



THE BUZZ!

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

Next week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. This week's virtue is prudence: The ability to see reality objectively, allowing us to judge correctly what is right and what is wrong in any given situation.

Monday, Feb. 20 – Tuesday, Feb. 21 – No school! Mid-winter break

Wednesday, Feb. 22 –

- **Late start, 8:30am.** Please drop your students off at school between 8:15 and 8:30am.
- **K-8 Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:55am.**

Friday, Feb. 24 –

- **Deadline to complete your SchoolAdmin intent to enroll form to ensure your child's spot at Saint Thomas next year.**

Saturday, Feb. 25 –

- **Euchre Night, 7-10pm, Church Lower Level.** Come out for a night of cards and fun. Ages 18 and up, no partners needed! Doors open at 6:30pm for a short training session. Bring an appetizer if you can!

Spring sports registration!



It's time to register for spring sports. If your child is interested in playing GRACEAC sports, please register using the [GRACEAC Spring Sports Sign Up](#).

The deadline to sign up is Feb. 20! Please make sure you receive an email confirmation from TeamSnap after you have registered.

Here are the spring offerings: boys baseball, girls and boys lacrosse, girls soccer, girls softball, tennis, and track.

Registration 2023-24!

The time has come to register for the 2023-24 school year. This year, we will be using SchoolAdmin for enrollment. You should have received an email from "SchoolAdmin Info," asking you to login and continue the enrollment process. Please complete your **intent to enroll by Feb. 24** to ensure your child's spot for next year. If you have any questions or did not receive the SchoolAdmin email, please contact the School Office.



Deadline to complete SchoolAdmin is Feb. 24!

Lunch menu!

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](#).

FEBRUARY 2023					
St. Thomas					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Menu
					Here!
					We start off February with Catholic Schools Week. We will celebrate this special week with cookies.
					This month, Lent will begin. We will have rosaries mass on Ash Wednesday and Friday.
					This month, we will not have lunch on the 17 th because it is a half day of school. We will also not have lunch on the 20 th and 21 st because of Ash-Winter break. Enjoy your time off!
					If you have any questions, please reach out to Barb Reich.

Upcoming Book Fair!

The Saint Thomas Book Fair is returning to celebrate Reading Month in March. Lowry Books will be providing the books. Sign up to volunteer at: www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EA5A729A6FA7-spring.

The book fair will be held in the school library at the following days/times:

- Tuesday, March 7- 12:30-4pm
- Wednesday, March 8 - 8am-4pm
- Thursday, March 9 - 8am-4pm

Students will attend the Book Fair during their regularly scheduled library time. Middle School students may visit during study hall. Payment can be made by cash, check or charge.

Financial assistance for 2023-24 school year!

Tuition financial assistance from the diocese and our own Tuition Angel fund is available for the 2023-24 school year. The first two rounds of diocesan Bishop's scholarships have already been awarded, and Tuition Angel scholarships will be awarded in April. If you could use some help with tuition you should complete your financial aid application and upload all required documentation **before April 10**.

Families requesting financial assistance must submit an online application through SMART Aid. The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2023-24 school year is open. To get started, visit studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school and check out the [2023-24 Blackbaud/SMART Aid Online Instructions](#). Our SMART School number is: 13303.

Upcoming events!

Spring Book Fair – March 7-9

4th Grade Songfest – March 15

Party in your Parka (ice skating party) – March 18 (You must [sign this waiver](#) to participate in this event)

Sunshine Swirl – April 22 (P3-Grade 4)

Other stuff!

♥ **CC Girls Soccer:** Catholic Central Soccer Winter Academy, Open to girls in 1st-6th grade, SHOW UP AND SIGN UP THIS SATURDAY AT THE CAT. Check out this [Soccer Winter Academy flyer](#) for details and registration. Questions? Contact Coach Dorsey at adkicks11@hotmail.com.

♥ **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).

♥ **Prayer Vigil:** Pray for Life at the Saint Thomas 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil on Thursday, March 9, 7 am-7 pm, 320 Fulton. [Sign up for the Vigil](#) or in the back of church (March) or call leader, Helen Milanowski at (616) 774-8471 to serve. Thank you witness of peace and light!

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

♥ **Basketball tournament fundraiser:** St. Paul is holding a 3-on-3 Tournament for grades 4-8 on Sunday, March 12. If your child is interested, please check out this [3-on-3 St. Paul Basketball Tournament flyer](#).

♥ **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.

♥ **Lenten Film Series:** This Lent, rediscover the power of the rosary and enter into the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. Join us in the **Ministry Center from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm on Monday, Feb 13 and every Monday of Lent** (Feb 27 - Apr 3). Visit www.therosaryseries.com or contact Tim Horst (timhorst@stthomasgr.org) for more info!

♥ **CC Summer Camps:** Check out these Catholic Central Summer Camps: [CC STEAM Summer Camp](#) and [CC Athletic Summer Camps](#).

Yearbook orders!

If you did not purchase your yearbook when you placed your school picture order, there is still time!

Order your yearbook online!

Visit <https://inter-state.com/YearbookEntry/75070Y> by Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Deadline
Feb. 28



We Wear Saint Thomas!

Think about showing your Catholic School pride with Saint Thomas spirit wear. Visit [our We Wear Saint Thomas store](#) to purchase items today!

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