

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Oct. 9-13, 2023

## This week!

The virtue this week is loyalty: faithfulness to commitments or obligations.

**Monday, Oct. 9 – Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Grotto (rain location: Church)**

**Tuesday, Oct. 10 – Book Fair Opens, 12-4pm, Saint Thomas Library.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 11 –**

- **Book Fair, 8am-4pm, Saint Thomas Library**
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 10am, Saint Thomas Gym.** Parents, caregivers and children ages 0-5, join us for a rumbling, tumbling great time!

**Thursday, Oct. 12 – Book Fair, 8am-4pm, Saint Thomas Library**

**Friday, Oct. 13 –**

- **GRANDFRIENDS' DAY! 8-11am.** ([Grandfriends' Day RSVP](#))  
We are looking for a few parent volunteers and bakers for our Grandfriends' Day on Oct. 13. Please use our [Grandfriends' Day Volunteer Sign Up](#) if you are interested. Questions? Contact Betsy Edgerton ([betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org](mailto:betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org)).
- **All School Mass with our Grandfriends, 10:10am.** Mass uniforms – white shirts, ties (boys)/ white shirts, skirts/jumpers (girls).
- **STA Tailgate at the Catholic Central Football Game, 5:30pm.** Look for the Saint Thomas flag and tent!

## 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



## 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](http://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](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com).

- Chess (K-8<sup>th</sup> 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

Starting Oct. 9

## Looking ahead!

- Oct. 20 – P3 Parent Gathering Party @ the Bredes
- Oct. 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Gathering Party @ the Buehlers
- 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
- Nov. 4 – '80s Prom (7-9pm @ STA Gym. \$10/person. RSVP coming soon!)
- 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	
<p>Menu items are subject to change due to availability of items.            Menu Website: <a href="http://FirstStepsCatholic.com">FirstStepsCatholic.com</a>            Menu Website: <a href="mailto:MenuWebsite@stthomas.org">MenuWebsite@stthomas.org</a></p> <p>October is National Apple Month. Did you know that there are about 7,500 varieties of apples? Can you find a new variety of apple to try this month?</p>					
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Chicken Drumsticks Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit	Waldorf Salad Fresh Fruit Fresh Red and Yellow Peppers	<b>Cinnamon Roll Day</b> Waldorf Salad Sausage (Chicken) Sausage (Turkey) Sausage (Pork) Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Hot Dogs Baked Beans Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Beef Sticks/Pizza Fresh Fruit & Veggies	
Chicken Strips Green Beans Fresh Fruit	Salt and Tacos (Turkey) Roasted Beans Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Corned Beef Sandwich Sausage (Chicken) Sausage (Turkey) Sausage (Pork) Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Pasta w/ meatballs Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Pizza Supreme/Pizza Fresh Fruit & Fresh Red/Orange Peppers	
Chicken Sandwich Coleslaw Fresh Fruit	Burger Hummus & Carrots Fresh Fruit	French Toast Bites Bacon Cherry Potatoes Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Mac 'n' Cheese Fresh Fruit & Fresh Escarole	Cherry Pull Apart/Pizza Fresh Fruit & Fresh Red/Orange Peppers	
Chicken Nuggets Coleslaw Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Nachos w/ Taco Meat/Beans Roasted Beans Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Breakfast Sandwich (Chicken Sausage) Roasted Potatoes Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Grilled Cheese Fresh Fruit & Fresh Escarole	Mix Omelette/Pizza Fresh Fruit & Fresh Red/Orange Peppers	
Spaghetti Chicken w/ Roll Roasted Potatoes w/ Olive Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Hamburger Corn Dogs (Chicken) Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Fruit & Veggies				

## 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](mailto: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 A-B can sign up to Stock the Lounge Oct.2-13 and C-D will be 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!

Please contact Genevieve Boyle at (773) 610-6473 or [genyavello@hotmail.com](mailto:genyavello@hotmail.com) Home & School questions.



## 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](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)) before the first day of practice.



## 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](http://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/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](mailto: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.