

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



Dec. 18-22, 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.

Sunday, Dec. 17 – Nativity Program, 4pm, Lower Level. Grades 1, 2 and 4 performers, please dress up in your Christmas best. Grade 3 performers, please dress in your Nativity costumes! All are welcome!

Monday, Dec. 18 –

- **Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level Nursery**
- **Mass Grades 1-3, 10:10am, Church.**
- **Intergenerational Story Time @ Holland Home Raybrook (2121 Raybrook St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546), 10am.** Please join us for a special Story Time with our Holland Home Raybrook friends!



Wednesday, Dec. 20 – 0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym

Friday, Dec. 22 –

- **Mass Grades 4-8, 10:10am.** Parents, join us!
- **0-5ers Story Time, 11am, Ministry Center.**
- **Christmas break begins @ 3:20pm. Merry Christmas!**

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.

We value your feedback!

This month, we will be collecting your feedback for Saint Thomas faculty and staff. You can fill out the teacher's survey more than once, one per teacher. Please take a few minutes to complete these three forms:

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

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.

Looking ahead!

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. 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

Home and School News!

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](#)

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.

Tyrrell Time!

Hear Assistant Principal Dr. Marygrace Tyrrell in her [Tyrrell Time video](#), with an update on the progress of teaching and learning in the classroom.



8th Grade Championsis!

Yes! That's right...both of our 8th grade boys' basketball teams will be playing in the GRACEAC CHAMPIONSHIP games on Saturday – in two different brackets.

Come support these student in their final game as middle school athletes.

The 8th Grade Green Team plays at Catholic Central at 12:45pm on Saturday.

The 8th Grade Gold Team plays at Grand Rapids Christian Middle School at 12:45pm.



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!

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CIRQUE DU ST. THOMAS
FAMILY DANCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | 6-8 PM
ST. THOMAS SCHOOL GYM

DJ DAINE
SNACKS & CRAFTS
PHOTOBOOTH

OPEN TO ALL STA FAMILIES

FREE ADMISSION