

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Sept. 23-27, 2024

## Next week!

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

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

**Monday, Sept. 23 – Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am. Remember Mass uniforms.

**Tuesday, Sept. 24 – Uniform holiday.** Please follow our [uniform holiday guidelines](#).

**Wednesday, Sept. 25 –**

- **0-5ers Gym Time**, 11:10am – 12:10pm. We welcome children ages 0-5 and their caregivers to the Saint Thomas Gym. We'll run around, play, meet new friends and burn off some energy!
- **Catholic Central Serve-a-thon**, 8-11am.

**Friday, Sept. 27 –**

- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am.**  
Please remember Mass uniforms.
- **0-5ers Story Time**, 10am, Saint Thomas Library.

## Looking ahead!

Sept. 29 – Silent Auction opens! Non-ticket holders, [register for Silent Auction here](#) (no cost to register).

Sept. 29 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the VanHaren home (3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents will receive an email with details)

Oct. 5 – Roaring '20s Auction

Oct. 14-17 – Fall Book Fair

Oct. 17 – Grandfriends' Day (half day). [RSVP, Grandfriends!](#)

Oct. 18 – No school (teacher PD)

Oct. 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the Monoyios/Hunter home (2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents will receive an email with details)

Oct. 27 – Trunk or Treat!

## Upcoming parent gatherings!

Here are the upcoming parent grade gatherings:

**Sept. 21 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering** at the Szymanski home.

**Sept. 27 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering** at the Maczka home.

If you did not receive an email with details, please contact Genevieve Boyle at (773) 610-6473.

## 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](mailto:clawrence@stthomasgr.org)).

\*Starting Oct. 1, students can order double entrees for lunch. It will be an additional \$1.50 added to the cost.

## Spelling Bee!

Our annual Spelling Bee is approaching! It will be Jan. 16 at 1:30pm. If your child is interested in participating, please use our Spelling Bee Registration. **THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS OCT. 4. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Picture Day thanks and ordering info!

A big thank you to Anna Kohler, Molly Kennedy, Cassandra Fox-LaPorte and Annie Cicotte for helping with picture day. There is still time to order pictures. To order pictures online, visit [www.inter-state.com/order](http://www.inter-state.com/order) and use order code 91069BB. You must order pictures online. **Also, if your child would like a yearbook at the end of this school year, order the yearbook now with school pictures.**

## Traveling Rosary!

Our mission effectiveness team would like to invite you to participate in our Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary. You can pray with your family while driving back and forth from school or pray a decade of the rosary each night. As you hold so many prayers in your heart and offer them to God, please consider lifting up our school staff teachers parents and kids and your daily prayers while you pray this rosary. If you are interested, please use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

## 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, 5th, and 7th grades. If you are interested at all, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473. Thank you!

## Volunteer help needed!

We've got a couple of volunteer needs:

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



## 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/](http://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.




**GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILLS & LEAGUE 2024**

**TEAMS & COST:**  
 Middle School Teams- \$475 team, \$95 Individual (will be added to team)  
 3rd-5th Grade Players - \$75

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE:**

3rd-5th Grade:	• Nov. 9	• Dec. 7	Middle School
Skills: 8:30am-9:30am	• Nov. 16	• Dec.14	Games: 11am-2pm
Games: 9:30am-10:30am			

**ADMISSION MIDDLE SCHOOL GAMES (11AM-2PM)**  
 • Adults - \$5

**LOCATION:**  
 The CAT: 2770 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, 49525

**FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER, GO TO [WWW.CATHOLICCENTRALCAMPS.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICCENTRALCAMPS.ORG)**