



# THE BUZZ!

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## Next week!

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. This week's virtue is circumspection: Careful consideration of circumstances and consequences.

### Monday, Feb. 6 –

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 8 –

- Home & School Meeting, 8:15am, Ministry Center. Please join us for Coffee & Conversation. We will discuss school safety and security, as well as any other topics you'd like to address. Check out our monthly [Home & School Newsletter](#).

### Thursday, Feb. 9 –

- School Board Meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center

### Friday, Feb. 10 –

- Grades 4-8 Mass, 9:55am, Church
- Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center

### Saturday, Feb. 11 –

- Drop & Dine Valentine, 5:30-8pm, Saint Thomas Gym.

## Winter conference sign ups!

We will be having parent/teacher conferences Feb. 16 (4-8pm) and Feb. 17 (12-3pm). Use our [Winter Parent Teacher Conference Sign Ups](#).

## 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](#). Here are the offerings: boys baseball, girls and boys lacrosse, girls soccer, girls softball, tennis, and track. **The deadline to sign up is Feb. 20!**



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## Registration 2023-24

Enrollment is upon us! This year, we will be using SchoolAdmin again for enrollment. Next week, you will receive an email from "SchoolAdmin Info," asking you to login and complete your intent to enroll. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

 <b>FEBRUARY</b>   2023 St. Thomas					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Notes
	Soft pretzel with cheese dip Corn Sidekick	1 Little Caesar's pizza Sandwich Fruit Fruit	2 "Pop" Cheese sticks Apple juice Hard-boiled Eggs	3 Hotdog French fries Fresh fruit	Hello! We start off February with Catholic Schools Week. We will celebrate this special week with cookies. This month, Lent will begin. We will have Lenten meals on Feb. Wednesday and Friday. This month, we will not have lunch on the 17 <sup>th</sup> because of a half day of school. We will also not have lunch on the 27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> because of Ash Wednesday. Enjoy your time off! If you have any questions, please reach out to Barb Beach.
6 Chicken sandwich Green beans Peaches	7 Hamburgers Tater Tots Pears	8 Waffles Sausage Cheese potatoes Banana	9 Mac and Cheese Corn Oranges	10 Pizza lunchable Sandwich Fresh fruit	
11 Chicken noodle soup Breakfast Peaches	12 Soft shell tacos w/ Sauce Corn Pineapple	13 Pancakes Bacon Tater Tots Applesauce	14 Grilled cheese Sandwich Fresh fruit	15 1/2 Day of School	
20 Mid Winter Break	21 Mid Winter Break	22 Ash Wednesday Butter noodles Corn Peaches	23 Corn-dog Tater Tots Mixed fruit	24 Chewy pull-apart Sandwich Frozen strawberry cup	
27 Chicken nuggets French fries Blueberries with yogurt	28 Walking tacos Corn 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](#).

## 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**.

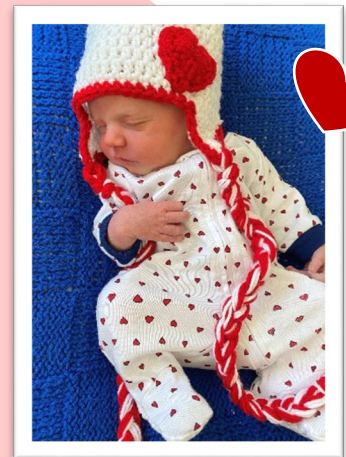
Families requesting financial assistance must submit an online application through SMART Aid. The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2023-24 school year is open. To get started, visit [studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school](http://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) and check out the [2023-24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

## Welcome littlest Hornets!

We're so happy to announce the arrival of a few new members to our Saint Thomas community.

**Violett Dolores Linn** arrived Jan. 21 to proud parents Samantha and Charles Linn.

**Luke Francis Boyle** was born on Feb. 1 to proud parents Genevieve and Jamie.



## Upcoming events!

Parent/teacher conferences – Feb. 16 (4-7pm) / Feb. 17 (11:30am-3:30pm)

Mid-winter break – Feb. 20-21

Spring Book Fair – March 7-9 – If you have books or book series that you'd like to see at the Book Fair, please email Melissa Krolewski ([melissakrolewski@gmail.com](mailto:melissakrolewski@gmail.com)) with your suggestions. Thanks!

4<sup>th</sup> 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).

♥ **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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. If your child is interested, please contact Leah Green ([youthministry@stthomasgr.org](mailto:youthministry@stthomasgr.org)), the Saint Thomas Youth Minister, and check out this [Shine Youth Rally flyer/permission slip](#) for more information.

## 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!

## Follow us!

