

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?



The BUZZ

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Mar. 11-15, 2024

This week!

MARCH IS READING MONTH! Check out our [March is Reading month calendar](#).

This week's virtue ~ fortitude: the ability to overcome fear and remain steady in our will in the face of obstacles.

Monday, March 11 –

- **No hot lunch.** Please send your students with a lunch from home.
- **4th Grade Reconciliation Retreat**
- **Mystery readers continue to visit Saint Thomas!**
- **Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am, Church.** Please remember Mass attire.

Tuesday, March 12 –

- **Dress like a book character uniform holiday**
- **Book Fair opens! 12-4pm**

Wednesday, March 13 –

- **State of the School, 8:30am or 6pm, Ministry Center**
- **Visit the Book Fair! 8am-4pm**
- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym**

Thursday, March 14 –

- **Visit the Book Fair! 8am-4pm**
- **School Board Meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center**

Friday, March 15 –

- **State of the School, 8:30am, Ministry Center**
- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am, Church. Mass attire please.**



Spring Book Fair at the STA Library!

Stop by the Saint Thomas Library during our Spring Book Fair! Dates and times are:

- Tuesday, March 12 - 12-4pm
- Wednesday, March 13 - 8am – 4pm
- Thursday, March 14 - 8am – 4pm

Cash, check, and card accepted.

Volunteer using our [STA Spring Book Fair Sign Up Genius](#).

March lunch menu!

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

School calendar for 2024-25!

Check out our Saint Thomas [2024-25 school calendar](#). This is a working calendar. We will update it as needed.

Looking ahead!

March 18 – Home & School meeting, 8:15am, Ministry Center
March 19 – 8th 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
March 25 – Bandtastic
March 29 – April 7 – Spring break
May 10 – Middle school dance, IHM
May 13 – Field day (rain date May 14)
May 17 – Golf “FORE” Sports Golf Outing, 9am, Quail Ridge
([click here](#) to purchase tickets or sponsorships)

Board Bio!

Next up in our Saint Thomas School Board bios is Derek Damstra, our Board secretary. Learn a little more about Derek in our [Saint Thomas Board Bio](#).



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 **S** can bring treats **March 4-15**. This year, you will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. Sign up using our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). Thank you!

Meeting: Home & School Meeting, Monday, March 18 at 8:15am in the Ministry Center. Please join us!

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).

GRACEAC Tennis Coaches: GRACEAC is looking for tennis coaches for the Spring season. If you or someone you know is interested, please email Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org).

Recess Helpers: We are looking for parents to help with recess on Fridays. If you are interested, please contact Ryan Corcoran (ryanacorcoran@stthomasgr.org).

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.



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: STA alumni Claire Buehler, Evan Buehler, Jolie Mondroski and Sarah Jager. Congrats to these students and West Catholic!

STA alums in Catholic Central performance!

Catholic Central will be performing *Shrek: The Musical*, at the Circle Theater, March 20-23. Included in the cast are STA alumni Albert Diaz, Kathleen Sullivan, and Sam Yocca. Congrats to these students and CC!



Where in the world is Principal Corcoran?!

During March is Reading Month, we will be looking for our friendly Principal Corcoran in all the places there are to read! All of our students received a copy of this picture. Snap a photo of your child reading with Principal Corcoran and email it to betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org for our social media. Mr. Corcoran LOVES to travel – let's count how many places he travels to with all of our March is Reading Month readers!

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.