

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST

May 20-24, 2024

This week!

This week's virtue: **patience** ~ bearing present difficulties calmly

Sunday, May 19 – Tours of the Early Childhood Center (our new preschool), after the 9am / 11am Masses

Monday, May 20 –

- **No Grade 1-3 Mass due to All School Mass on Friday**

Wednesday, May 22 –

- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym (Please note: This is our last Gym Time for this school year.)**

Thursday, May 23 – Pre-Auction Party @ the Bredes. RSVP to Erin (brede.erin@gmail.com) by ASAP.

Friday, May 24 –

- **All-School Anointing Mass, 10:10am, Church**
- **0-5ers Story Time, 11am, Ministry Center**
- **All-School Pep Assembly, 2:30pm, Gym**

Diaper drive this week!

Saint Thomas School is collecting diapers for the Parish **diaper drive** to support HELP Pregnancy Aid. Drop off disposable diapers in the hallway near the school office the week of **May 20**. Diaper sizes from newborn to 5 are appreciated, as well as wipes.

May lunch menu!

Check out our [May lunch menu](#). If your child wants school lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. **Lunch change on Monday, May 20:** Instead of turkey subs, it is now Pasta Salad (veggies, olives, dressing) with fresh fruit and two mozzarella sticks. Also, as we near the end of the school year, please [check your child's lunch account balance](#). We have many families who are currently carrying a negative balance.

AUCTION PRE-PARTY

2730 Oakwood Drive SE | Thurs, May 23 from 6:00-9:00 pm

- Wine, Cheese & Dessert at the Bredes
- Great company & conversation
- Learn more about the upcoming "Roaring Twenties Auction" and how it impacts our children & school

Please bring a bottle of wine and/or a \$25 gift card to your favorite business. These items will be auctioned off at our Roaring Twenties Auction on October 5, 2023.

Please RSVP to Erin by May 17
brede.erin@gmail.com | 202-262-9623



Please join us!

Looking ahead!

May 30 – Grades K-4 spring music concert (see flyer on next page)

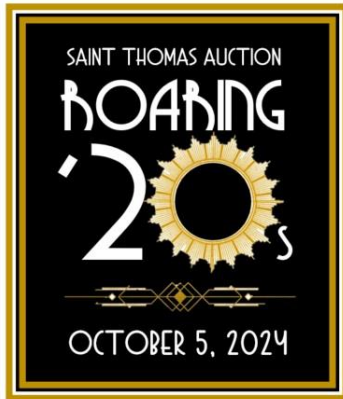
May 31 -- Preschool picnic

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June 4 – Grades 1-2 end-of-year picnic, 11am-1pm

June 5 – 8th Grade Graduation

June 6 – Last day of school (dismissal at 11am)



Get involved in Auction!

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. How can you get involved now? Glad you asked. Here are a couple of ways:

- **Purchase Early Bird (EB) Tickets:** Go to cbo.io/tickets/sta/Auction for early bird tickets. Prices increase on June 30.
- **Consider [donating an item or experience](#) to our silent auction.** Proceeds support Tuition Angel, two years of Home and School funding, and Parish Ministries.



Pep Assembly Standings!

Blue (Hoedeman/Tietema) 9 points

Green (Baxter/Casey) 4 points

Pink (Bridge/Eggenberger) 0 points

Yellow (Sluggett/Bendon) 5 points

Purple (Walsh/Malonek) 9 points

Red (Donohue/Zakrajsek) 2 points

Black (Mester, Mester, Vandyke) 3 points

Last Pep Assembly: Friday May 24 at 2:30 in the Gym. One lucky team will be crowned the winner. Come join in the excitement!!!

Home and School News!

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.

Board Bio!

Jamie McCabe is a member at large on the School Board. Learn a little more about Jamie in [this week's Board Bio](#).

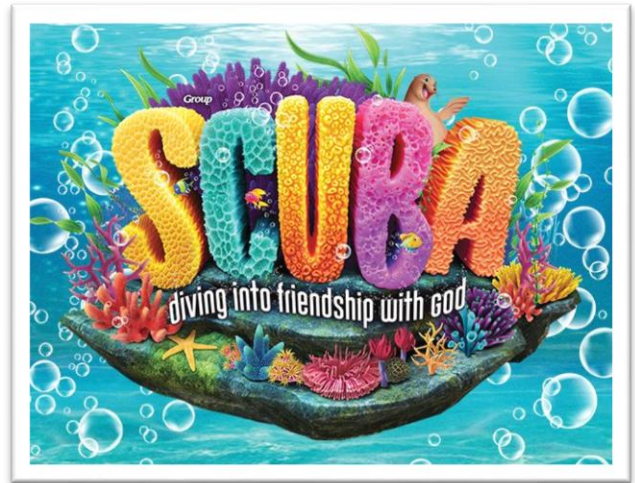


Other stuff!

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

A poster for a Spring Music Festival. At the top, there is a decorative border of yellow sunflowers and green leaves. The word "SPRING" is written in a bold, brown, sans-serif font. Below it, "Music Festival" is written in a large, elegant, green cursive font. Underneath that, "AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL" is written in a bold, brown, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a large black treble clef. To the right is a black and white illustration of an ice cream cone with a swirl of vanilla ice cream. The date and location are listed: "THURSDAY, MAY 30TH" and "ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH, LOWER LEVEL STAGE". Below a horizontal line, the performance times are listed: "K-2ND GRADE WILL PERFORM AT 6PM" and "3RD AND 4TH GRADERS WILL PERFORM AT 6:45PM". At the bottom, there is another decorative border of yellow sunflowers and green leaves.

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Please have students wear spring colors.
They should arrive a little before their performance time, and stay with their families until called up to the stage.
Following each performances, Home & School will be serving ice cream in the small parking lot.
Please contact Emily Brunner {emilybrunner@stthomasgr.org} with any questions.

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.

