

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Sept. 16-20, 2024

Next week!

The virtue is **magnanimity**: kindness and generosity toward someone, especially after defeating them or being treated badly by them.

Monday, Sept. 16 – Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am. Please remember Mass uniforms.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 – School pictures (for grades P4-8th grade). To order pictures online, visit www.inter-state.com/order and use order code 91069BB. You must order pictures online. **This is a uniform holiday for picture day.** Please follow our [uniform holiday guidelines](#).

Thursday, Sept. 19 – School pictures (for P3 and anyone who missed on Wednesday). If your child is absent on Sept. 18, they can get their picture taken on Sept. 19, but they will need to wear their school uniform, change into their picture-day shirt and then change back into their school uniform. To order pictures online, visit www.inter-state.com/order and use order code 91069BB.

Friday, Sept. 20 –

- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am.** Please remember Mass uniforms.
- **Deadline to [purchase your Roaring '20s Auction tickets!](#)** Your \$85 ticket provides two years of funding for our School.

Sunday, Sept. 22 – Picnic in the Park, 12-3pm, Wilcox Park

Dine & Make a Difference – All week long! Sept. 16-20, lunch and dinner, dine in or take out. Visit Brann's on 28th Street (5510 28th St.) and they will give back 20% of your bill to our Early Childhood Center Campaign. Mention Saint Thomas!

Saint Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Parish and School

PICNIC IN THE PARK

FREE

FUN FOR ALL AGES | ENTERTAINMENT | GAMES
LUNCH SERVED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 12-1:30PM

Can you join us?
Scan to RSVP:

Volunteers needed!
Scan to help:

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 22 | 12-3PM
WILCOX PARK**

Questions? Email Pam Strobel
pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org

Looking ahead!

Sept. 24 – Uniform holiday

Sept. 27 – 8th Grade Parent Party (see details on last page)

Sept. 29 – Silent Auction opens

Oct. 5 – Roaring '20s Auction

Oct. 14-17 – Fall Book Fair

Oct. 17 – Grandfriends' Day (half day)

Oct. 18 – No school (teacher PD)

School lunch!

Here is our [September 2024 lunch menu](#). 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).

School pictures!

School pictures are Sept. 18. This is a uniform holiday so that your child can wear what they would like for pictures. Please follow our [uniform holiday guidelines](#). Sept. 19 is also a picture day but primarily for our P3 class. If your child is absent on Sept. 18, they can get their picture taken on Sept. 19 but they will need to wear their school uniform, change into their picture-day shirt and then change back into their school uniform. To order pictures online, visit www.inter-state.com/order and use order code 91069BB. You must order pictures online.

Last chance for Roaring '20s Auction!

Time is running out to get your ticket to our Roaring '20s Auction! Tickets are selling fast! Don't miss this roaring good time! Visit our [Roaring '20s Auction website](#) to purchase your tickets. **The deadline for tickets is Sept. 20.**

Home & School note!

Do you love hosting parties? We have an opportunity for you! The fall class parent gatherings are a wonderful tradition at Saint Thomas and a great way to get to know the parents of your child's classmates a little more. We are still looking for hosts for P3, P4, K, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades. If you are interested at all, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473. Thank you!

School uniforms!

Next week is the last week that we will have school uniforms in the Ministry Center lobby. After next week, if you need a uniform item, please stop by the office and we can take you to the uniform storage area. And a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Jamie McCabe for helping to organize all of our school uniforms!



Volunteer help needed!

We've got a couple of volunteers needs:

- Asst. GRACEAC track coach – Email Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org) if interested.
- Pep rally volunteers – Text Tina Berkemeier (616-498-0055) if interested.

Community Rebuilders!

We had a productive and insightful meeting with representatives from Community Rebuilders and Hope Network, the two housing developments happening next door. Now that we are informed about the work that is being done, we would like to put together a fact sheet that addresses the most common and relevant questions you have about this project. [Submit your questions here](#). We will use these questions to develop an FAQ sheet. To learn more about these organizations, visit this [Community Rebuilders link](#) or this [Hope Network link](#).



Boys' basketball & competitive cheer sign up is open!

Sign up for GRACEAC Winter 1 season is open. If your child is interested in Boys' Basketball or Competitive Cheer, please visit www.GRACEAC.com/winter-i/ and complete the registration. **THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS SEPT. 30.** **After that, there will be a \$35 late fee to register.**

A note about early pick up for appointments!

If you are picking your child up early, email the office (secretary@stthomasgr.org) and your child's teacher early in the day so that we can try to have them ready. Please note: If your child will be in band, music, gym, lunch or recess at pickup time, they will be pulled ahead of time and will be in the office. We ask that you try not to schedule appointments at lunch or recess for safety reasons – as it throws off our “child count” when walking to and from school.



Board Bios!

Learn about our Board of Education.

Coleman Baar is the Board Chair of our Building and Grounds Committee. Learn a little more about [Coleman in his Board Bio](#).

Jake Smith is the new Board Secretary. Read about [Jake in his Board Bio](#).




8th GRADE

Parent Party

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH @ 7PM

The Maczka Residence
3820 Balsam Waters Drive NE

preschool. auction. homework. new friends. famous americans. gate line. market day. snow days. chapel. field trips. kindergarten. mass uniform. first communion. projects. old friends. car line. sports. Wilcox Park. hornets. field day. teachers. leadership. prayer.

CELEBRATE THE MEMORIES

RSVP by 9/25 to mkm9404@gmail.com