

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Oct. 23-27, 2023

This week!

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

Monday, Oct. 23 –

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

Wednesday, Oct. 25 –

- **0-5ers Gym Time, 10am, Saint Thomas Gym.** Parents, caregivers and children ages 0-5, join us for a rumbling, tumbling great time!
- **Trick or Treating at Holland Home Raybrook (2121 Raybrook St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546), 4pm.** Calling all treaters, grab your kids in the costumes and head to visit our Holland Home friends! Meet inside the front lobby.

Friday, Oct. 27 – End of Quarter 1

- **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).
- **Outdoor Movie Night, *Hotel Transylvania*, 6:30pm.** Join us for a movie (parents must accompany their children) on the lawn in front of the school. Bring blankets, chairs and snacks for your family. Popcorn will be provided.



Sunday, Oct. 29 – Trunk or Treat, 3-4pm, Church Parking Lot.

All cars must be parked with trunks open by 3pm. Prize for best trunk and best adult costume.

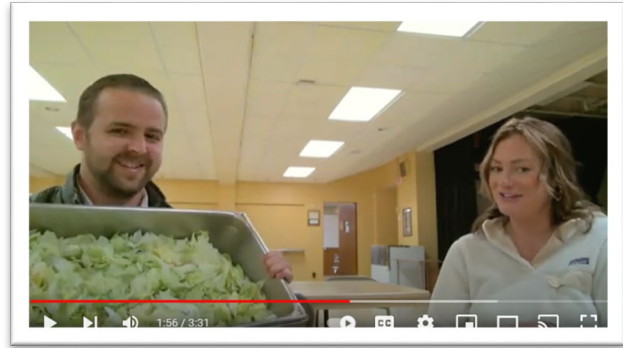


October lunch menu!

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).

Corcoran's Corner!

When we trust in the Lord, miracles happen. I am happy to announce our newest Saint Thomas blessing. Thanks to the generosity of a former school parent, we are offering an expanded salad bar at NO COST to all students and staff daily! Check out this [Corcoran's Corner video](#) to hear all about it!



Beginning Monday, October 23, students will have access to this new offering. This won't substitute for lunch but is a great supplement to any meal. We are grateful for this donation that benefits all of us through the entire school year. This gift requires extra work and logistical planning for Angelique and Shannon who prepare the salad bar everyday. A shout out to both of them for their willingness to take on this extra work.

Other stuff!

♥ **The Grand Rapids Ballet School Junior Company** will be performing *Carnival of the Animals with Boléro* next weekend at the Peter Martin Wege Theatre. The Mosolygo family would like to offer Saint Thomas families a ticket discount! 7th grader Vivian Mosolygo, and 5th graders Cameron Mosolygo and Margaret Koepke will be dancing in the production! To redeem this offer, call the box office directly at 454.4771 ext. 110 and mention code "ANIMAL" to get 20% off each ticket and avoid all the added fees. The performances are Friday, October 27 at 7:30pm, Saturday, October 28 at 2pm and 7:30pm, and Sunday, October 29 at 2pm.

♥ **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.



Reminders!

End of Quarter One - Oct. 27

The end of the first quarter is upon us! October 27 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. 27. 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.

CALLING ALL SAINT THOMAS LADIES!

what: **WINE, CHEESE & PAINTING**

why: **TO BENEFIT CCWM'S SOUPS ON EVENT**

when: **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 6:30PM**

where: **SAINT THOMAS CHURCH LOWER LEVEL**

RSVP TO BETSY EDGERTON AT 616-458-4228 OR BETSYEDGERTON@STTHOMASGR.ORG

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO BRING A TREAT FOR THE EVENING](#)

a night of fellowship serving others

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish & School
Vocations Luncheon

All Saint Thomas parishioners and school parents are warmly invited to join us as we gather to understand God's call to be a part of the life of the Church.

We will enjoy soup, bread, salad and an inspirational address from Sister Jeanne D'Arc from the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist.

Friday, November 10

12-1pm

School Ministry Center

Please RSVP by November 6

to secretary@stthomasgr.org

