



# THE BUZZ!

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

## Sign your contracts!

We're gearing up for next year! On Tuesday, May 23, you should have received an email from *SchoolAdmin Info*. If you did not receive one, you need to complete your enrollment and one will be emailed to you. Please follow the instructions in the email to complete your children's contracts by June 5. **This contract is where you can select *Preschool/Kindergarten Enrichment and/or Hornets' Nest*.** You will need to complete a contract for each of your children. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Edgerton or Cammi Lawrence in the school office.



## Next week!

The week's virtue is patience: the ability to wait or continue doing something despite difficulties, without complaining or becoming annoyed.

**Sunday, May 28 – Saint Thomas White Caps game, 6:05pm, LMCU Ballpark (4500 W River Dr NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321).** Students who participated in the West Michigan Whitecaps Reading Program have received their tickets. Anyone who is not able to use these tickets can pass them along to another Saint Thomas family or turn them into the library. Any families who need extra tickets or who don't have any and would like to attend, please contact Sue Edgerly ([libadmin@stthomasgr.org](mailto:libadmin@stthomasgr.org)).

**Monday, May 29 – No School / Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, May 30 –**

- Uniform Holiday
- Builders' Day (See the [Sail into Summer letter](#) for more info and supply list.)

**Wednesday, May 31 –**

- P4 Last day
- Home & School Meeting, 3:30pm, Wilcox Park

**Thursday, June 1 – P3 Last day**

**Friday, June 2 –**

- All-School Mass / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Mass, 9:55am, Church
- Preschool Picnic/New P3 Room Open House, 11am-1pm, Ministry Center and parking lot
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game, 2:30pm, Gym
- Outdoor Movie Night *The Secret Life of Pets*, Dusk, Front lawn of school at dusk

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School  
**Family Movie Night**  
 Save the Date – June 2 @ dusk  
 Free popcorn  
 Bring chairs/blankets/  
 snacks & drinks for your family

*The Secret Life of Pets!*



## Yard signs!

Show your Saint Thomas pride with a Saint Thomas “You Belong Here” yard sign. Use our [STA Yard Sign Google form](#) to order. Signs are double sided and come with a wire stake. You can pick them up in the office the week of June 5. Signs are free but donations are always appreciated (suggested donation \$10).

## 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](#).

Questions about your lunch account? Contact Mary Wieber ([marywieber@grwestcatholic.org](mailto:marywieber@grwestcatholic.org)) at West Catholic.

*Click on image for May menu.*

MAY 2023		ST. THOMAS		LUNCH	
<b>School Information:</b> Type your school information here.		<b>May is National Egg Month.</b> Eggs can be eaten in a salad, as part of a breakfast sandwich, as an omelet, mixed into bread or waffle batter, fried or scrambled. How do you like to eat eggs?			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Chicken Nuggets Corn Roll Peaches	French Toast Cheery Potatoes Sausage Applesauce	Pizza Slices Salad Apple Slices	Pasta w/ meatballs Green Beans Orange Wedges	Cacio De Mayo Soft Shell Tacos Refried Beans Pineapple	
Chicken Sandwich Green Beans Frozen Peach Cups	Pancakes Hash Browns Bacon Applesauce	Hot Dogs Baked Beans Watermelon	Ham and Cheese Subs Smiley Fries Cantaloupe and Mango	Pizza Bagels Salad Watermelon	
Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Breadstick Frozen Strawberry Cups	Cereal, Yogurt Cheese Stick Apple Juice Applesauce	Nachos w/ taco meat Refried Beans Pineapple	Hamburgers Tator Tots Apple Slices	Brocco Sticks Salad Orange Wedges	
Chicken Strips Green Beans Roll Mango	Waffles Sausage Tator Tots Applesauce	Corn Dogs Corn Fresh Fruit	Pasta w/ meatballs Broccoli Strawberries	Mac & Cheese Roasted Carrots Pineapple	
<b>Memorial Day</b> Grilled Cheese Corn Peaches		Hamburgers French Fries Fruit			

## Mark your calendars!

**Uniform exchange** – June 5, 6, 7 – You can start bringing in uniforms to exchange on June 1. Please bring them to the blacktop outside the Ministry Center. If you’d like to help sort uniforms, please contact Genevieve Boyle ([genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com)).

**Middle school exams** – June 6, 7, 8 (dismissal at 11:30am)

**Last Mass / Volunteer appreciation Mass / Last day of school (half day; dismissal at 11am)** – June 9

## Thank you, Field Day volunteers!

A big and loud thank you to all the field day volunteers who took their precious time to help!! Field day wouldn’t have run with out you! Thanks again!

## Other stuff!

♥ **Catholic Services Appeal:** Saint Thomas parishioners received a pledge packet for Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). If you haven't responded yet, please do so today. Please return your pledge card or visit <https://community.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/als/donation-page---csa2023-single-page> to pledge online.

♥ **Summer Fun on the Farm:** Saint Thomas supports Kids' Food Basket and their urban farm (1300 Plymouth NE) that helps supply nutritious Supper Sacks to thousands of kids in the Grand Rapid community, even in the summer! Volunteers are needed to plant, weed, harvest and wash vegetables and clean up afterwards. Saint Thomas has reserved two work mornings to serve together this summer:

- Tuesday, June 20, 9-11am
- Wednesday, August 16, 8:30-10am

Sign up at [www.stthomasapostlegr.org](http://www.stthomasapostlegr.org) or contact Bonnie Burke at 616-458-5674 or [burkegr@hotmail.com](mailto:burkegr@hotmail.com) to register.

♥ **Salvation Army Summer Camp Information:** The Salvation Army offers a 6-week day camp for 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> grade students during June and July. Visit <https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/FultonHeights/empower-youth/> and check out this [GROW Summer Camp flyer](#) for more information.

♥ **West Catholic information:** Check out [West Catholic Summer Camps](#) to keep your students busy! Visit our [Future Falcon page](#) to find out more about West Catholic! Applications are accepted all year round!

♥ **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](#).

♥ **The Raspberry Pi Youth Camp** aims to ignite a passion for technology and programming through the use of a Raspberry Pi device (a low-cost, credit-card-sized computer). The 5-hour camp will focus on a variety of coding challenges. All campers will receive a camp t-shirt, lunch, and a Raspberry Pi computer. [Register here](#).