



THE BUZZ!

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

Next week!

Saturday, March 18 – Party in your Parka, 6-7:30pm, Southside Ice Arena (566 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315). Thanks to the Slobodnik family - skates and ice are provided. **You must [sign this waiver](#) to participate.** Dress warmly. Consider bringing bike helmets for any novice skaters. The concession stand will be open for business.

Parents, we hope you can join us for chapel. This week's virtue is prayerfulness: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

Monday, March 20 –

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

Tuesday, March 21 –

- Mismatched Sock Day – Wear mismatched socks with your school uniform to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day!
- Grades 4-8 attend Catholic Central Musical *Wizard of Oz* at Aquinas College

Wednesday, March 22 –

- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Aquinas College
- State of the School, 8:30am, Ministry Center
- 8th Grade Confirmation Mass, 7pm, Cathedral

Thursday, March 23 – State of the School, 6pm, Ministry Center

Friday, March 24 –

- Third quarter ends (Note: Any changes to Enrichment or Hornet's Nest must be made by March 24.)
- Grades 4-8 Mass, 9:55am, Church
- 0-5ers Storytime, 10am, Ministry Center
- Spirit Assembly, 2:30pm, Gym



Book Fair thanks!

A huge THANK YOU to the administrators, staff, students, families, and volunteers for their support and help to make the Spring Book Fair a success. We'll see you in the fall, until then...keep reading.

Book Fair Online Orders - If you missed the chance to visit the Book Fair, or still need one last book, online orders for the Book Fair are available! Flyers will be sent home with students. All orders are placed online and are due by Wednesday, March 29.

After school enrichment classes!

We are offering a program through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. If you are interested in signing up your child for any of the classes listed below, go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com.

- [Chess Scholars](#)
- [Guitar Stars](#)
- [Let's Code It](#)



Soccer coach?

We are looking for a 5th/6th grade girls soccer coach for this Spring. If you or someone you know is interested in coaching soccer, please email our Saint Thomas Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org).

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	NEWS
27		1	2	3	<p>News</p> <p>Good News! I cannot believe that the end of March we will be on Spring Break. I can't believe how fast this school year has gone by.</p> <p>I am happy to announce that West Catholic has a new Food Service Director, Mary Wieber, has accepted the job. She will be missed here at St. Anthony's in the kitchen. So if you see Mary, congratulate her. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to: marywieber@qarwestcatholic.org</p>
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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](#).

*Please note this change: Monday, March 20 – Pizza sticks

Click on image for March menu.

Upcoming events!

Bandtastic – March 28

Home & School Meeting – March 29 (6:30pm)

Spring Break – April 3-10

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

Uniform holiday – April 25

7th Grade Leadership Retreat prep – April 26

First Communion Retreat – April 28

May Crowning – May 1

Wilcox Park Clean Up – May 2

Golf FORE Sports – May 19 at Boulder Creek. Register your foursome at stagolfouting.com by April 1 and get a free drink ticket!

Traveling Rosary

If you would like to participate in our Saint Thomas traveling rosary, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4fa5ae2da02-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.

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.

Long-term sub!

We are looking for a long-term substitute teacher in third grade starting April 10 through the end of the school year. Please share this [job post](#) with anyone who may be a good fit.

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 or call Bonnie at (616)-458-5674 to register with the group and support healthy kids in our community!

♥ **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 - April 3). Visit www.therosaryseries.com or contact Tim Horst (timhorst@stthomasgr.org) for more info!

♥ **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 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 information, visit [Catholic Central News & Events](#).

Join us!

