

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Oct. 16-20, 2023

This week!

The virtue this week is sincerity: having an honest and open mind while being empathetic toward others.

Monday, Oct. 16 –

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

Wednesday, Oct. 18 – 0-5ers Gym Time, 10am, Saint Thomas Gym. Parents, caregivers and children ages 0-5, join us for a rumbling, tumbling great time!

Friday, Oct. 20 –

- **0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center.** For children ages 0-5 and their 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).
- **End of Quarter 1**



End of Quarter One - Oct. 20

The end of the first quarter is upon us! October 20 marks the end of Quarter 1. If you are interested in adding or making changes to Hornets' Nest or preschool or kindergarten enrichment, you must do so before Oct. 20.

Please email Betsy Edgerton (betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org) with your request.

Blackbaud Financial Aid for 2024-25 school year

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2024-25 school year is open. The first deadline is Dec. 1, 2023.

Visit studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school to get started and check out [2024-25 Blackbaud/SMART parent application guide](#) and the [2024-25 parent instructions](#) for help.

Parent Grade Gatherings!

Saturday, Oct. 21 – P3 Parent Gathering Party @ the Bredes

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!

Oct. 27 – Movie on the Lawn

Oct. 27 – 1st Grade Parent Gathering Party @ the Smiths

Oct. 28 – P4 Parent Gathering Party @ the Rossis

Oct. 28 – 3rd Grade Parent Gathering Party @ the Buehlers

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

Oct. 30 – [Parent Night: Attention controls and executive function](#)

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

Nov. 10 – Let's paint! A women's service project / wine and cheese party – more details to come!



OCTOBER 2023		St. Thomas the Apostle		LUNCH	
MONDAY Chicken Primavera Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit	TUESDAY Smoking Turkey Turkey Pasta Fresh Fruit Fresh Fruit and Veggie Pasta	WEDNESDAY Chicken Ball Day Wild Cornucopia Fruits Sausage Chicken Sauté Pasta Fresh Fruit & Veggie	THURSDAY Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fresh Fruit & Veggie	FRIDAY Kasha Chicken Fresh Fruit & Veggie	
Chicken Strips Cheese Fries Fresh Fruit	Soft Shell Tacos Cilantro Baked Beans Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Conchita Primavera Sausage Chicken Pasta Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Pasta w/ meatballs Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Pasta Primavera Fresh Fruit & Veggie Roasted Potatoes	
Chicken Sandwiches Cucumbers Fresh Fruit	Spaghetti Pasta Pasta Fresh Fruit	French Toast Blue Rice Cheese Potatoes Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Mix n Cheese Fresh Fruit & Veggie Biscuits	Chicken Pot Pie Fresh Fruit & Veggie Roasted Potatoes	
Chicken Nuggets Sandwich Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Pasta w/ Tuna Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Roasted Sandwich Pasta Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Grilled Cheese Fresh Fruit & Veggie Biscuits	Mini Chicken Pot Pie Fresh Fruit & Veggie Roasted Potatoes	
Popcorn Chicken w/ Rice Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit & Veggie	Hot Wings Cauliflower Pasta Fresh Fruit & Veggie				

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@stthomasgr.org).

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 C-D can bring items for Oct. 16-27. 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!

Catholic Schools Week is a fun time every year to celebrate our Catholic education! This year, it will be January 28-February 3. If you have some great ideas and/or would like to help plan Catholic Schools Week at Saint Thomas, please contact Genevieve Boyle at (773) 610-6473 or genyavello@hotmail.com.

Book Fair News!

A great big THANK YOU to all the staff, volunteers and families who helped make the Fall Book Fair a success. Congrats to the winners of the, "Guess How Many Green Pom Poms Contest, Vivian and Liam! Still need a book? Online ordering is now available. Visit www.lowrybooks.com to place your order by Friday, October 27.

GRACEAC Winter Sport Reminder!

Students signed up for Winter Sports (basketball, cheerleading) will need a [sports physical form](#) and [sports permission form](#) on file at the school. Please email these forms to our Saint Thomas Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org) before the first day of practice.

Other stuff!

♥ **RCIA at Saint Thomas begins Oct 22!** If you've had serious questions or considerations about becoming Catholic, please come to our Opening Session of RCIA from 10 - 11 am on Sunday, Oct. 22. Wherever you are in your relationship with Christ or with the Catholic Church, we would love to journey with you! Reach out to Tim Horst (timhorst@stthomasgr.org) with any questions.

♥ **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). 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 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.