

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

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# The BUZZ

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April 29 - May 3, 2024

## This week!

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

**Sunday, April 28 – First Communion Mass**, 3pm, Church

**Monday, April 29 – Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am, Church. Mass attire, please.

**Tuesday, April 30 – Uniform holiday!**

**Wednesday, May 1**

- **Kindergarten Kickoff**, 9am (No regular kindergarten or P3/P4 that day).
- **0-5ers Gym Time**, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym

**Friday, May 3 –**

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

**Sunday, May 5 – First Communion Mass**, 3pm, Church



May 17

## 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](http://www.STAGolfOuting.com) to sign up to golf or sponsor! Please send in your registration/sponsor checks to the school office.



## April / May lunch menus!

Check out our [April menu](#) and [May menu](#). If your child wants school lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher.

## 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.



## 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!

**Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10:** Let's celebrate our awesome teachers! Please use our [Teacher Appreciation Week Sign Up Genius](#) to bring in a favorite drink for your teacher and/or a dish for a special luncheon for our wonderful teachers & staff! Thank you for your generosity!

**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. Field day is May 13 (raindate May 14). Thank you!

**H&S Officers:** Home & School is an essential part of Saint Thomas, planning fun and important things for students and teachers. And we are a great group to work with! We are looking for people who are interested in joining our team. Please contact Genevieve Boyle 773-610-6473 if you have any questions or would consider becoming a member or officer for the 2024-2025 school year.

An invitation for the Saint Thomas Ladies Auction Pre-Party. The text reads: 'Saint Thomas Ladies, you are invited to an AUCTION PRE-PARTY at the Cicotte Home | Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30PM'. It lists activities: 'Appetizers &amp; desserts from Martha's Vineyard', 'Wine, cocktails &amp; refreshments', 'Great company &amp; conversation', and 'Learn more about the importance of our bi-annual auction and how it helps each of our children in unique &amp; impactful ways'. There is a 'Click Here' button and an 'RSVP' button. At the bottom, it says '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!' and '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.' The logo for 'Saint Thomas the Apostle Auction 2024' is at the bottom left.

## Looking ahead!

- May 5 – First Communion Mass
- May 6 – May Crowning (Sunday best for 8<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- May 8 – Pre-Auction Party @ the Cicottes
- May 10 – Middle school dance, IHM (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

[RSVP to the May 8 Auction Party!](#)

## Turn in sports uniforms!

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

## 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!

## School calendar for 2024-25!

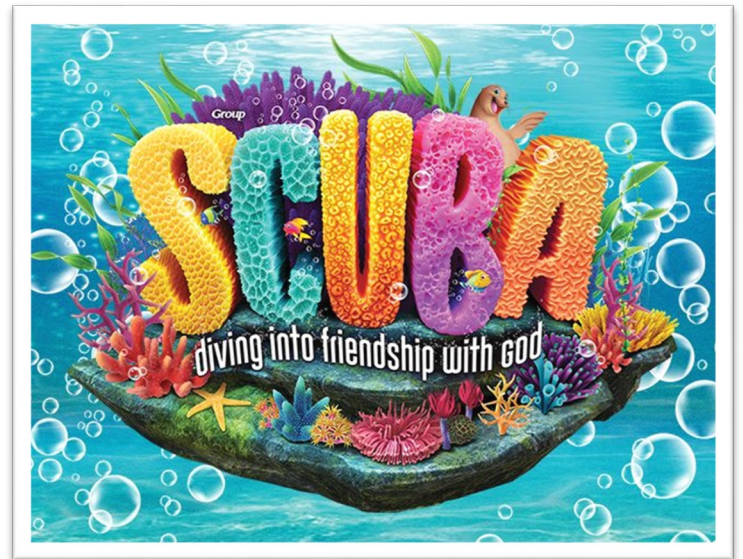
Check out our Saint Thomas [2024-25 school calendar](#). This is a working calendar. We will update it as needed.

## Other stuff!

♥ **Parish events/opportunities:** Visit the [Saint Thomas parish website](#) for upcoming events, including [Vacation Bible School!](#)

♥ **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.



Vacation Bible School – [Sign up today!](#)



MAY  
**10**



**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

Sign up to bring treats to the dance using our [7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade dance Sign Up Genius!](#)



# 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:**

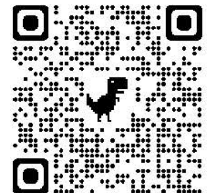
\$100/week (cash or check made out to Saint Thomas School)

**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

**Registration:**

Scan the QR code  
to register your  
child.



**Questions?**

Contact Samantha Mason @ [samanthamason@stthomasgr.org](mailto:samanthamason@stthomasgr.org).

