

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

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The BUZZ

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April 22-26, 2024

This week!

This week's self control ~ Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires.

Sunday, April 21 – Middle School Choir Concert, 5:30pm, Church

Monday, April 22 – Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am, Church. Mass attire, please.

Wednesday, April 24 – 0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym

Friday, April 26 –

- **2nd Grade First Communion Retreat**
- **Grades 4-8 Mass**, 10:10am, Church. Mass attire, please.
- **NO HOT LUNCH** due to **First Communion Retreat**. Please send a lunch with your child.
- **0-5ers Story Time**, 11am, Ministry Center
- **All-School Assembly**, 2:45pm, Gym

Save the date - Oct. 5!

Mark it in your calendar – Oct. 5, 2024. You won't want to miss our Roaring '20s STA Auction Gala, kicking off the 100-year anniversary of our Parish and School. Consider [donating an item or experience](#) to our silent auction leading up to Auction.



STA Golf Outing!

Saint Thomas Boosters is hosting the annual **Golf FORE Sports golf outing Friday, May 17**. Don't miss the chance to register your foursome and be a part of this incredible community event at Quail Ridge Golf Club. All proceeds go to support our Saint Thomas athletes.

Support Saint Thomas athletics by golfing with a foursome or advertise your business by sponsoring the outing. Fun times await with the closest pin, mulligans, 50/50 raffle, food, beverages and more!

Visit www.STAGolfOuting.com to sign up to golf or sponsor! Please send in your registration/sponsor checks to the school office.



April lunch menu!

Here is our [April menu](#). If your child wants school lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. **Please note: No hot lunch on Friday, April 28. Please send a lunch with your child.**

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 **W** can bring treats **April 22-May 3**. This year, you will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. Sign up using our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). Thanks!

Field Day volunteers: Does your kid love Field Day? If so, please consider helping out to make it fun and successful for everyone! Contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473. Thank you!

Looking ahead!

May 1 – Kindergarten Kickoff (no regular P3/P4 or Kindergarten that day)

May 6 – May Crowning (Sunday best for 8th, 4th and 2nd grade)

May 8 – Pre-Auction Party @ the Cicottes (see invite on next page)

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)

May 19 – Early Childhood Center tours after 9am/11am Masses

May 24 – Anointing Mass

May 24 – Last all-school assembly

May 30 – Grades K-4 spring music concert

June 5 – 8th Grade Graduation

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.

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.



Catholic Central Color Guard tryouts!

Are you interested in Color Guard at Catholic Central? Come find out what it's all about on May 6, 7, and 13, 6-8pm, in the Catholic Central band room. Wear comfortable clothes. No experience is necessary! Incoming freshmen encouraged! Questions? Contact color guard director Liz VandenBerg at liz.fortesewinganddesign@gmail.com.

Board Bio!

Elissa Williams is the Vice Chair of the Board of Education. Learn a little more about Elissa in [this week's Board bio](#).



STA job openings!

We've got some job openings coming up at Saint Thomas. Check out the job descriptions for the [Long-Term Sub](#) and the [Director of Teaching and Learning](#) and help spread the word!

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.



Saint Thomas Ladies, you are invited to an
AUCTION PRE-PARTY
at the Cicotte Home | Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30PM

- ✿ Appetizers & desserts from Martha's Vineyard
- ✿ Wine, cocktails & refreshments
- ✿ Great company & conversation
- ✿ Learn more about the importance of our bi-annual auction and how it helps each of our children in unique & impactful ways

Click Here

RSVP

Please bring a bottle of wine and/or a \$25 gift card to any business to be auctioned off at our Roaring Twenties Auction this fall. The auction, taking place October 5, raises funds to support our parish and school.

Come as you are, stay as long as you can!



If you are unable to attend, there will be another pre-auction party on Thursday, May 23 - watch the Buzz for details on that event.

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**7TH & 8TH GRADE
DANCE
FRIDAY, MAY 10TH**

**IHM Gym
7-9pm**

ALOHA! Please join us for a night of fun at IHM!

Dress in your Hawaiian best and be ready to HULA!

(Pst...there's a prize for the best dressed)

DJ, Dancing, Limbo and Free Throw contest, snacks and more!

There will be chaperones from IHM, STA, and SPA at the dance.

If you have any questions, please contact Kellie Berkemeier at 616.240.3120



SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

summer camps

What?

Summer programming at Saint Thomas for kids ages 4-7

When?

Monday – Thursday, 9am-12noon

Where?

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School
1429 Wilcox Park Dr.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Cost:

\$100/week (cash or check made out to Saint Thomas School)

Themes:

July 8-12 - Animal Planet/Safari
July 15-19 - Around the World
July 22-26 – Dinosaurs
July 29-Aug 2 – Olympics
Aug 5-9 - Oceans/Water

Questions?

Contact Samantha Mason @ samanthamason@stthomasgr.org.



Registration:

[STA Summer Camp registration](#)