Central Middle School band program very well! Great work, Claudia!



Upcoming events!

Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up – Feb. 1

Spring Book Fair – March 7-9

Sunshine Swirl – April 22 (P3-Grade 4)

Middle School Corn Hole Contest – Feb. 4 – This was an Auction item. If you purchased a ticket for your child, Middle School teachers will be contacting you. If are interested in purchasing a ticket for this event ($25), email betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org.

Drop & Dine Valentine – Feb. 11 – This was a Silent Auction item. If you purchased it, Veronica Perdue will be contacting you. If you are interested in purchasing it ($25/student or $50/family), please email betsyedgertton@stthomasgr.org**.** Enjoy an evening out with your valentine while your children (ages 3 and up) participate in fun activities from 5:30-8pm in the school gym.

Corcoran's corner!

Mr. Corcoran is back with Corcoran's corner, with guest star Mr. Tim Horst, Saint Thomas's new director of faith formation.

Other stuff!

♥ **Report card note:** Second term Art report card grades for Kg-8 will be "CR" for credit only. No letter grades or other standards will be given this term. That area will be left blank. Mrs. Williams, the Art teacher, was on a six-week leave of absence. The normal Art grades will resume with the 3rd quarter report cards.

♥ **Home & School news:** We've got a few Home and School events coming up:

- **Mother/Son event volunteers:** We are looking for people to help in planning and putting on the Mother/Son event this year. It is such a fun and special event. Please consider helping if you can! Contact Becca Maguire at rebecca.maguire11@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you!
- **Parent volunteer appreciation:** As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations, there will be a special blessing for all parent volunteers at chapel on Friday, Feb. 3. If you have volunteered in any capacity this year, please join us!
- **Coffee and coversation:** Please join us for "Coffee and conversation" on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 8:15am in the Ministry Center. We will talk about safety and security at Saint Thomas, along with other topics you'd like to discuss.

♥ **Parish News: Winter Community Dinner, Jan. 28, 6-8pm.** Join us for fellowship, fun and a free spaghetti dinner, hosted by The Knights of Columbus! RSVP by Jan. 23 by calling (616) 459-4662 or using our 2023 Winter Community Dinner RSVP Form. To volunteer to help or bring a dessert, please use our Winter Community Dinner Sign Up Genius.

♥ **Middle School Shine Rally:** The Middle School "Shine" Youth Rally is Sunday, March 26, 1-6:30pm. This event is open to 6th-8th graders. If your child is interested, please contact Leah Green (youthministry@stthomasgr.org), the Saint Thomas Youth Minister, and check out this Shine Youth Rally flyer/permission slip for more information.

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ROUND UP! 2023

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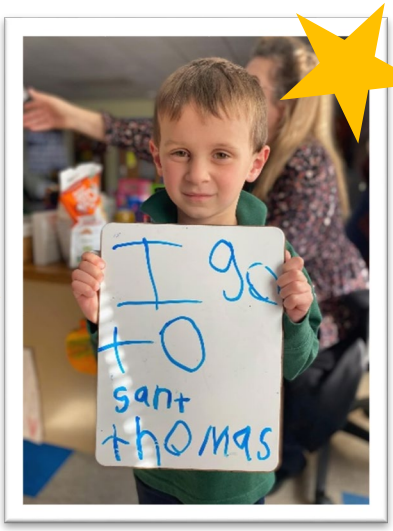
Join us for Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School's Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up 2023, to learn more about our early childhood programs!



When: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
9-10:30am OR 6-7:30pm

Where: Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School
Ministry Center (behind school)
1429 Wilcox Dr. SE

RSVP: https://forms.gle/JustuyaytdXmPR5x8

Parent information session while your future preschooler/ kindergartener participates in a mini-classroom session with their teachers! (Childcare for younger siblings is not provided.)

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