

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Sept. 4-8, 2023

Next week!

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

Monday, Sept. 4 – No school. Labor Day Holiday.

Tuesday, Sept. 5 – Middle School Parent Meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center. Middle school parents, join us to walk through your child's daily schedule, meet your Middle School teachers and learn more about our program. Come with questions; we'll have answers! (FYI...we are expecting parents only; middle schoolers do not attend.)

Friday, Sept. 8 –

- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am.** Mass uniforms – white shirts, ties (boys)/ white shirts, skirts/jumpers (girls). Parents are welcome to join us! Please check in at the office and then head over to church.
- **HOT LUNCH BEGINS! PIZZA FRIDAY!** If students want hot lunch, tell them to order lunch in their homeroom.



Lunch update!

We will begin our hot lunch offering starting Friday, September 8. The menu item will be pizza. Mrs. Shannon Godleski will be working to prepare and serve our lunches. Mrs. Godleski is a longtime friend of Mr. Corcoran, former Saint Thomas parishioner, and has children in the Diocese of Grand Rapids schools. Mrs. Godleski will work from 9am-1pm every day to cook and plate our food.

We still need people to cover the 12-1pm (or 1-3pm) shift to break down and clean the kitchen. Until this position is filled, lunchroom volunteers, Mr. Ted, Mr. Don, Mr. Drew, and Mr. Corcoran will be cleaning the kitchen. If you know anyone interested, please have them contact Mr. Corcoran (ryancorcoran@stthomasgr.org).

Families will be billed through the Infinite Campus payment portal. Here are [Instructions for depositing money into your student's IC account](#). Students should inform their homeroom teacher in the morning if they would like hot lunch.

Looking ahead!

- Sept. 13-14 – 8th Grade Retreat
- Sept. 17 – Picnic in the Park
- 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



Sign up for Remind 101!

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

Home & School News

Thank you from Home & School to everyone who attended our first meeting and who signed up to help with some of our 1st-quarter happenings! A very special thanks to Jamie McCabe for organizing the school uniforms!

We are looking for a few more people to host fall class parties for parents. If you are interested in hosting a party for P3, kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade or 8th grade, please contact Home & School President Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473. Thank you!



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.)



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/Background Check for Volunteers

To volunteer in the school, you'll need to complete Virtus, which can be completed online. 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.



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Fall Friendraiser

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:15-9:15AM

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