

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Sept. 25-29, 2023

This week!

The virtue this week is leadership: achieving greatness by bringing out greatness in others.

Monday, Sept. 25 –

- **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!

Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Uniform Holiday

Wednesday, Sept. 27 –

- **0-5ers Gym Time, 10am, Saint Thomas Gym.** Parents, caregivers and children ages 0-5, join us for a rumbling, tumbling great time!

Wednesday, Sept. 27 / Thursday, Sept. 27 – Hearing and Vision Screening.

Friday, Sept. 28 –

- **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!

Saturday, Sept. 29 – Deadline to RSVP for the Saint Thomas Breakfast Fundraiser. Join us for this Education Foundation event (see last page for more info)! Email Betsy Edgerton (betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org) to RSVP.

SIGN UP DEADLINES!

GRACEAC 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), please sign up at graceac.com **BY OCTOBER 1.** **THE LEAGUE WILL NOT REOPEN FOR LATE REGISTRATIONS.**

**Deadline
Oct. 1**

Spelling Bee!

Our annual Spelling Bee is right around the corner. If your child would like to participate, please use this [STA Spelling Bee Sign Up](#). The deadline to sign up is Oct. 4.

Questions? Contact Jeanne Walch at jeannewalch@stthomasqr.org

**Deadline
Oct. 4**

Parent Grade Gathering Parties!

Saturday, Sept. 29 – Parent grade gathering parties:

- 6th Grade Parent Gathering Party @ the Jacobson's 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).

Looking ahead!

Sept. 29 – 6th Grade Parent Gathering Party @ the Jacobsons

Oct. 5 – Education Foundation Friendraiser Breakfast

Oct. 7 – 4th Grade Parent Gathering Party @ the Maczkas

Oct. 7 – Kindergarten Parent Gathering Party @ the Damstras

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. 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

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



September Lunch menu!

11 Chicken Tenders California Mix/Veggies Grapes Milk	12 French Bread Pizza Salad/Cornitos 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 Bagels Fresh Veggies Mangos Milk
18 Popcorn Chicken w. Roll Mashed Potatoes w. Gravy Peaches Milk	19 Hot Dogs Baked Beans Apple Slices Milk	20 Cornfetti 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 Baked Beans Pineapple Milk	29 Bosco Sticks Salad/Fresh Veggies Sidekicks Milk

Here is our [September 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).

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 and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or email registration@learningmeansfun.com.

- Chess (K-8th 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!

School Uniforms: The school uniform racks have been relocated for now. We will pull them out again at our Parent/Teacher conferences. If you need uniforms before then, contact the school office to make arrangements.

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 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 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 and admissions information.

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



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AND CATHOLIC LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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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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