



THE BUZZ!

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

January 2023!

We've got lots buzzing around Saint Thomas in the next few weeks...[All in Week](#), [Catholic Schools Week Sneak Peek](#) and [Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up!](#) Check out the events we've got going on to celebrate these special events!

Next week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. The virtue this week is orderliness: Keeping oneself organized, clean and neat and one's belongings in good order.

Monday, Jan. 9 – Morning Rosary, 8:15am, inside the Church, west side.

Monday, Jan. 9 – Mass for Grades 1-3, 9:55am, Church.

Thursday, Jan. 12 – All School Spelling Bee, 2pm, Church Lower Level. Parents, grandparents, friends, join us!

Thursday, Jan. 12 – Board of Education Meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center.

Friday, Jan. 10 – Mass for Grades 4-8, 9:55am, Church.

Friday, Jan. 10 – 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center. Join Genevieve Boyle and her sidekick Anna for a good book with fun friends and a fun craft. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Welcome littlest Hornet!

Another member joining our Saint Thomas community – Thomas (Tommy) Michael Brede was born on Friday, Dec. 16 to Erin and Chris. Welcome, Tommy!



Corcoran's corner!

Mr. Corcoran reflects on the passing of Pope Benedict XVI in his weekly [Corcoran's corner](#).

Events calendar!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school) – Jan. 16

All in Week Mass – Jan. 22

All in Week – Jan. 23-27

ESS Parent & Staff Appreciation Lunch – Jan. 26

Catholic Schools Week – Jan. 30 – Feb. 3

Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up – Feb. 1

January lunch menu!

JANUARY 2023					
ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Notes
1 NO SCHOOL	2 SOUP & BREAD CHICKEN BROCCOLI CHICKEN POTATOES	3 HAMBURGERS CORN ORANGES	4 PASTA W/MEAT SAUCE GREEN BEANS ORANGES	5 PIZZA LUNCHABLE FRESH VEGGIES FRESH FRUIT	News HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope that you had a wonderful break and are ready to start 2023 HAPPY and HEALTHY! WE LOVE SUGGESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT Mrs James (616) 233-9923 Or james@stthomasgr.org
6 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP BROCCOLI PEAS	7 LOADED TATER TOTS CORN PEACHES	8 EGG OMELETTE BACON HASH BROCCOLI BUTTER POTATOES	9 HOT DOGS FRENCH FRIES BEANS	10 LITTLE CAESARS CHEESE PIZZA VEGETABLES FRESH FRUIT	
11 HOT CORN CHICKEN BREAD POTATO/GRUYERE SOUP PEACHES	12 STEAM & CHEESE BURRITOS FRESH VEGGIES ORANGES	13 WAFFLES TATER TOTS SAUSAGE BANANAS	14 MAC AND CHEESE BROCCOLI PEACHES	15 PIZZA STEAKS CORN APPLE SLICES	
16 NO SCHOOL	17 HAMBURGERS FRENCH FRIES PEACHES	18 PASTA W/MEAT SAUCE CHICKEN STOCK VEGETABLES ORANGES	19 GRILLED CHEESE TATER TOTS ORANGES SLICES	20 LITTLE CAESARS CHEESE PIZZA VEGETABLES FRESH FRUIT	
21 CHICKEN STRIPS CORN MIXED FRUIT	22 BEEF NACHOS BUTTERED BEANS PEACHES	23 COMBO LUNCH - \$3.00 MILK ONLY - \$0.50 HOT CORN POTATOES COMBO LUNCH	24	25	

Other stuff!

♥ **Gate line drop off reminder:** Gateline drivers, please use your turn signals as you exit the Children's Healing Center driveway onto Fulton. This allows Mayfield Street traffic entering onto Fulton to know which way you are turning. Thank you for ensuring traffic safety and awareness.

♥ **Home & School volunteer opportunity:** Dads, we need you! We are looking for a group of dads, uncles, grandpas, and anyone else who would like to help plan the Mother/Son event this year! It would be a fun way to connect with others and do something special for your wife and son! Please contact Becca at rebecca.maguire11@gmail.com if you are interested or if you'd like to learn more. Thank you for considering!

♥ **Altar Server Training, Jan. 11:** For any 5th-8th grade student interested in altar serving, the Parish is having an Altar Server Training Wednesday, January 11, from 6:30-8 pm in the church. Please contact Lori Vernon (lorivernon@stthomasgr.org) in the Parish Office if you have any questions.

♥ **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](#).

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preschool/kindergarten

ROUND UP! 2023

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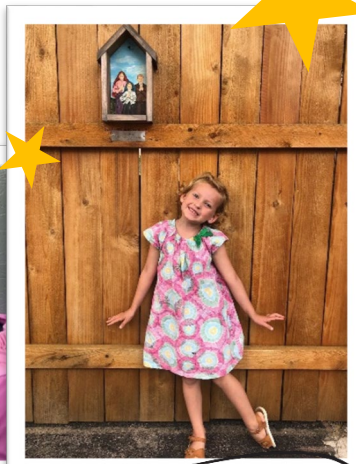
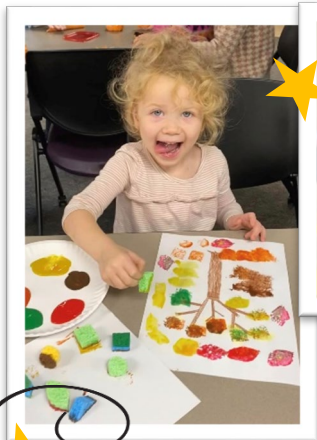
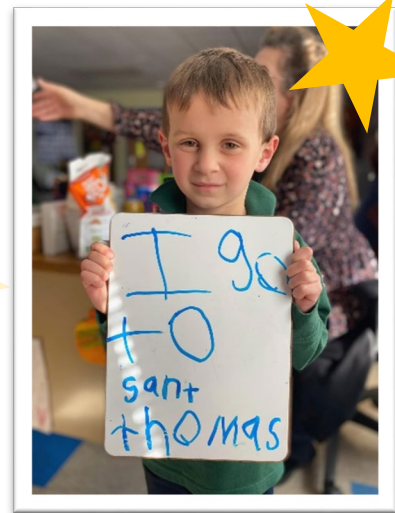
Join us for Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School's Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up 2023, to learn more about our early childhood programs!

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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ALL IN WEEK!

January 23 - 27, 2023



Monday

Chapel: "Hear us out!" Welcome to ALL IN WEEK!

Lunchtime Story:
Invisible Boy

Tuesday

Chapel: "I Hear You," Emma Schmuker

Lunchtime story:
Stand Tall,
Molly Lou Melon

Wednesday

Chapel: "[Listening: Drumming a Story](#)," artist Josh Dunigan

Drumming Experience for 1st-8th Grade

Thursday

Chapel: "Now Hear This!" Mr. Drew and Ms. Miranda

ESS Family Appreciation Lunch

Lunchtime story:
The Big Umbrella

Friday

Chapel: "Harmonizing voices," CC Acapella group

Lunchtime: "Being heard: Karaoke"