

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Aug. 26-30, 2024

Next week!

The virtue this week is **affability**: being easy to approach and easy to talk to; friendly to others.

Monday, Aug. 26 –

- First day of P4 – Welcome preschoolers!
- Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Marian Grotto.
- All School Mass and Procession, 10:10am, Church. Please remember Mass attire (white shirts, ties (boys)). Parents, you are welcome to join us for Mass! After Mass, Father Jim will process through the hallways with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance.

Tuesday, Aug. 27 –

- First day of P3 – Welcome to our littlest learners!
- Uniform holiday – Please make sure you follow our [uniform holiday guidelines](#).

Thursday, Aug. 29 – **No school lunch due to a funeral! Please send a lunch with your child.**

Friday, Aug. 30 – No school. Labor Day Holiday.

Monday, Sept. 2 – No school. Labor Day Holiday.



Virtus training!

If you would like to volunteer in our school, you must first complete Virtus training. This is required for all school volunteers. Visit www.virtus.org, create an account and select an in-person or online session. Register online at www.virtus.org. On the left side of the page, select "First-Time Registrant." Then select "View a list of sessions." Click in the box stating "Select your organization." Scroll down and select "Grand Rapids, MI (Diocese)." Scroll down the page to see the locations. Go to the top of the page and select "Start Registration." Complete the registration.

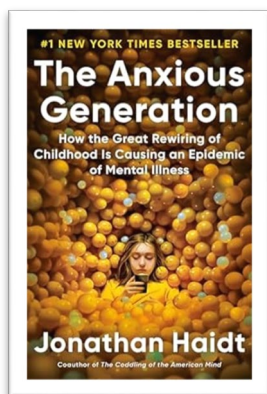
School lunch!

Here is our [August 2024](#) and [September 2024](#) lunch menus. If your child wants hot lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. Families are billed through the Infinite Campus. Here are [Instructions for depositing money into your student's IC account](#). If you need help getting into Infinite Campus, please email Cammi in the office (clawrence@stthomasgr.org). **Please note: There is no school lunch on Thursday, Aug. 29 due to a funeral in the church. Please send a lunch with your child.**



Looking ahead!

Sept. 3 – Middle School Parent Orientation, 6pm
Sept. 5-6 – 8th Grade Retreat
Sept. 6 – STA Tailgate at Catholic Central
Sept. 12 – School Board Meeting, 6pm
Sept. 18-19 – School picture day
Sept. 22 – Picnic in the Park, 12-3pm



Parent book study!

One of the best things we can do as a community is come together to discuss what's important to us. At the forefront of lots of minds is mental health, technology, and partnering with parents on the formation of their adolescents.

West Catholic is hosting four nights of discussion on this topic and the book [The Anxious Generation](#) by Jonathan Haidt. Faculty, staff, and parents are invited to join, for all four or any that fit into your schedules. Here is all the information you need in this [WC Parent Guild Book Club flyer](#).

Parish News!

Check out the STA Parish website for events. Here are a few highlights:

- **Tuesday Adoration** from 9:15 am - 5:30 pm (begins Sept. 10). Stop by and "Give Him 5" every Tuesday – five-minute Parent Prayer, 3:10 pm, five-minute Family Prayer, 3:30 pm.
- **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** from 6 - 7 pm (Rectory Conference Room), begins Sept. 17 (during children's choir)
- **ARISE! Men's Group**, Saturdays 6 am, Ministry Center (1st Saturdays begin in Church)