

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

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# The BUZZ

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May 6-10, 2024

## LET'S CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS!

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! Thanks! ~ Home & School

**This week's virtue: justice** ~ behavior or treatment based on what is right and what is fair.

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

**Monday, May 6 –**

- **May Crowning, 8am, Church** (Sunday best for 8<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) **Please note: No parent rosary because of May Crowning.**
- **Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am, Church**

**Wednesday, May 8 –**

- **0-5ers Gym Time, 11am, Saint Thomas Gym**
- **Auction Pre-Party @ the Cicottes, 5:30pm**  
[RSVP today!](#)

**Thursday, May 9 –**

- **P3 Mothers' Day Tea, 10:15am, Ministry Center**
- **School Board meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center**
- **No hot lunch due to a funeral.**

**Friday, May 10 –**

- **P4 Mothers' Day Teas, 10:15am / 2:30pm, MC**
- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am, Church**
- **0-5ers Story Time, 11am, Ministry Center**
- **7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, 7-9pm, IHM (1951 Plymouth Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506).** Sign up to bring snacks/treats to the dance with our [7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade dance Sign Up Genius](#).



Where in the world are all the great teachers?!  
At Saint Thomas, of course!



**You belong here...with all these amazing teachers!**

## 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. **Please note: There is no hot lunch on Thursday, May 9.** Please send a lunch with your child. 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.



## 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. 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.

## 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. This event happens every other year. How can you get involved now? Glad you asked. Here are a few ways:

- **Attend an Auction Pre-Party:** Wednesday, May 8, 5:30pm, at the Cicotte home. Learn more about upcoming auction and how it impacts our Parish and School. [RSVP today!](#)
- **Purchase Early Bird (EB) Tickets:** Go to [cbo.io/tickets/sta/Auction](http://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 from Auction supports Tuition Angel, two years of Home and School funding, and Parish Ministries.

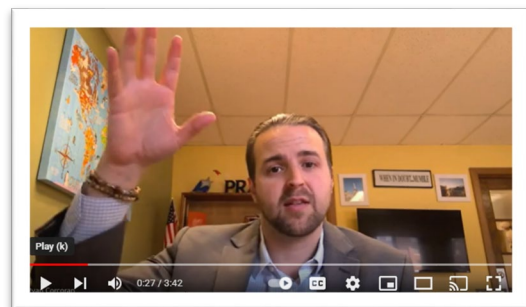


## Looking ahead!

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 the 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

## Corcoran's Corner!

Check out [Corcoran's Corner](#) to learn more about the new developments next door.



## 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.

## Father Jim - Beyond the Pulpit!

Hear Father Jim speak about his life's calling on the [91.3 WCSG's Beyond the Pulpit podcast](#).

## Diaper drive!

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.

## 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.

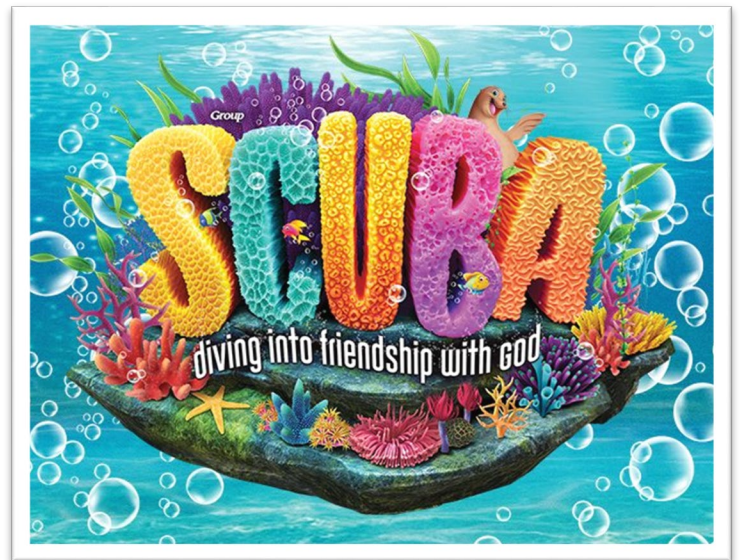
## Other stuff!

♥ **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.

♥ **Camp Sancta Maria camps:** Camp Sancta Maria is a Catholic summer camp located in Gaylord, Michigan. It helps young people build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. CSM's mission is to help young people unplug from the distractions of this digital age and encounter the Lord through authentic discipleship, sacramental life, and the beauty of His creation. Visit the [Camp Santa Maria Camp website](#) to learn more.



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





# 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).

