



THE BUZZ!

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

Next week!

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

Monday, April 17 –

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

Wednesday, April 19 – Bishop Walkowiak visits, 1-3:30pm, Ministry Center

Friday, April 21 –

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

Saturday, April 22 – Sunshine Swirl, 5:30-7pm, Ministry Center! For all preschool through 4th grade girls and their special someone. Join us 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. See the [Sunshine Swirl SignUp Genius](#) to help with food and supplies.



APRIL 2023		Type Your School Name Here			LUNCH
St. Thomas					
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 Refined 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 Refined 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.

Mark your calendars!

0-5ers Storytime at Holland Home Raybrook Home – April 24, 9:30am

Uniform holiday – April 25

7th Grade Leadership Retreat prep – April 26

First Communion Retreat – April 28

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

April 29 and May 5

May Crowning – May 1

Wilcox Park Clean Up – May 2

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

STA Sports Physicals – May 6 (Get your child's sports physicals completed by our own Dr. Michael App in the Saint Thomas gym!)

Golf FORE Sports – May 19 at Boulder Creek. Register at stagolfouting.com!

Field Day – May 22

7th Grade Anointing Mass – May 26

Spirit Assembly – May 26

Traveling Rosary

If you would like to participate in our Saint Thomas traveling rosary, please sign up at 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.

Coaches needed!

5/6 Soccer: We are still looking for a 5/6 girls soccer coach to make this team happen. Coaches don't need to have experience just willing to be a role model and work to give the student athletes a good experience.

3/4 Track: 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).

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.

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 to learn more and register today!



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

When: April 29, 2-4pm (P3-4th Grade)

May 5, 6:30-8:30pm (5th-8th Grade)

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

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



♥ **Save the Date – Springtime Celebration Concert and Ice Cream Social (K-4th grade)** – Sunday, May 21 at 3pm. Hear our music classes perform songs they've been working on with Mrs. Emily Brunner. See flyer on last page.

♥ **Whitecaps Reading Program and library announcements** – Please don't forget to turn in your completed White Caps reading club form by April 18 so you can receive your two free tickets to the Sunday, May 28 game at 6:05pm. Saint Thomas school will be sitting together! Play ball! Also why read a good and well-written book more than once? Go to <https://readaloudrevival.com/141/> and scroll down for at least five soul-forming and educational reasons why!

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!

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 grecursillo.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](#).

♥ **Salvation Army Summer Camp Information:** The Salvation Army offers a 6-week day camp is for 1st -7th grade students during June and July. Activities include group physical exercise, indoor and outdoor games, crafts, learning activities, reading times, and a bible lesson. Each day includes lunch and a snack. GROW will be offered Monday through Thursday, except for the week of June 19th. We are closed to commemorate Juneteenth. Check out this [GROW Summer Camp flyer](#) or visit <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/FultonHeights/empower-youth/> for more information.



Join us for a Springtime Celebration

Sunday

21

May

3:00 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle School

Grades K-4 will perform a concert in the gym
Ice cream social in the parking lot to follow
Bring a book for fun book swap!

*Rain location: church basement

