



# THE BUZZ!

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

## State of the School!

Thanks to everyone who attended our State of the School presentations. In case you missed it, here are the [State of the School slides](#) and [handout](#). On behalf of the School Administration and the School Board, please see our annual [Saint Thomas tuition letter](#).

## Next week!

This week's virtue is prayerfulness: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

### Monday, March 27 –

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

### Tuesday, March 28 –

- Uniform Holiday – Read My Shirt Day for March is Reading Month.
- Bandtastic – All band students attend Catholic Central during the day for a musical extravaganza. The bus will leave Saint Thomas at 9am and return at 2pm. The Bandtastic performance is in the CC gym (319 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503) at 7pm. Students need to arrive by 6:30pm, dressed in white shirts and dark (navy or black) pants/skirts.

### Wednesday, March 29 –

- Book Fair online orders due.
- Home & School Meeting, 6:30pm, Ministry Center

### Friday, March 31 –

- Grades 4-8 Mass, 9:55am, Church
- 0-5ers Storytime, 10am, Ministry Center

## 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!



## 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.

## After school enrichment classes needs more students!

Our classes through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions don't have enough students yet. We need 10 students for the classes to run. Go to [www.learningmeansfun.com/signup](http://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup) and complete the online registration ASAP if your child is interested. If you have any questions, contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or [registration@learningmeansfun.com](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com).

- [Chess Scholars](#) – needs 3 more students
- [Guitar Stars](#) – needs 2 more students
- [Let's Code It](#) – needs 7 more students

MARCH   2023					Saint Thomas	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	News	
27		1	2	3	No School	
6	7	8	9	10	<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: <a href="mailto:marywieber@stthomasgr.org">marywieber@stthomasgr.org</a></p>	
13	14	15	16	17		
20	21	22	23	24		
27	28	29	30	31		

## 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 these changes: Monday, March 28 – Cheese quesadilla, Tuesday, March 29 – Waffles, Wednesday, March 30 – Soft tacos

Click on image for March menu.



## Upcoming events!

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](http://stagolfouting.com) by April 1 and get a free drink ticket!

Stars and Strikes Mother and Sons bowling event – Check out this [Stars and Strikes flyer](#) for details!

## Coaches needed!

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> baseball:** We are looking for a 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade baseball coach.

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> girls soccer:** We are looking for a coach for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> girls soccer.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping with baseball or soccer, please email our STA AD Jeremiah Sluggett ([jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)).

## 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.

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](http://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) and check out the [2023-24 Blackbaud/SMART Aid Online Instructions](#). Our SMART School number is: 13303.

## 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](http://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!

♥ **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](http://www.therosaryseries.com) or contact Tim Horst ([timhorst@stthomasgr.org](mailto: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](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](#).



**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.



**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRESCHOOL**

# 2023-2024 School Year

---

**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**

**TUESDAYS \*NEW\* 8-11AM  
OR 12:15-3:15PM  
THURSDAYS \*NEW\* 8-11AM  
OR 12:15-3:15PM**



**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**

