

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Dec. 25 - Jan. 7, 2023

Merry Christmas!

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This week!

Monday, Dec. 25 – Sunday, Jan. 7 –

Christmas break; no school! Enjoy your break. Spend time with your family. Sleep in. Read books. Drink hot chocolate. [Watch this awesome Christmas video](#). Sing Christmas carols. Go sledding, go skiing, go skating (if we get any snow!). Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We'll see you on Jan. 8!

Uniform policy update!

We are grateful that students do well adhering to the [school uniform policy](#).

Let's admit, this time of year, things start slipping. 1.) Black leggings are not part of our uniform. 2.) Boys need to wear uniform ties on Mass days. 3.) White shirts must be worn on Mass days. Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform.

8th grade Confirmation session Jan. 7!

There is an 8th grade Confirmation session on Jan. 7 at 2:30pm in the Church Lower Level. If your sponsor cannot attend, a parent or adult proxy must join you! This will be a Question and Answer session with Fr. Jim. 8th graders (and sponsors) can submit questions here: bit.ly/QA_FatherJim.



January lunch menu!

Here is our [January lunch menu](#).

Looking ahead!

Jan. 12 – Registration for 2024-25 school year opens

Jan. 15 – MLK Day; no school

Jan. 16 – Kids and Tech parent presentation, 6:30pm, Ministry Center. Wonder what your

kids are doing online? Are you looking to learn ways to manage your kids' technology use? Join Technology Director Anthony Giovannetti for a presentation and discussion on these topics – Jan. 16, 6:30pm in the Ministry Center. A virtual meeting option will also be available. [RSVP now!](#)

Jan. 18 – All-School Spelling Bee

Jan. 20-26 – All-In Week

Jan. 21 – Rumble Game

Jan. 29-Feb. 2 – Catholic Schools Week

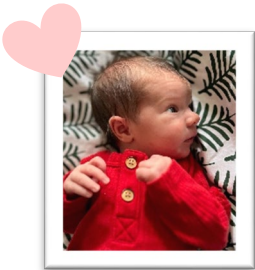
Feb. 3 – Cirque du Saint Thomas Family Dance



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Home and School News!

A very heartfelt THANK YOU for your generosity! We were able to gift dozens of gifts to the three families we sponsored for Christmas! Thank you to everyone bought and delivered gifts... It was truly such a blessing! A very blessed and merry Christmas to all our families from Home & School!



Welcome, Littlest Hornet!

We want to welcome the newest member of our Saint Thomas community. Daphne Noel Freybler was born on Dec. 16, 2023. Proud parents are Nick Freybler and Marin Reeve. Welcome to the world, Daphne!

Other stuff!

♥ **Parish events/opportunities:** Visit the [Saint Thomas parish website](#) for upcoming events.

♥ **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.

Blackbaud Financial Aid for 2024-25

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2024-25 school year is open. Visit studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school to get started and check out the [2024-25 Blackbaud/SMART parent application guide](#) and the [2024-25 parent instructions](#) for help.

Fun family events coming up soon!

are you ready to
RUMBLE?!
Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

WHAT? Saint Thomas Faculty/Staff/Board Members
vs. Area 11 Special Olympics Basketball Team –
featuring our own Mr. Drew Edgerton!

WHEN? Sunday, Jan. 21 @ 2pm

WHERE? Saint Thomas Gym

WHY? To kick off our ALL IN WEEK

The concession stand will be open, with
proceeds going to Saint Thomas Boosters.
Half time free throw shooting contest!
Overall FUN, FUN, FUN for EVERYONE!



**you belong here....at this basketball
game....so join us Jan. 21 @ 2pm!**

 **ALL in WEEK schedule** JANUARY 21-26, 2024

Sunday



BLESSINGS AT 9 AND 11AM MASSES

RUMBLE WITH THE RAMS AT 2PM!



STA ADULTS VS. AREA 11 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM (FEATURING OUR OWN MR. DREW!) CONCESSIONS, FREE THROW CONTEST AND MORE!

Monday – Learn!



PANEL DISCUSSION



MOBILITY CLINIC IN GYM CLASSES

Tuesday – Design!



UNIVERSAL DESIGN SPEAKER AT CHAPEL

Wednesday – Builder's Day!



ALL-SCHOOL MISSIONING MASS, 8:20



BUILDERS DAY!

Thursday – Share!



FATHER/SON ENDURANCE ATHLETES MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH AT CHAPEL- OVERCOMING CHALLENGES ONE STEP AT A TIME



POTLUCK LUNCH

Friday – Celebrate!



DRUMMING PERFORMANCE, 10-11AM

11:00AM STORYTIME 0-5 DANCE PARTY
LUNCHTIME KARAOKE !

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

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Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28 - Feb. 2, 2024

Sunday, January 28 – Celebrate your Parish

- Pack the Pews – Students wear uniforms to Mass
- Students speak at the end of Mass

Monday, January 29 – Celebrate your Community

- Kick off Traveling Rosary
- Student service projects

Tuesday, January 30 – Celebrate your Students

- Non-uniform day
- Kindergarten chapel talk
- Group from Saint Thomas attends Mass at the Cathedral

Wednesday, January 31 – Celebrate your Nation

- Red/white/blue day Non-uniform Day
- Scouts speak at chapel
- Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up

Thursday, February 1 – Celebrate Vocations

- Tea with Fr. Jim

Friday, February 2 – Celebrate your Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers

- All School Mass at 10:10am – Volunteer Blessing

Saturday, February 3 - Families

- Family Day - Cirque du Saint Thomas, 6-8pm



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