

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Oct. 2-6, 2023

## This week!

The virtue this week is loyalty: faithfulness to commitments or obligations.

**Sunday, Oct. 1 – Deadline to sign up for GRACEAC Winter Sports.** Basketball and cheerleading seasons are coming up. Registration is open now until Oct. 1. If your child is interested in participating in basketball (grades 3-8) or cheer (grades K-8), **sign up at [www.graceac.com](http://www.graceac.com) BY OCTOBER 1. THE LEAGUE WILL NOT REOPEN FOR LATE REGISTRATIONS.**

**Monday, Oct. 2 –**

- **Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Grotto (rain location: Church)**
- **Mass Grades 1-3, 10:10am, Church.** Mass uniforms – white shirts, ties (boys)/ white shirts, skirts/jumpers (girls). Parents, join us!



Welcome back, Mr. Don! We missed you!

**Wednesday, Oct. 4 –**

- **Spelling Bee Sign Up Deadline!** Our annual Spelling Bee is right around the corner. If your child (grades 3-8) would like to participate, please use this [STA Spelling Bee Sign Up](#). Questions? Contact Jeanne Walch at [jeannewalch@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeannewalch@stthomasgr.org).
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 10am, Saint Thomas Gym.** Parents, caregivers and children ages 0-5, join us for a rumbling, tumbling great time!



Let's be friends!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5  
8:15-9:15AM  
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH  
LOWER LEVEL

NO COST TO ATTEND,  
RSVP TO  
BETSYEDGERTON@STTHOMASGR.ORG  
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SAINT THOMAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
Fall Friendraiser

CAN'T ATTEND? LEARN MORE OR DONATE TODAY USING THE QR CODE OR VISIT  
[HTTPS://STTHOMASGR.ORG/EDUCATION-FOUNDATION/](https://stthomasgr.org/education-foundation/)

**Thursday, Oct. 5 – Education Foundation Friendraiser Breakfast, 8:15am, Church Lower Level.** Last call! RSVP to [BetsyEdgerton@stthomasgr.org](mailto:BetsyEdgerton@stthomasgr.org) no later than Monday, Oct. 2.

**Friday, Oct. 6 –**

- **0-5ers Storytime, 10am, Ministry Center.** For children ages 0-5 and caregivers, join us for a faith-based early literacy fun!
- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am.** Mass uniforms – white shirts, ties (boys)/ white shirts, skirts/jumpers (girls). Parents, join us!

## Parent Grade Gathering Parties!

Friday, Oct. 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Gathering Party @ the Baar Family Home

Saturday, Oct. 7 –

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Gathering Party @ the Maczkas Family Home
- Kindergarten Gathering Party @ the Damstras Family Home

You should have received an email from the host family for the parent grade gathering party. If you need information, please contact Genevieve Boyle ([genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com)).

## Looking ahead!

Oct. 10-13 – Book Fair

Oct. 13 – Grandfriends' Day ([Grandfriends' Day RSVP](#))

Oct. 13 – Half Day (dismissal at 11am)

Oct. 13 – STA Tailgate at Catholic Central game

Oct. 20 – P3 Parent Gathering Party @ the Bredes

Oct. 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Gathering Party @ the Buehlers

Oct. 27 – Movie on the Lawn

Oct. 29 – Trunk or Treat 3-4pm in the Church parking lot

Oct. 30 – Parent Night: Attention controls and executive function presentation by All Belong

Nov. 4 – '80s Prom (7-9pm @ STA Gym. \$10/person. RSVP coming soon!)

Nov. 10 – Women's Bowl Painting Party – more details to come!

## Book Fair!

The Fall Book Fair is coming to the Saint Thomas Library! If you'd like to volunteer to help at this event, please use this our [Fall Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#).

### Fall Book Fair Hours

Tuesday, Oct.10: 12-4:pm

Wednesday, Oct. 11: 8am-4pm

Thursday, Oct. 12: 8am-4pm

Friday, Oct. 13: 8am-12pm



OCTOBER 2023		St. Thomas the Apostle		LUNCH	
<p>Menu items are subject to change due to availability of items.                      Mary Wickham, Food Services Director                      MaryWickham@stthomasqr.org</p>		<p>October is National Apple Month. Did you know that there are about 7,000 varieties of apples? Can you find a new variety of apple to try this month?</p>			
<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>1 Chicken Drumsticks Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit</p> <p>2 Chicken Strips Green Beans Fresh Fruit</p> <p>3 Chicken Sandwich Cauliflower Fresh Fruit</p> <p>4 Chicken Nuggets Sautéed Spinach Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>5 Program Chicken w/ Roll Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>6 Walking Tacos (Turkey) Fries Fresh Fruit Fresh Fruit and Yellow Peppers</p> <p>7 Soft Shell Tacos (Turkey) Refried Beans Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>8 Burger Homemade &amp; Carrots Fresh Fruit</p> <p>9 Nachos w/ Taco Meat/Onion Refried Beans Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>10 Halloween Corn Dogs (Chicken) Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>11 <b>Chicken Roll Day</b> 10% Conversion Rolls Sausage (Chicken) New York Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>12 Corned Beef Sandwich Sausage (Chicken) Hash Browns Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>13 French Toast Bites Banana Cheesy Potatoes Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>14 Breakfast Sandwich (Chicken Sausage) Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>15 Hot Dogs Salad Beans Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>16 Panc w/ meatballs Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>17 Mac w/ Cheese Fresh Fruit &amp; Fresh Broccoli</p> <p>18 Grilled Cheese Fresh Fruit &amp; Fresh Broccoli</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>19 Swiss Steaks/Pizza Fresh Fruit &amp; Veggies</p> <p>20 Pizza Sagan/Pizza Fresh Fruit &amp; Fresh Red/Orange Peppers</p> <p>21 Pizza Sagan/Pizza Fresh Fruit &amp; Fresh Red/Orange Peppers</p> <p>22 Cheesy Tuff Appet/Pizza Fresh Fruit &amp; Fresh Red/Orange Peppers</p> <p>23 Mini Calzones/Pizza Fresh Fruit &amp; Fresh Red/Orange Peppers</p>	

## October Lunch menu!

Here is our [October lunch menu](#). If your child wants hot lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher.

Families are billed through the Infinite Campus. Here are [Instructions for depositing money into your student's IC account](#). If you need helping getting into Infinite Campus, please email Cammi in the office ([clawrence@stthomasqr.org](mailto:clawrence@stthomasqr.org)).

## Volunteers needed!

We are looking for a few parent volunteers and bakers for our Grandfriends' Day on Oct. 13. Please use our [Grandfriends' Day Volunteer Sign Up](#) if you are interested. Questions? Contact Betsy Edgerton ([betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org](mailto:betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org)).

## After-school clubs!

We are offering a program through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. The classes run 3:25-4:25pm. If you are interested in signing up your child for Chess, Guitar or Coding, go to [www.learningmeansfun.com/signup](http://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup) and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or email [registration@learningmeansfun.com](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com).

- Chess (K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade). Wednesdays. Course code: TGR10.11.23
- Guitar Stars (Grades 1-8): Mondays. Course code: TGR10.9.23
- Let's Code It (Grades 2-5): Tuesdays. Course code: TGR10.10.23

## Home and School News!

**Home & School's STOCK THE LOUNGE:** Let's show our appreciation for our teachers by stocking the lounge with their favorite snacks! Families with last names that begin with A-B can sign up to Stock the Lounge October 2-13. Please use our [STA Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#) to bring in snacks and drinks for our teachers. This year, you will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. We appreciate your generosity!



Please contact Genevieve Boyle at (773) 610-6473 or [genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com) Home & School questions.

## Other stuff!

♥ **Women's Cursillo Weekend**, October 26-29 at Holy Family Catholic Church (9669 Kraft Ave., Caledonia, Michigan). The retreat is open to all women of the diocese. For more information, go to [www.grcursillo.org](http://www.grcursillo.org) or contact Rose Compo at (616) 824-0701.

♥ **Parish Events:** Check out the [Saint Thomas Parish website](#) for upcoming events like the [Blood Drive](#) (Oct. 29) and the [40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil](#) (Oct. 10). Call Lori F. at (616) 459-4662 for more information.

♥ **West Catholic Events:** Visit the [West Catholic High School website](#) for upcoming events/admissions info.

♥ **Catholic Central Events:** Visit the [Catholic Central High School website](#) for upcoming events/admissions info.

♥ **Advent Angel's Ministry:** If you or someone you know needs help this Christmas, please contact Saint Thomas's Advent Angel's Ministry Coordinators, Allen and Diane Senninger ([adventangel@stthomasgr.org](mailto:adventangel@stthomasgr.org) or 616-446-3560). The deadline for referrals is Friday, Oct. 27. Program applications must be returned to Advent Angel's Ministry by Friday, Nov. 6.