



# 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 fortitude: The ability to overcome fear and remain steady in our will in the face of obstacles.

**Sunday, March 12 – Daylight Savings Time.** Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour.

**Monday, March 13 –**

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

**Tuesday, March 14 – Dress Like a Book Character**

**Wednesday, March 15 –**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest Performance, 7pm

**Thursday, March 16 – Preschool Dinos with Dads, 6pm, Ministry Center**

**Friday, March 17 –**

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

## Reading program!

It's that time of the year again to participate in the White Caps 2023 Reading Club! Next week, your child will receive their ball field form to record 20 days of reading for at least 15 minutes between now and April 17. When your child has completed the form, fill out the bottom and send it in to your child's teacher. All students will receive two tickets, one for each child and one for a chaperone, for the Sunday, May 28, 2023, game at 6:05 pm. This form is due to Mrs. Edgerly by Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Play ball!

## Party in your Parka Skating Party!

**Saturday, March 18 – Party in your Parka, 6-7:30pm**, Southside Ice Arena (566 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315). Join the Saint Thomas community for this annual skating party! Skates provided. **You must [sign this waiver](#) to participate in this event.** Dress warmly. Consider bringing bike helmets for any novice skaters. The concession stand will be open for business. Shout out to the Slobodnik family for this generous donation!



## After school enrichment classes!

We are offering a program through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. If you are interested in signing up your child for [Chess Scholars](#), [Guitar Stars](#) or [Let's Code It](#), go to [www.learningmeansfun.com/signup](http://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](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com).

MARCH   2023					Saint Thomas	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
27		1	2	3	<b>News</b>	
6	7	8	9	10	Good News! I cannot believe that the end of March will be on Spring Break. I can't believe how fast this school year has gone by.	
13	14	15	16	17	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@wveswcatholic.org">marywieber@wveswcatholic.org</a> .	
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 this change: Monday, March 13 – Chicken patty

*Click on image for March menu.*

## Upcoming events!

8th Grade Confirmation – March 22 (7pm)

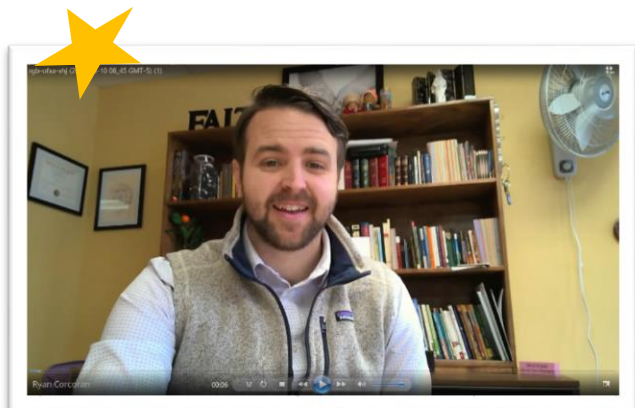
State of the School – March 22 (8:30am) and March 23 (6pm)

School Assembly – March 24

Home & School Meeting – March 29 (6:30pm) – Check out the [March Home & School newsletter!](#)

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

Sunshine Swirl Dad and Daughter event – April 22 (P3-G4)



## Corcoran's corner!

Mr. Corcoran provides some updates for the month of March in the [latest Corcoran's corner](#).

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

## Other stuff!

♥ **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.

♥ **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.

♥ **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 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!

♥ **CC Mission Trip:** Catholic Central High School will be sending students on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and is asking for school supplies for the local school they will be serving. The list includes: Pencils, colored markers, pencil sharpeners, pens, dry erase boards/markers/erasers, index cards, sticky notes, calculators, math flash cards, paper/notebooks/colored paper, kid's books in Spanish, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, hand wipes and little games, balls, toys – tick tack toe, Spanish bingo, Playdoh, jump ropes, ball caps and bags of hard candy. A basket will be available in the back of Church from March 1-20.

♥ **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](#).

♥ **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. Cursillo provides Catholic men and women an opportunity to grow in their faith. For more information, visit [grcursillo.org](http://grcursillo.org) or contact Tim Reno at (616) 894-5652.

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