



THE BUZZ!

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

Let's Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Sunday, Jan. 29 – Celebrate your parish!

- Pack the pews; we are asking all our Saint Thomas students to attend Mass at Saint Thomas in their school uniforms.
- Saint Thomas students will be speaking at Masses.
- Read this [letter from the Bishop celebrating Catholic School's Week](#).

Monday, Jan. 30 – Celebrate our school staff/faculty/volunteers!

- Uniform holiday for staff and students
- Chapel blessing for our parent volunteers. All parents, please join us!
- Breakfast for staff, hosted by Saint Thomas Student Council.
- Home & School Parent Rosary & Coffee, 8:15am, Ministry Center.
- Pep rally (with teacher/staff contestants); 2:30pm, Gym

Tuesday, Jan. 31 – Celebrate our students!

- Uniform holiday theme – Saint Thomas Spirit (wear spirit gear or green and gold)
- Home & School gift for students

Wednesday, Feb. 1 – Celebrate our nation!

- Uniform holiday theme – Red, white and blue
- Preschool/Kindergarten Round UP, 9am or 6pm, Ministry Center. (Please note: There is no regularly scheduled preschool, kindergarten, or enrichment that day.)

Thursday, Feb. 2 – Celebrate vocations!

- Father Matt Fase speaks at Chapel
- Sister Anna Rose speaks to Middle School
- Tea with Father Jim

Friday, Feb. 3 – Celebrate our community!

- All School Mass, 9:55am
- Students visit neighborhood
- 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center.



Sledding in PE!

Provided there is snow this week, our PE classes will be going sledding at Wilcox Park. Students can bring sleds to school on the days that they have PE. And please remember hats, gloves, snow pants, boots!

Saturday, Feb. 4 – Celebrate our families!

- Parents, check with your student for a thank you letter!



We Wear Saint Thomas!

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, think about showing your Catholic School pride with Saint Thomas spirit wear. Visit [our We Wear Saint Thomas store](#) to purchase items today!

Springtime Variety Show!

We are thinking of having a Saint Thomas Variety Show sometime this spring. Parents, if you are interested in helping with this show, please contact Emily Brunner (emilybrunner@stthomasgr.org). Students, if you are interested in participating, start planning your entry (singing, juggling, magic tricks, playing an instrument). More information to come!

 FEBRUARY 2023 St. Thomas					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Menu
	Soft pretzel with cheddar dip Corn Sidekick	1 Little Caesar's pizza Sauce Fresh Fruit	2 Corni Toppings Cheese with Applesauce Applesauce Milk	3 Working Fennel Fresh fruit	Hello! We start off February with Catholic Schools Week. We will celebrate this special week with students. This month, Lent will begin. We will have meditations on Ash Wednesday and Friday. This month, we will not have lunch on the 17 th because of a half day of school. We will also not have lunch on the 20 th and 21 st because of Mid-Winter break. Enjoy your time off! If you have any questions, please reach out to Doris Beach.
6 Chicken sandwich Caveat Peaches	7 Hamburgers Tater Tots Peas	8 Waffles Sausage Cheesy potatoes Banana	9 Mac and Cheese Corn Oranges	10 Pizza lunchables Salad Fresh fruit	
14 Chicken noodle soup Breadstick Peaches	15 Soft shell tacos w/ Sausage Corn Pineapple	16 Pancakes Banana Tater Tots Applesauce	18 Grilled cheese Salad Fresh fruit	17 1/2 Day of School	
21 Mid-Winter Break	22 Mid-Winter Break	23 Rain Wednesday Sister noodles Coleslaw Peaches	24 Corn dog Tater Tots Mixed fruit	24 Cheesy pulled pork Salad Frozen strawberry cobb	
27 Chicken nuggets French fries Blueberries with yogurt	28 Waffles Coleslaw Pineapple				

*Menu subject to change

Lunch menus and update!

West Catholic High School provides our food services program.

West Catholic now only accepts online-only lunch money deposits.

Check out these [instructions for depositing money into Infinite Campus](#).

* Monday, Jan. 30 – Chicken strips, corn and mixed fruit

Upcoming events!

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 betsyedgerton@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.

Spring Book Fair – March 7-9

4th Grade Songfest – March 15

Party in your Parka (ice skating party) – March 18

Sunshine Swirl – April 22 (P3-Grade 4)

Other stuff!

♥ **Parish outreach:** Saint Thomas will be collecting specific items for the Cathedral Outreach Center during the month of February. The Outreach center serves the Heartside neighborhood and they are requesting small tubes of tooth paste, petroleum jelly, new and used backpacks, sheets and towels. Parishioners are invited to put items in the designated bin in the back of church. If you have questions, contact Tim Allard (616-460-5589).

♥ **Parish blood drive:** Our next Saint Thomas Blood Drive is Sunday, March 12, 8:30 am-1 pm in the Ministry Center. Register here to give blood or sign up on our parish website. Call Lori Fedewa at (616) 459-4662 if you would like to help.

♥ **Home & School news:** 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!

♥ **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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