

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST

Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2024



## This week!

Monday, Feb. 26 –

- **NO MASS** (due to a funeral)
- **Alyssia Crook visits Saint Thomas!** Alyssia Crook is a 25-year-old USA Paralympian. Our students will welcome Alyssia and hear her story.

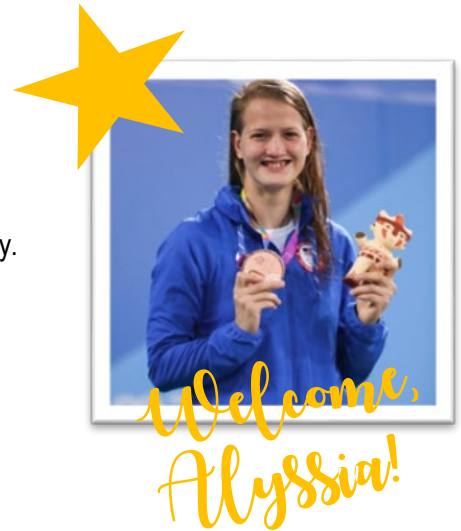
Tuesday, Feb. 27 – Uniform holiday

Wednesday, Feb. 28 – 0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym

Thursday, Feb. 29 – **Deadline to order a yearbook!** 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!

Friday, March 1 –

- **No school; teacher professional development day**
- **GRACEAC sports sign up deadline** It's time to sign up for GRACEAC spring sports (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/](http://www.graceac.com/spring/). **The deadline to register is March 1.**
- **March is Reading Month!** Check out our [March is Reading Month calendar](#) to see what's coming up!



## Looking ahead!

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

March 12-14 – Spring Book Fair – volunteer using our [STA Spring Book Fair Sign Up Genius](#)

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

March 21 – Rock your Socks Day!

March 21 – P3/P4 Dinos with Dads, 6pm, Ministry Center

March 23 – Party in your Parka, 5-7pm, Southside Ice Arena  
(more info on last page)

March 29 – April 7 – Spring break

May 10 – Middle school dance, IHM

May 17 – Golf "FORE" Sports Golf Outing, 9am, Quail Ridge



## February and March lunch menu!

Here is our [February menu](#) and [March menu](#). If your child wants school lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom 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](http://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) and check out the [2024-25 Blackbaud/SMART parent application guide](#) and the [2024-25 parent instructions](#).

## Pep Assembly team standings!

**Blue Team:** 6 points

**Black Team:** 2 points

**Yellow Team:** 2 points

**Red Team:** 2 points

**Green Team:** 1 point

**Purple Team:** 1 point

**Pink Team:** 0 points



\*Team points are earned during the games at each assembly. The winning team after all four assemblies will celebrate with an allergy-friendly dessert party.

## 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@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.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](#).

## Party in your Parka - March 23!

**Party in your Parka, March 23, 5-7pm**, Southside Ice Arena  
(566 100th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315).

Thanks to the Slobodnik family - skates and ice are provided. **You must [sign this waiver](#) to participate.** Dress warmly. Consider bringing bike helmets for any novice skaters. The concession stand will be open for business.



### 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.

### STA alums in West Catholic performance!

West Catholic High School will be performing the musical *Bells are Ringing*, March 6-9. There are a few friendly faces involved in the show: Claire Buehler, Evan Buehler, Jolie Mondroski and Sarah Jager. Congrats to these students and West Catholic!

### 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.