

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Jan. 29-Feb. 2, 2024

This week! CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Sunday, Jan. 28 – CELEBRATE OUR PARISH!

Pack the Pews! Students wear uniforms to all Masses.

Monday, Jan. 29 – CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY!

- Catholic Spirit Uniform Holiday. Wear gear from your favorite Catholic school (Saint Thomas, Aquinas College, Notre Dame, etc.).
- Decorate bags for Kids' Food Basket
- Kick off our Traveling Rosary. Use our [Traveling Rosary Sign Up](#).

Tuesday, Jan. 30 – CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS!

- Uniform holiday (last Tuesday of the month)
- Kindergarten performance at Chapel Talk
- Student Show & Tell in the classroom
- Saint Thomas 8th graders and parents attend Mass at the Cathedral.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 – CELEBRATE OUR NATION!

- Red, white and blue uniform holiday
- Scouts Chapel Talk
- Preschool/Kindergarten Round UP! 9:30am and 6pm. [Please RSVP](#).
There is no regular preschool, kindergarten or enrichment that day.
- 0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym

Thursday, Feb. 1 – CELEBRATE VOCATIONS!

- Green and gold uniform holiday
- Students have tea with Father Jim
- Wine & cheese with Deacon Dean and Lori Vernon, 6pm, Church Lower Level. [Please RSVP](#). Childcare provided.

Friday, Feb. 2 – CELEBRATE OUR FACULTY, STAFF and VOLUNTEERS!

- All-School Mass with Volunteer Blessing, 10:10am. Mass attire, please.
- 0-5ers Story Time, 11am, Ministry Center

Saturday, Feb. 3 – CELEBRATE OUR FAMILIES!

Cirque du Saint Thomas, 6-8pm, Saint Thomas Gym. [Please RSVP](#).

Sunday, Feb. 4 – CELEBRATE OUR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR! REGISTER TODAY!

The deadline to reserve your child's spot for the 2024-25 school year is Sunday, Feb. 4. Submit your paperwork!

Sledding during PE for CSW

The PE classes will be sledding at Wilcox Park during Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 29-Feb. 2). Kids should make sure to wear coats, snow pants, mittens, boots and bring sleds (write your name on them) in to school on the day that they have PE.

JOIN US FOR an evening with the vernons

Wine

thursday, february 1
6-7pm
church lower level

Cheese

Childcare

Sign me up!

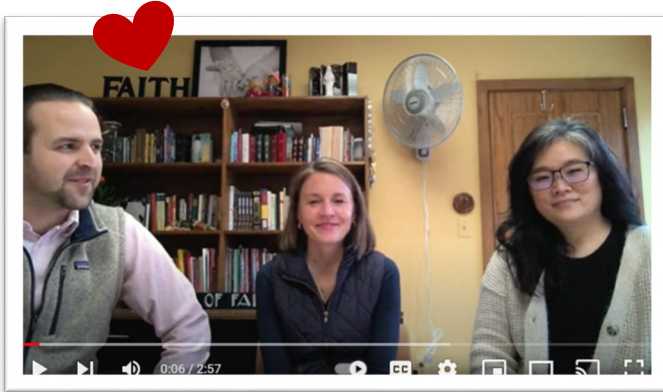


As part of the vocations aspect of Catholic Schools Week, we invite you to enjoy wine & cheese while listening to Deacon Dean and his wife, Lori, discuss their vocation & raising children in the Catholic faith. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

January/February lunch menu!

Here is our [January lunch menu](#) and our [February menu](#). If your child wants school lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. **One change: Monday, Jan. 29 – Chicken tenders and cheesy potatoes.**



Corcoran's Corner

Check out our weekly [Corcoran's Corner](#) – with special guests Erin Brede and Lucy Giovannetti, talking about our Cirque du Saint Thomas Family Dance on Feb. 3.

Community Business/Service?

We are compiling a list of businesses/services that our Saint Thomas community provides. If you'd like to be included, please email secretary@stthomasgr.org.

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 **K-L** can bring treats Jan. 22-Feb. 2. This year, you will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. Sign up using our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). Thank you!

Register for Cirque du Saint Thomas: Join us for a Family Dance, Feb. 3, 6-8pm. Dancing, crafts, snacks, photobooth – fun, fun and more fun! [Register here](#) or using the QR code in the image to the right.

Service Project: We will be collecting items for the Cathedral Outreach Center in February. They are requesting backpacks, sleeping bags, blankets and men's pants and belts. Please place any donated items in the designated bin in the back of church. Thank you!

Looking ahead!

Feb. 8-9 – Parent teacher conferences
Feb. 9 – Half day (11am dismissal)
Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday / Late start (8:30am) / All-School Mass
Feb. 19-20 – Midwinter break
Feb. 27 – Uniform holiday
March 1 – No school (Teacher professional development)
March 12-14 – Spring Book Fair



Financial Aid for 2024-25

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

Volunteer opportunities

Book Fair: The Book Fair Committee is looking for more members. The Committee meets for 1 hour weekly and is looking for 1 or 2 people to join our organized and collaborative team! No experience necessary! If interested, comment on this post, contact our Librarian Sue Edgerly, or e-mail melissakrolewski@gmail.com for more details on how to get involved!

March is Reading Month: We are looking for someone to lead our March is Reading Month activities. If you are interested, please contact Genevieve Boyle at genyavello@hotmail.com.

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.

