



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.

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! [Euchre Night Sign Up Genius](#)

Monday, Feb. 27 –

- Parent rosary, 8:15am
- Grades 1-3 Mass, 9:55am, Church

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Uniform holiday

Friday, March 3 – No school. Teacher professional development day.

Check out the [March Home & School newsletter!](#)

Last chance to order yearbooks!

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.

Yearbooks are only available to pre-order. You cannot purchase one at the end of the year.

Deadline Feb. 28

MARCH 2023				
Saint Thomas				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	1	2	3
6 Chicken Patty on a Whole Grain Bun Green Beans Peaches Milk	National Cereal Day! Cereal, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Applesauce Apple Juice Milk	8 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Orange Wedges Milk	9 Pasta w/ meatballs Broccoli Peaches Milk	10 No School
13 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes w/ Gravy Roll Peaches Milk	14 Nachos w/ taco meat Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	15 French Toast Cheesy Potatoes Sausage Applesauce Milk	16 Pasta Bake (Pasta w/ spaghetti sauce w/ meat) Green Beans Grapes Milk	17 Soft Pretzel with Cheese Fresh Veggies Frozen Peach cups
20 Popcorn Chicken Corn Roll Peaches Milk	21 Hamburgers Baked Beans Side Kick Milk	22 Pancakes Hash Browns Bacon Baked Apples Milk	18 Corn Dogs Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	19 Mac & Cheese Roasted Carrots Oranges Milk
27 Chicken Patty on a Whole Grain Bun Green Beans Frozen Peach Cup Milk	28 Soft Shell Tacos Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	29 Waffles Sausage Tater Tots Applesauce Milk	24 Ham & Cheese Sub Fresh Veggies Grapes Milk	25 Little Caesars pizza Frozen strawberry cup Milk
31 Cheesy Pull Apart Salad Apple Slices				

Click on image for March menu.

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.](#)

Monday, Feb. 27 – Chicken nuggets, French fries, blueberries and yogurt

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Walking tacos, corn, pineapple

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.

Registration 2023-24!

We are using SchoolAdmin for enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. You should have received an email from "SchoolAdmin Info," asking you to login and continue the enrollment process. Please complete your **intent to enroll ASAP** 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.

Upcoming events!

First Reconciliation Retreat – March 6

Spring Book Fair – March 7-9

4th Grade Songfest – March 15

Dinos with Dads – March 16

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

8th Grade Confirmation – March 22 (7pm)

State of the School – March 22 (8:30am) and March 23 (6pm)

Sunshine Swirl – April 22 (P3-Grade 4)



Deadline
April 10

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.

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).

♥ **Prayer Vigil:** Pray for Life at the Saint Thomas 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil on Thursday, March 9, 7am-7pm, 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](#).



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