

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Dec. 11-15, 2023

This week!

The virtue this week is **humility**: awareness that all of our gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others.



Monday, Dec. 11 –

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13 – 0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym

Friday, Dec. 15 –

- Mass Grades 4-8, 10:10am. Parents, join us! All students (K-8), please remember Mass uniforms.
- 0-5ers Story Time, **11am (Please note new time!)**, Ministry Center.
- Nativity Program Dress Rehearsal, 2:20pm, Lower Level.

Sunday, Dec. 17 – Nativity Program Performance, 4pm, Lower Level.

Grades 1, 2 and 4 performers, please dress up in your Christmas best.

Grade 3 performers, please dress in your Nativity gear! All are welcome!

A visit from St. Nick!



We want your feedback!

This month, we will be collecting your feedback for Saint Thomas faculty and staff. We have three forms to fill out:

- [Principal feedback](#)
- [Assistant principal feedback](#)
- [Teacher's feedback](#).

You can fill out the teacher's survey as many times as you need, one per teacher. Please take a few minutes to complete these.

Jan. 16

Kids & Tech!

parent presentation

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!](#)

Looking ahead!

Dec. 18 – Story Time, 10am, Holland Home
Dec. 23-Jan. 7 – Christmas break; no school
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. [RSVP now!](#)
Jan. 18 – All-School Spelling Bee
Jan. 20-26 – All-In Week
Jan. 29-Feb. 2 – Catholic Schools Week



December lunch menu!

Here is our [December lunch menu](#). If your child wants hot lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. Families are billed through Infinite Campus.

Home and School News!

- **Stock the Lounge:** Let's show our appreciation for our teachers by stocking the lounge! Families with last names beginning in **I-J** can bring treats Dec. 4-15. This year, you will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. Sign up using our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). We appreciate your generosity!
- **Christmas Service Project:** Our Saint Thomas School community is sponsoring three families in need this holiday season. If you are interested in helping, please select according to your child's grade:
 - [PreSchool – 2nd Grade – The Gonzales Family](#)
 - [3rd-5th Grade – The Boyce Family](#)
 - [6th -8th Grade – The Mangasaryan Family](#)
- **Thank you to all our cookie bakers:** THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the cookie trays for teachers and staff! This is such a great tradition at Saint Thomas and a fun way to bless our wonderful staff! Thank you, all! Empty cookie containers can be picked up in the teachers' lounge.

GRACEAC Ski Downhill Racing/Slalom 2023-24

If your middle schooler is interested in participating in the GRACEAC co-ed downhill racing team, the sign up is open. GRACEAC ski downhill racing/slalom is open to boys and girls in grades 6-8. Please sign up through the [GRACEAC website](#). The deadline to sign up is Jan. 8.

Blackbaud Financial Aid for 2024-25 school year

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.

Other stuff!

♥ **Volunteer opportunity:** Saint Thomas Advent Angel Ministry will be sorting and delivering gifts on Sunday, Dec. 17. This is a family-friendly opportunity and a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Sorting and tagging of gifts will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17, after the 9 am Mass, delivering of gifts will begin at 11 am. Contact Allen and Diane Senninger at adventangel@stthomasgr.org or call (616) 446-3560 if you can help.

♥ **Corpus Christi: An Evening of Adoration and Praise with Confessions**, Dec. 15, 6:30-8 pm. A special **family oriented** time of praise and worship with adoration will take place from 6:30 - 7 pm. This will be an awesome opportunity for the whole family to share an intimate and fun experience of prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

♥ **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.