

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Oct. 14-18, 2024

Thank you for a successful Auction!

Next week!

The virtue is **sincerity**: the quality of being open and honest, not deceitful or hypocritical.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 –

- 0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am – 12:10pm
- **No hot lunch due to a funeral. Please send a lunch with your child.**

Thursday, Oct. 17 – GRANDFRIENDS' DAY!
WELCOME, GRANDFRIENDS!

- We will be welcoming and celebrating all our grandfriends. Please ask your grandfriend to [RSVP for Grandfriends' Day!](#) **Parents and grandfriends, please consider carpooling to STA as parking lot will fill up fast!**
- **All-School Mass, 10am.** Everyone welcome.
- **Half-day / dismissal at 11am.**

Friday, Oct. 18 –

- **No school / Teacher professional development**
- **4th Grade Parent Gathering at the Jacobson home**
(4th Grade parents received an email with more details. If you did not receive an email, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473.)

Saint Thomas the Apostle
Grandfriends Day

Thursday, October 17
8-11AM

8am - join us for our daily chapel talk and prayer in the church
8:20am - grandfriends enjoy refreshments in church lower level
8:45am - classroom visits (grandfriends can move between classrooms if they have multiple students)
9:45am - prepare to depart for mass
10am - mass with students
11am - dismissal

Book Fair is here!

It's time for the Fall Book Fair! Come to the library next week to visit our school Fall Book Fair. Students will attend the Book Fair with their class during library time. The Book Fair is also open after school. Card, check and cash are accepted. **Book Fair Hours:** Monday, Oct. 14: 12-4pm Tuesday, Oct. 15: 8am – 4pm Wednesday, Oct. 16: 8am – 4pm Thursday, Oct. 17: 8am – 12noon



School directory!

We will be putting together information for our 2024-25 Saint Thomas School Directory. If you **DO NOT** want to be included in the school directory, please email the office (secretary@stthomasgr.org) by Oct. 31. If we do not receive an email, your contact information will be in the school directory. Thank you.



Looking ahead!

- Oct. 26 – 2nd Grade Parent Gathering at the Linear Restaurant, 2:30-5:30pm (2nd grade parents will receive an email with details)
- Oct. 26 – 7th Grade Parent Gathering at the VanDyke's home (7th Grade parents will receive an email soon)
- Oct. 27 – Trunk or Treat!
- Oct. 28 – Home & School meeting, library, 8am
- Oct. 31 – Last day to wear shorts / Last day to not wear leggings with skirts
- Nov. 1 – All Saints Day, late start (8:30am)
- Nov. 6 – Picture re-take day (if you are getting re-takes, you must bring original pictures with you)
- Nov. 8 – 5th Grade Parent Gathering at the Williams' home (5th grade parents will receive an email)
- Nov. 9 – Saint Thomas Family Bash/Demo Party

School lunch!

Here is our [October 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 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 THESE LUNCH CHANGES:**

- Students now can order double entrees for lunch. It will be an additional \$1.50.
- No hot lunches on **Oct. 16 or Oct. 22** due to funerals.

Home & School notes!

We are looking for volunteers to help with Grandfriends' Day on Oct. 17. We need greeters, kitchen helpers and happy faces. Use our [Grandfriends' Day Sign Up Genius](#) to help.

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, and K gatherings. If you are interested in hosting or helping, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473.

Dine & Donate for the ECC!

We have our next fundraising event for the Early Childhood Center at Buddy's Pizza (4061 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512) on Oct. 29. Buy a pizza – make some dough! Order in person or over the phone and mention Saint Thomas or on the website and use promo code GIVEBACK and 20 percent of your bill will be donated to Saint Thomas's Early Childhood Center.



Sports physicals

If your child will be playing winter sports (basketball, competitive cheer, skiing), please make sure they have a sports physical on file with our athletic director. Please bring in to the office or email it to jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org.

Traveling Rosary!

There are a few spots left in our Traveling Rosary. If you are interested, use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

West Catholic Musical!

West Catholic will be performing *Movie Monsters* – featuring several STA alumns. The performances will be at Aquinas Performing Arts Center on Oct. 16, 17, 19 at 7pm and Oct. 18 and 19 at 2pm.

Advent Angel's Ministry

If you or someone you know needs help this Christmas, please contact Allen and Diane Senninger - Advent Angel's Ministry Coordinators at adventangel@stthomasgr.org or 616-459-4662 (Parish Office). The deadline for all referrals is Friday, October 25, 2024. Applications must be returned to Advent Angel's Ministry by Friday, Nov. 1, 2024.

Join us as we welcome
Community Rebuilders & Hope Network
to the neighborhood

Parents, friends and parishioners, in partnership with the Eastown Community Association, we invite you to join us for an informative presentation from Community Rebuilders and Hope Network, our new neighbors to the north. They will share the important work they are doing next door to Saint Thomas to repurpose the buildings.

Thursday, November 7 - 6-7pm - Church Lower Level

The poster features a decorative border of green leaves at the top. At the bottom, there are three logos: "Community Rebuilders" with a house icon, "HOPE NETWORK" with a colorful dot icon, and "Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish and School" with a cross icon. To the right of these logos are three small illustrations of houses.