



# THE BUZZ!

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

## After break!

This week's virtue is generosity: Giving to another person something of yours as an act of free will, without obligation.

**Monday, April 10 – No school. Easter Monday**

**Friday, April 14 –**

- Grades 4-8 Mass, 9:55am, Church
- 0-5ers Storytime, 10am, Ministry Center
- Spirit Assembly, 2:30pm, Gym

## Mark your calendars!

Bishop Walkowiak visits – April 19

Sunshine Swirl – April 22 (Girls P3-Grade 4)

Uniform holiday – April 25

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Retreat prep – April 26

First Communion Retreat – April 28

May Crowning – May 1

Wilcox Park Clean Up – May 2

Kindergarten Kick-Off – May 3 (No kindergarten or P4 that day)

Golf FORE Sports – May 19 at Boulder Creek. Register at [stagolfouting.com](http://stagolfouting.com) by April 1 and get a free drink ticket!

Field Day – May 22

Stars and Strikes Mother and Sons bowling event – Check out this [Stars and Strikes flyer](#) or see the last page of the Buzz for more details! April 29 and May 5



APRIL 2023					LUNCH
Type Your School Name Here					
St. Thomas					<p>April is National Garden Month. Consider planting some seeds at home. You can start your seeds indoors in a small container (an empty cereal bowl from school would work well) and move them outside to a patio or garden plot when the weather allows.</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	
No School	Egg, Sausage and Cheese on English Muffin Hash Brown Applesauce	Popcorn Chicken Potatoes w/ gravy Roll Peaches	Pasta w/ meatballs Broccoli w/ cheese Strawberries and Watermelon	Bosco Sticks Salad Side Kicks	
Chicken Strips Green Beans Rolls Frozen Peach Cups	Pancakes Tator Tots Sausage Banana	Nachos w/ meat Refried Beans Pineapple	Hamburgers Baked Beans Apple Slices	Little Caesar's Pizza Salad Cantaloupe and Mango	
Chicken Sandwich Corn Orange Wedges	Cereal Day!! Cereal, Muffin, Cheese Stick, Applesauce Apple Juice	Quesadillas Refried Beans Blueberries w/ yogurt	Hot Dogs French Fries Grapes	Cheese Pull Apart Fresh Vegetables Frozen Peach Cup	

## 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](#).

*Click on image for April menu.*

## Traveling Rosary

If you would like to participate in our Saint Thomas traveling rosary, please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabaa2aa1fb6-traveling#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4eabaa2aa1fb6-traveling#/). Families will receive the rosary, along with a guide for praying the rosary with children, in Chapel on the Monday of their assigned week. You may choose to pray one decade or the entire rosary and then return the rosary to school on the Friday of that week. Questions? Contact Angelique Nowak.

## No More Receipts!

Spartan Nash is no longer participating in the Direct Your Dollars program. So we no longer need your D&W, Forest Hill Foods, or Family Fare receipts. Thanks!

## Track helpers needed!

We are still in need of 3/4 track parent helpers. Parents, no track experience is needed. We are just looking for people to help young runners know and stay in their lanes. If you are interested in helping, please email our Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett ([jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)).

## STA Golf Outing

Saint Thomas Boosters is hosting the annual Golf FORE Sports golf outing Friday, May 19. Don't miss the chance to register your foursome and be a part of this incredible community event at Boulder Creek Golf Club. All proceeds go to support our Saint Thomas athletes.

Register before April 1 and receive a free drink ticket. New this year, a huge, awesome, amazing, handmade trophy for the best dressed team! There will be a winning men's, women's and mixed team! Go to [stagolfouting.com](http://stagolfouting.com) to learn more and register today!





♥ **Save the Date – April 22 – Sunshine Swirl!** For all preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their special someone. Join us April 22, from 5:30-7pm in the Ministry Center for a magical time of dancing, crafting and snacking with your dad or special someone. Enjoy a light dinner – including chicken nuggets! RSVP to [stthomasdddance@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasdddance@gmail.com). See the [Sunshine Swirl SignUp Genius](#) to help with food and supplies.

♥ **Save the Date – April 29 and May 5 – Stars and Strikes!** Calling all boys! Bring your favorite gal (mother, grandmother, godmother, aunt, anyone!) and be ready for some bowling fun!

When: April 29, 2-4pm (P3-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

May 5, 6:30-8:30pm (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Where: Clique Lanes (533 Stocking Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49504)

RSVP by April 11. Please use this [Stars & Strikes Google Form](#) to RSVP. The cost is \$4 per bowler.



## Other stuff!

♥ **Service opportunity:** Join a Saint Thomas crew to volunteer at Kids' Food Basket (1300 Plymouth Ave NE, GR) on Wednesday, April 26, 6-7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help prep food for supper sacks. Please register by April 15 to save your spot. Visit [kidsfoodbasket.org to sign up online](https://kidsfoodbasket.org) or call Bonnie at (616)-458-5674 to register with the group and support healthy kids in our community!

♥ **Cursillo Men's Weekend:** Cursillo of Grand Rapids is providing a men's weekend beginning April 20-23. Cursillo is a worldwide movement with the blessing of the current and previous Popes. For more information, visit [grcursillo.org](http://grcursillo.org) or contact Tim Reno at (616) 894-5652.

♥ **Catholic Central information:** Check out these Catholic Central Summer Camps: [CC STEAM Summer Camp](#) and [CC Athletic Summer Camps](#). For more CC information, visit [Catholic Central News & Events](#).





**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL**

# **2023-2024 School Year**

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**WE LOVE YOUR CHILDREN SO MUCH, WE WANT TO  
SEE THEM MORE OFTEN!**

**WE'VE ADDED MORE P3 AND P4 ENRICHMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES - SEE BELOW FOR THE ADDITIONS AND  
COMPLETE SCHEDULE**

## **P3**

**TUESDAYS 8-11AM  
THURSDAYS 8-11AM**

## **P4**

**MONDAYS 8-11AM OR 12:15-3:15PM  
WEDNESDAYS 8-11AM OR 12:15-3:15PM  
FRIDAYS 8-11AM OR 12:15-3:15PM**

## **P3 ENRICHMENT**

**\*NEW\* WEDNESDAYS 8-11AM**

## **P4 ENRICHMENT**

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OR 12:15-3:15PM  
THURSDAYS \*NEW\* 8-11AM  
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**NO ACTION NEEDED FROM YOU AT THIS TIME - IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THESE NEW  
OFFERINGS, SIMPLY PLAN TO ADD THEM WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR CONTRACT IN MAY**



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