

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Sept. 11-15, 2023

This week!

The virtue this week is docility: Willingness to be taught.

Monday, Sept. 11 –

- **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! Please check in at the office before.

Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Thursday, Sept. 14 – 8th Grade Leadership Retreat at Camp Blodgett. Please pray for our 8th grade leaders and retreat staff for a successful and uplifting retreat.

Thursday, Sept. 14 – Board of Education meeting, 6pm.

Friday, Sept. 15 – Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am. Mass uniforms – white shirts, ties (boys)/ white shirts, skirts/jumpers (girls). Parents, join us! Please check in at the office and then head over to church.

Sunday, Sept. 17 – Saint Thomas Picnic in the Park, Wilcox Park, 12-3pm. Join our Saint Thomas community for friendship, food and fun! Please bring blankets/chairs to sit on.



**Calling all face painters!
Calling all bakers!
Calling all crafty people!**

We are looking for volunteers for our Picnic in the Park. If you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents (or getting high school volunteer hours), please use our [Picnic in the Park Sign Up Genius](#) or call Betsy in the office (616-458-4228) to register to volunteer for a time slot between 12pm and 3pm.

**You belong here - and at
Picnic in the Park!**

Looking ahead!

- Sept. 20 – New Family Meeting, 6pm
- Sept. 20/21 – School pictures
- Oct. 5 – Education Foundation Friendraiser Breakfast
- Oct. 10-13 – Book Fair
- Oct. 13 – Grandfriends' Day/Half Day (dismissal at 11am)
- Oct. 13 – STA Tailgate at Catholic Central game



September Lunch menu!

11 Chicken Tenders California Mix Veggies Grapes Milk	12 French Bread Pizza Salad/Carrots Fresh Fruit Milk	13 Breakfast Burrito (Turkey, egg and cheese) Hash brown String Cheese Frozen Strawberries	14 Mac'n'Cheese Green Beans Fresh Fruit Milk	15 Pizza Sighis Fresh Veggies Mangos Milk
18 Popcorn Chicken w. Roll Mashed Potatoes w. Gravy Peaches Milk	19 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Apple Slices Milk	20 Confetti Pancakes Sausage (chicken) Tater Tots Warm Apples Milk	21 Pasta w. Meatballs & red sauce Broccoli Fresh Fruit Milk	22 Pizza Sticks Salad/Fresh Veggies Oranges Milk
25 Chicken Sandwich Corn Frozen Strawberries Milk	26 Corn Dogs (chicken) Smiley Fries Fresh Fruit Milk	27 Cereal DAY! Muffin Apple Sauce Cheese Stick Fruit Juice	28 Quesadillas Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	29 Bosco Sticks Salad/Fresh Veggies Sidekicks Milk

Here is our [September lunch menu](#). Please note: The menu may change for Sept. 11-15. We will send a Remind for any major lunch changes. 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 (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

Home & School News!

We are looking for a few more people to host fall class parties for parents. If you are interested in hosting a party for 1st grade, 2nd grade, 5th grade, or 8th grade, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473.

Parents of Mr. Mester's class: This class needs a room parent. Would you like to help in this way? If so, please contact Genevieve Boyle.

Mrs. VanDyke's class needs 1-2 helpers for library each week, on Thursdays from 8:30-9am. Bring your kids to school, stay to pray at chapel, and then help check out books for the students. Great way to start the day! Contact Genevieve Boyle or Abby VanDyke if you are interested. Thank you!



Corcoran's Corner

Important things coming soon brought to you by Mr. Corcoran and Mrs. Edgerton in our first [Corcoran's Corner](#) of the year. Think picnic, tailgate, and friendraiser. Tune in to hear the latest on how you too can be in the know.

Sign up for Remind IO!

We use Remind 101 to communicate school information to parents – things like reminders for uniform holidays, lunch changes or Mass uniforms. With Remind, you'll receive text messages sent directly to your phone. Sign up by texting the number 81010 with the message @stafam4gr



We Wear Saint Thomas spirit wear!

Get ready for fall with Saint Thomas spirit wear. Visit [our We Wear Saint Thomas store](#) to purchase items today. Show your Saint Thomas pride at volleyball games, football tailgates or walking around your neighborhood. (FYI...Saint Thomas spirit wear may NOT be worn as part of the school uniform.)



Other stuff!

♥ **Student Health Information:** We need parents to complete the "Student Health Information" form on their child's SchoolAdmin account. This is a quick, easy online form that asks about your child's allergies and medication. Please [log in to your SchoolAdmin account](#) and complete this form ASAP.

♥ **Virtus/Volunteer policy:** To volunteer in the school, you'll need to complete Virtus. To register, go to [Virtus.org](#) and select "First-time registrant" on the left. You will be prompted to register for a Virtus training session and authorize a background check. If you have already taken Virtus, please contact Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasgr.org) to have Saint Thomas added to your Virtus profile.

♥ **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 and admissions information.

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

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A POWERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL, ITS STUDENTS,
AND CATHOLIC LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Let's be friends!

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SPEAKERS AND
EDUCATION FOUNDATION INFORMATION

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

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND,
WE ONLY ASK THAT YOU RSVP TO
BETSYEDGERTON@STTHOMASGR.ORG
JOIN US TO LEARN MORE AND CONSIDER
SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL.

CAN'T ATTEND? LEARN MORE OR DONATE TODAY USING THE
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