

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



April 8-12, 2024

## This week!

**This week's virtue** ~ generosity: giving to another person something as an act of free will, without obligation, with kindness in your heart.

### Monday, April 8 –

- **Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am, Church. Mass attire.
- **Solar eclipse**: All students will receive solar eclipse glasses from their homeroom teacher to take home.

### Wednesday, April 10 –

- **0-5ers Gym Time**, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym
- **Middle School Awards Ceremony**, 2:45pm, Church

### Friday, April 12 –

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

## Looking ahead!

May 6 – May Crowning

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 for families after

9am/11am Masses

May 24 – Anointing Mass

May 24 – Last all-school assembly

June 5 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

## STA job opportunities!

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 spread the word!

## Uniform reminder!

As of April 1, shorts can be worn as part of the uniform. Also, girls do not have to wear leggings after April 1. Please make sure that skirts are long enough when not wearing leggings.

## 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.

## ECC update!

In case you missed it in the bulletin, here's our [progress report on the Early Childhood Center](#).



# Welcome back! We missed you!





## 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 the Roaring '20s Auction, Oct. 5, 2024.

## 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.

## 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 **V** can bring treats **April 8-19**. This year, you will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. Sign up using our [Stock the Lounge Sign Up](#). Thank you!

## 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.

## Volunteer opportunities!

**Boosters President:** We are looking for a Saint Thomas Boosters President. If you are interested, email our Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett ([jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)).

**GRACEAC Coaches:** GRACEAC is looking for a 5/6 and 7/8 girls' softball coaches for the Spring season. If you or someone you know is interested, please email AD Jeremiah Sluggett ([jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)).

## Board Bio!

Meet James Wilson, the Board's Mission and Effectiveness Committee Chairperson. Learn a little more about James in our [Saint Thomas Board Bio](#).



## 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.

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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



2024

**WESTFEST**

**MAY 17-19**

**Fri. Sat. Sun. @ John Ball Park**



Unlimited ride wristbands sell for \$30 online until 10 am on May 17 and \$30 onsite during the carnival.



**SACRED  
HEART  
ACADEMY**

invites all Catholic parish and school families to join us at our WestFest fundraiser carnival!

Our students have a half day Friday and will be there enjoying the rides and good eats. We would love to see you there!

### **Event Line-Up...**

**Friday, May 17** 12noon - 10pm

**Carnival Rides**

**Saturday, May 18** 11am - 10pm

**Carnival Rides**

**Sunday, May 19** 12noon - 8pm

**Carnival Rides**

For ticket link visit:

**[www.westfestgr.com](http://www.westfestgr.com)**