

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Feb. 19-23, 2024

This week!

Monday, Feb. 19 – Tuesday, Feb. 20 – No school;
Midwinter break

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – 0-5ers Gym Time, 11am,
Saint Thomas Gym

Friday, Feb. 23 –

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

Looking ahead!

Feb. 27 – Uniform holiday

March 1 – No school (Teacher professional development)

March 6 – 4th Grade Songfest, 7pm, West Catholic High School

March 12-14 – Spring Book Fair

March 19 – 8th Grade Confirmation Mass, 7pm, Cathedral

March 23 – Party in your Parka, 5pm

February lunch menu!

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

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 and check out the [2024-25 Blackbaud/SMART parent application guide](#) and the [2024-25 parent instructions](#).



Gearing up for the 2024-25 school year!

August 21 – First day of school grades 1-8

Aug. 22 – First day of kindergarten

Aug. 23 – First day of P4

Aug. 27 – First day of P3

Aug. 30-Sept. 3 – Labor Day (no school)

Sept. 27 – Picnic in the Park

Oct. 5 – Roaring '20s Auction

Oct. 18 – PD day (no school)

Nov. 27-29 – Thanksgiving break

Dec. 23-Jan. 3 – Christmas break

Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Day (no school)

Feb. 17-18 – Midwinter break

April 7-11 – Spring break

April 18 – Good Friday

April 21 – Easter Monday

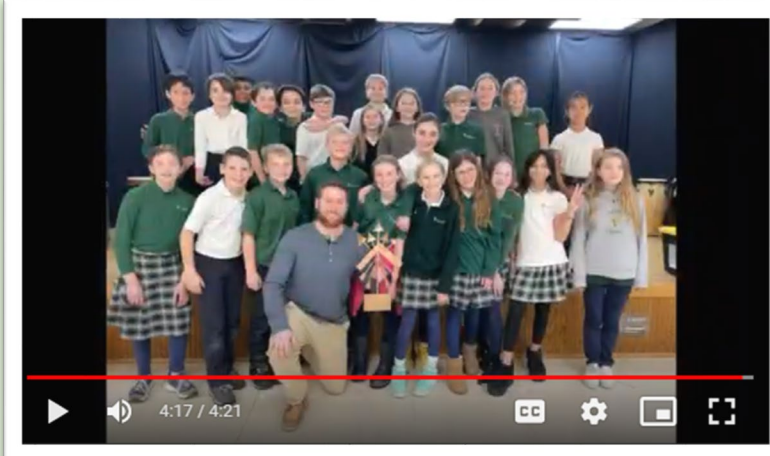
March 7 – PD Day (no school)

May 26 – Memorial Day

Registration for the 2024-25 school year!

If you haven't yet, please complete your enrollment paperwork for next year. Spots are filling up fast! This has been the best early enrollment we have ever had. Thank you for helping us make this happen!

2024-25



All In Week re-cap video!

Here's a [video recap of our All In Week](#). Hope you enjoy seeing all our Saint Thomas students' smiling faces!

GRACEAC spring sports sign ups!

It's time to sign up for GRACEAC spring sports. The sports offered are: boys baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, girls soccer, girls softball, boys and girls tennis, and boys and girls track and field. To register, go to www.graceac.com/spring/. **The deadline to register is March 1.**

Also, if your child has any uniforms from past sports, please return them ASAP to the school office.

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 **P-R** can bring treats **Feb. 19 – March 1**. 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!

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@stthomasqr.org).

Book Fair Volunteers: The Spring Book Fair is back! We're looking for volunteers. Please use our [STA Spring Book Fair Sign Up Genius](#).

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 and enter code 83397Y to purchase your Saint Thomas yearbook!

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Grand Rapids Public Museum tickets!

We've got Grand Rapids Public Museum tickets for STA families. Please stop by the office if you are interested in these tickets! We will give them away on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.