

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Jan. 15-19, 2024

This week!

Monday, Jan. 15 – No school / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 16 – Kids and Tech parent presentation, 6:30pm, Ministry Center. Join Technology Director Anthony Giovannetti for a presentation and discussion on kids and tech. A virtual meeting option will also be available. [RSVP now!](#)

Wednesday, Jan. 17 –

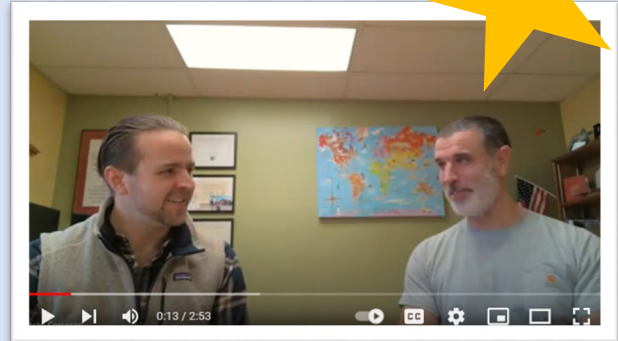
- **Registration for 2024-25 school opens** – look for an email from Finals/SchoolAdmin
- **0-5ers Gym Time**

Thursday, Jan. 18 – All-school spelling bee, 1:30pm, Church Lower Level. Parents are welcome!

Friday, Jan. 19 –

- **Mass Grades 4-8, 10:10am, Church.** Please remember Mass attire.
- **0-5ers Story Time, 11am, Ministry Center.**

Sunday, Jan. 21 – Rumble Game, 2pm, Saint Thomas Gym. Join us as Saint Thomas faculty/staff/board members take on the Area 11 Special Olympics team – featuring our own Mr. Drew! All are welcome! Come join the fun!



Corcoran's Corner!

Check out this [Corcoran's Corner](#) for more information about the Kids and Tech parent presentation on Jan. 16, 6:30pm.

After-school clubs!

We are offering a program through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. The classes run 3:25-4:25pm. If you are interested in signing up your child for [Chess](#), [Guitar](#) or [Coding](#), go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or email registration@learningmeansfun.com.

- Chess (K-8th Grade). Wednesdays. Course code: TGR1.24.24
- Guitar Stars (Grades 1-8): Mondays. Course code: TGR1.22.24
- Let's Code It (Grades 2-5): Tuesdays. Course code: TGR1.23.24

Earlybird
registration
Jan. 16!

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. 4.) Middle school students must wear a belt with pants. Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school in the correct uniform.

January lunch menu!

Here is our [January lunch menu](#). If your child wants school lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. Families are billed through the Infinite Campus. Here are [Instructions for depositing money into your student's IC account](#). Please email Cammi in the office (clawrence@stthomasgr.org) with questions.

Looking ahead!

Jan. 21 – Special blessing at 9am and 11 am Masses for ALL IN Week

Jan. 21 – Rumble Game

Jan. 21-26 – All-In Week (check out this [ALL IN Week booklet](#) for more information about the week – including our Builders' Day – help us with building materials; use our [Builders' Day Sign Up Genius](#))

Jan. 29-Feb. 2 – Catholic Schools WeekL

Jan. 31 – Round Up! (no regular preschool or kindergarten on Jan. 31)

Feb. 3 – Cirque du Saint Thomas Family Dance

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.

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!

 JANUARY 21-26, 2024
WEEK schedule

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

UNITED

in faith and community

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
- Saint Thomas 8th graders and parents attend 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 Father Jim and students
- Wine and cheese with Deacon Dean and Lori Vernon, Parents' Night 6pm, Church Lower Level

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

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

Saturday, February 3 – Celebrate your Families

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



Saint Thomas

