

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

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Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, 2023

This week!

The virtue this week is **patriotism**: paying due honor and respect to one's country, with a willingness to serve.

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.

Monday, Oct. 30 –

- **Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Grotto** (rain location: Church Lower Level Nursery)
- **NO MASS.** No Mass as we have an all-school Mass on **Wednesday, Nov. 1.**
- **Parent Night: Attention controls and executive function presentation by All Belong, 6:15pm, Ministry Center.** Join us to the causes and components of ADHD, how ADHD may impact children academically, socially, and emotionally, and strategies for creating an ADHD-friendly home environment.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 – Uniform holiday day. Please follow our [non-uniform day guidelines](#).

Wednesday, Nov. 1 –

- **LATE START, 8:30am. Please drop your children off no earlier than 8:15am.**
- **All Saints' Day All-School Mass, Grades K-8, 10:10am.** Parents, join us!

Friday, Nov. 3 – NO SCHOOL. Faculty professional development day.

October lunch menu!

Here is our [October lunch menu](#) and our [November 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).



Looking ahead!

Nov. 4 – '80s Prom (7-10pm @ STA Gym. \$10/person.

Adults only. [RSVP today!](#))

Nov. 10 – Let's paint! A women's service project / wine and cheese party ([sign up to bring a treat](#) and see next page for more info) Nov.

10 – Vocations Luncheon ([sign up to bring food](#) for this event and see last page for more details)

Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception/Late start, 8:30am

Dec. 10 – Vespers Service, 6pm, Church

Dec. 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Dec. 17 – Nativity Program (see last page for details)



Home and School News!

- **Stock the Lounge:** Let's show our appreciation for our teachers by stocking the lounge with their favorite snacks! You will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. **For Oct. 30-Nov. 10**, we are asking families with last names beginning with **E-F** to bring treats. Please use our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). We appreciate your generosity!
- **Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner:** The week of parent/teacher conferences is always a busy time for our wonderful teachers! Please use our [Teacher & Staff Conference Dinner Sign Up](#) if you would like to contribute a dish for a potluck dinner for teachers & staff on Dec. 16, the night of conferences. Thank you!
- **Catholic Schools Week:** If you have some great ideas and/or would like to help plan Catholic Schools Week, January 28- February 3, at Saint Thomas, please contact Genevieve Boyle at (773) 610-6473 or genyavello@hotmail.com.

School Board News!

You responded and we are listening! Last spring, the Diocese of Grand Rapids requested feedback on Saint Thomas from parents, staff and 5th-8th grade students through a Program Effectiveness Survey. The School Board, Mr. Corcoran and Dr. Tyrrell have been discussing your input and wanted to provide [a summary of responses received and details on action being taken](#) to address areas of opportunity. Many thanks to those who took the time to give input and we hope to hear from even more of you in the future!

GRACEAC girls basketball sign up

If your daughter is interested in playing GRACEAC basketball, the sign up is open. GRACEAC basketball is open to girls in grades 3-8. Please sign up through [the GRACEAC website](#) – either Grades 3-4 Girls Basketball or Grades 5-8 Girls Basketball. **The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1.**

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.

♥ **Saint Thomas Altar Server training:** New altar server training Wednesday, November 8, 6-7:30pm in the church for any interested students in 5th-8th grade. Please contact Lori Vernon (lorivernon@stthomasgr.org or 459-4662 X 1208) with any questions.

♥ **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.



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



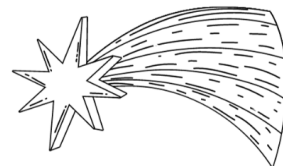
Save the Date! An Advent Nativity Service

Performed by Grades 1-4

Friday, December 15: School Rehearsal 2:20

Sunday, December 17: Performance 4:00

Saint Thomas Stage



What to wear:

Grades 1, 2, 4: Dress up in your Christmas best!

Grade 3: Dress in your Nativity Costume.

