

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Feb. 12-16, 2024

## This week!

**Sunday, Feb. 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Session, 2:30pm, Church**

**Monday, Feb. 12 – No Mass (All-School Mass on Ash Wednesday)**

**Tuesday, Feb. 13 –**

- **Valentine's Uniform Holiday**
- **Pep Assembly, 2:30pm, Gym**

**Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday**

- **Late Start, 8:30am.** Please drop students off after 8:15am.
- **All-School Mass, 10:10am.** Please remember Mass attire.
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym**

**Friday, Feb. 16 –**

- **No Mass (All-School Mass on Ash Wednesday)**
- **0-5ers Story Time, 11am, Ministry Center**



## Pep assemblies are back!

That's right! Assemblies are back with new games, new challenges, and as always, FUN, FUN, FUN. Assembly dates are: **February 13, March 22, April 26, and May 24.** Every assembly will begin at 2:35pm in the Saint Thomas Gym.

We encourage parents and families to join in watching the games! If you would like to help with the games, please use our [Pep Assembly Sign Up Genius](#).

Students can show their support by wearing their team colors to the assemblies (pack a t-shirt to change into right before the assembly). Below are the teams and colors:

- **Yellow** – K Sluggett and 6 Bendon
- **Blue** – 8 Hoedeman and 2 Tietema
- **Green** – 7 Baxter and 1 Kate Casey
- **Black** – 3 Molly Mester, 3 VanDyke, and 5 Mike Mester
- **Purple** – 7 Walsh and 4 Malonek
- **Pink** – 6 Eggenberger and K Bridge
- **Red** – 1/2 Donohue and 4/5 Zakrajsek

For students with noise sensitivity, we have headphones or an alternate quiet space.

Hip Hip Hooray!

## Tuition Rates and Financial Aid for 2024-25

We have published [next year's tuition rates](#). Check out this [tuition spreadsheet](#) with this year's tuition rates side by side with next year's.

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

## Looking ahead!

Feb. 19-20 – Midwinter break

Feb. 27 – Uniform holiday

March 1 – No school (Teacher professional development)

March 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest, 7pm, West Catholic High School

March 12-14 – Spring Book Fair

March 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Mass, 7pm, Cathedral

## Parish Euchre Tournament!



Join the Saint Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus for a **Euchre Night at our Parish**, in the Church Lower Level on **Feb. 17 from 7-10 pm**. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with a training session on the tricks, trumps, sets, and the important faux pas in this fun game. Ages 18 and up. No partners needed! Please [RSVP for Euchre Night](#).

## February lunch menu!

Here is our [February menu](#). If your child wants school lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher.

## Community Business/Service?

We are compiling a list of businesses/services that our Saint Thomas community owns or provides so that our community can support you. If you'd like to be included, please email [secretary@stthomasgr.org](mailto:secretary@stthomasgr.org).

## Order a yearbook today!

If you did not order a yearbook with school pictures, there's still time. The yearbook will be on sale until Feb. 29. Visit [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order) and enter code 83397Y to purchase your Saint Thomas yearbook!

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Deadline  
Feb. 29

## 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 **M-N** can bring treats Feb. 5-16. This year, you will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. Sign up using our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). Thank you!

**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!

## Tech presentation

Special shout out to Anthony Giovannetti for his Kids and Tech parent presentation back in January. If you missed it, you can catch the recording – [Kids and Tech recording](#).

## Volunteer opportunities

**Boosters President:** We are looking for a Saint Thomas Boosters President. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please email our Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett ([jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)).

**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](mailto: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.