



# 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.

### Monday, March 6 –

- Parent rosary, 8:15am
- Grades 1-3 Mass, 9:55am, Church
- Fourth Grade Reconciliation Retreat
- **NO HOT LUNCH! Please send a lunch with your child.**
- Reconciliation Celebration, 6:30pm, Church

**Tuesday, March 7** – Book Fair opens, 12:30-4pm, Library. If you are interested in volunteering, please use our [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#).

### Wednesday, March 8 –

- PJ Day – Snuggle up and Read for March is Reading Month
- Book Fair, 8am-4pm, Library

### Thursday, March 9 –

- Book Fair, 8am-4pm, Library
- Board of Education Meeting, Ministry Center, 6pm

### Friday, March 10 –

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

Check out the [March Home & School newsletter!](#)

\*Change of date for the next Home and School meeting: It will be Wednesday, March 29, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Please come if you can!

## March is Reading Month

We will be celebrating March is Reading Month with lots and lots of reading and FOUR non-uniform holidays. Check out the schedule below:

- March 8 – Snuggle up and Read in your PJs
- March 14 – Dress like a Book Character
- March 21 – Mismatched Sock Day for Down Syndrome Awareness Day
- March 28 – Read My Shirt Day (wear a shirt with words!).



MARCH   2023 Saint Thomas				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	1	2	3
6 Chicken Patty on a Whole Grain Bun Green Beans Peaches Milk	National Cereal Day! Cereal, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Applesauce Apple Juice Milk	8 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Orange Wedges Milk	7 Pasta w/ meatballs Broccoli Peas Milk	10 Soft Pretzel with Cheese Fresh Veggies Frozen Peach cups
13 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes w/ Gravy Roll Peaches Milk	14 Nachos w/ taco meat Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	15 French Toast Cheesy Potatoes Sausage Applesauce Milk	16 Corn Dogs Corn Fresh Fruit Milk	17 Mac & Cheese Roasted Carrots Oranges Milk
20 Popcorn Chicken Corn Roll Peaches Milk	21 Hamburgers Baked Beans Side-Kick Milk	22 Pancakes Hash Browns Sausage Baked Apples Milk	24 Little Caesars pizza Frozen strawberry cup Milk	31 Cheesy Pull Apart Salad Apple Slice
27 Chicken Patty on a Whole Grain Bun Green Beans Frozen Peach Cup Milk	28 Soft Shell Tacos Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	29 Waffles Sausage Tater Tots Applesauce Milk	30 Grilled Cheese Corn Oranges Milk	

## 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 March menu.

**News**  
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.  
  
I am happy to announce that West Catholic has a new Food Service Director, Mary Webster, has accepted the job. She will be massed here at St. Anthony's in the kitchen. So if you see Mary... Congratulate her. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to: [marywebster@qgweslcatholic.org](mailto:marywebster@qgweslcatholic.org)

## Registration 2023-24!

We are using SchoolAdmin for enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. You should have received an email from "SchoolAdmin Info," asking you to login and continue the enrollment process. Please complete your **intent to enroll ASAP** to ensure your child's spot for next year. If you have any questions or did not receive the SchoolAdmin email, please contact the School Office.

## Upcoming events!

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest – March 15

Dinos with Dads – March 16

Party in your Parka (ice skating party) – March 18  
(You must [sign this waiver](#) to participate in this event.)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – March 22 (7pm)

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

School Assembly – March 24

Sunshine Swirl – April 22 (P3-Grade 4)



Congrats to Hailey and Madeline, who tied for third place in the Regional Spelling Bee at Saint Thomas!

## 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](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).

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



## 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!

♥ **Prayer Vigil:** Pray for Life at the Saint Thomas 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil on Thursday, March 9, 7am-7pm, 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.

♥ **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!

♥ **CC Summer Camps:** Check out these Catholic Central Summer Camps: [CC STEAM Summer Camp](#) and [CC Athletic Summer Camps](#).

♥ **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 News & Events](#)

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