

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Mar. 18-22, 2024

This week!

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

This week's virtue ~ prayerfulness: being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

Monday, March 18 –

- **Home & School meeting, 8:15am, Ministry Center**
- **Mystery readers continue to visit Saint Thomas!**
- **Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am, Church. Mass attire.**

Tuesday, March 19 –

- **"Read my shirt" uniform holiday**
- **8th Grade Confirmation Retreat**
- **8th Grade Confirmation Mass, 7pm, Cathedral**

Wednesday, March 20 –

- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym**

Thursday, March 21 –

- **Rock your socks for Down Syndrome Awareness Day!**
- **P3/P4 Dinos with Dads, 6pm, Ministry Center**

Friday, March 22 –

- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am, Church. Mass attire please.**
- **All School Assembly, 2:30pm, Gym.**

Saturday, March 23 – Party in your Parka, 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. Concessions will be open.



State of the School

In case you missed it, here is the pre recorded [State of the School presentation](#). This recording does not include special guest appearances by Mr. Don Dahlquist, Mr. Brian Hillary, and Mrs. Genevieve Boyle.

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.



Thanks to and from Book Fair Committee!

A big THANK YOU to all the students, staff, volunteers and families that helped make the Spring Book Fair a success. Happy Reading! And a big shout out to Chris Grabar, Melissa Krolewski, Liz Rushmore, and all the volunteers who helped.

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 **T** can bring treats **March 18-28**. 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!

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 25 – Bandtastic

March 29 – April 7 – Spring break

May 10 – Middle school dance, IHM (7th/8th grade only)

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)

Turn in sports uniforms!

Any basketball, volleyball, soccer or cross country sports uniforms still floating around out there? If your child has sports uniforms, please send them into school and turn them into the office.



We want YOU!

Home & School is actively looking for parents to join our committee for the 2024-25 school year. If you have any interest in learning more about this limited commitment, please reach out to one of our officers or attend the Home & School meeting on March 18 at 8:15am.

You belong here!

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 Coaches: GRACEAC is looking for a 5/6 boys' baseball coach and 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 (ryancorcoran@stthomasgr.org).

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 alums 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 alums Albert Diaz, Kathleen Sullivan, and Sam Yocca. Congrats to these students and CC! Tickets and showtimes are available at : <http://www.circletheatre.org/catholic-secondary-schools>.



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.