

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Nov. 13-17, 2023

This week!

The virtue this week is **temperance**: The restraint of our desires so that we can do what is right and good.

Monday, Nov. 13 –

- Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level Nursery
- Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am, Church

Wednesday, Nov. 15 –

- 0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym

Thursday, Nov. 16

- Parent/teacher conferences, 4-8pm

Friday, Nov. 17 – Half day; dismissal at 11am

- 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Ministry Center
- Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am, Church
- Parent/teacher conferences, 12-3pm



Parent teacher conference sign up

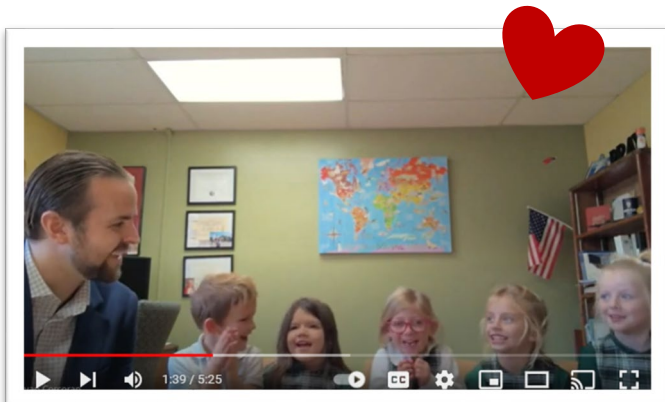
Parent teacher conferences will be Nov. 16 (4-8pm) and Nov. 17 (12-3pm).

Please use our [Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up Genius](#) to sign up to meet with your children's teachers. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Please use our [Teacher & Staff Conference Dinner Sign Up](#) if you would like to contribute a dish for a potluck dinner for teachers and staff on the first night of conferences.

Safety Grant Community Feedback!

All private schools in the State of Michigan are eligible to receive the Section 31aa Mental Health and School Safety Grant. As part of the grant application, schools are required to gather community feedback. Please [share your feedback](#) as to where you feel the funds could be best directed.



Corcoran's Corner - Kindergarten Takeover!

Check out this week's episode of [Corcoran's Corner](#) – featuring five of our kindergartners from Mr. Sluggett's and Mrs. Bridge's classes. Find out what they love about Saint Thomas School!

Dec. 1
deadline!

November lunch menu!

Here is 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.

Looking ahead!

Nov. 22-24 – No school; Thanksgiving break
Nov. 27 – 6th Grade Retreat
Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception/Late start, 8:30am
Dec. 10 – Vespers Service, 6pm, Church
Dec. 17 – Nativity Program (see last page for details)
Jan. 18 – All-School Spelling Bee

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.

Communications Survey!

Thank you for participating in our Communications Survey last week. Here is [a summary of our results](#).

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 Nov. 13-21, we are asking families with last names beginning with G-H 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 Nov. 16, the first night of conferences. Thank you!
- **Christmas Service Project:** Our Saint Thomas School community is sponsoring three families in need this holiday season. Look for sign-ups and ways to help soon!

Other stuff!

♥ **Saint Thomas Parish's Corpus Christi:** Evening of Adoration and Praise with Confessions, Friday, Nov. 17 from 6:30 - 8pm. A special **family oriented** time of praise and worship with adoration will take place from 6:30 - 7pm. This will be an awesome opportunity for the whole family to share a fun experience of prayer with Jesus.

♥ **Saint Thomas Thanksgiving Dinner:** We will be hosting our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 23, from 12-2pm in the lower level of church. All are invited to join in the celebration! RSVP for the dinner and/or volunteer to help on the [parish website](#) or call the parish office to sign up.

♥ **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.

♥ **Cannonsburg Ski Punch Card:** Punch cards are for K-12 grade students and offer discounts on lift tickets, rentals and private lessons. Check out this [Cannonsburg flyer](#) for more information.



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.



Advent by Candlelight 2023

Friday, December 1 at 7 pm

All Ladies of the Parish and School are warmly invited!

Please join us as we gather in the Church for music, prayer and a reflection followed by a festive reception in the Church Lower Level.

Be inspired by the music and reflections of Aquinas College President, Dr. Alicia Cordoba.

Come alone, with family members, friends or watch virtually. If you want to invite friends and reserve up to a table of 8, please note that on the RSVP form.



Please RSVP by November 29th on the Parish website or by calling the Parish Office at (616) 459-4662.

Questions? Contact Pam Strobel (pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org)