

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Oct. 21-25, 2024

## Next week!

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

**Monday, Oct. 21 – Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am**

**Tuesday, Oct. 22 – No hot lunch due to a funeral.** Please send a lunch with your child.

**Wednesday, Oct. 23 – 0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am**

**Friday, Oct. 25 – END OF FIRST QUARTER.**

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat**
- **Grades 4-8 Mass, 10:10am**
- **0-5ers Storytime, 11:10am, Library**
- **Last day to make changes for preschool/kindergarten enrichment or Hornets' Nest.** If you want to make changes for Q2, email [betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org](mailto:betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org) by Friday, Oct. 25 at the end of the school day.

**Saturday, Oct. 26 –**

- **2nd Grade Parent Gathering at the Linear Restaurant, 2:30-5:30pm** (2nd grade parents will receive an email with details)
- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the VanDyke's home** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade parents will receive an email with details)

## Book Fair thanks!

The Book Fair Committee would like to send a big THANK YOU to all the teachers, staff, parents and volunteers who helped make the Fall Book Fair a success. Happy reading, we'll see you in the Spring!

## Upcoming deadlines!

### Q2 changes?

The end of the first quarter is Oct. 25. This is also the last day to make changes to preschool/kindergarten enrichment, childcare and/or Hornets' Nest. If you want to make changes for the second quarter, please email Betsy Edgerton ([betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org](mailto:betsyedgerton@stthomasqr.org)) by Friday, Oct. 25 at 3:30pm.

**Deadline: Friday, Oct. 25, 3:30pm**

### 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, email the office ([secretary@stthomasqr.org](mailto:secretary@stthomasqr.org)) by Oct. 31 at 3:30pm. If we do not receive an email, your contact information will be in the school directory. Thank you.

**Deadline: Friday, Oct. 31, 3:30pm**



## Looking ahead!

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. 7 – Community Rebuilders Meeting

Nov. 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Gathering at the Williams' home (5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will receive an email)

Nov. 9 – Saint Thomas Family Bash/Demo Party – more details to come!

Nov. 15 – Bowl painting service project for women (see details below)

## 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 helping getting into Infinite Campus, please email Cammi in the office ([clawrence@stthomasqr.org](mailto:clawrence@stthomasqr.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. 22** due to funerals.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 – French toast sticks, cheesy potatoes, fresh fruit
- Thursday, Oct. 24 – Hot dogs (K-1<sup>st</sup>) / Burgers (2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) and baked beans
- Friday, Oct. 25 – Mozzarella sticks, broccoli, fresh fruit
- Thursday, Oct. 31 – Sub sandwiches, green beans, fruit

## Calling all STA women! Service project fun!

We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual bowl painting service project open to the women in our community. **Join us on Nov. 15, 6:30-8:30pm**, for a fun evening of painting bowls for God's Kitchen. The cost is \$8 to paint a bowl to donate, \$10 to paint a bowl to keep, and \$15 to do one of each. **RSVP by Nov. 1 so we can order bowls!**



Please use our [STA Bowl Painting Party Sign Up Genius](#) to RSVP by **Nov. 1**. Spread the word and bring a friend! In the Sign Up Genius RSVP note, please indicate how many bowls you'd like, as well as what appetizer, dessert, or drink you can bring.

## Dine & Donate for the ECC!

We have our next fundraising event for the Early Childhood Center at Buddy's Pizza (4061 28<sup>th</sup> 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 ECC.



## Home & School notes!

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.

And a big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with Grandfriends' Day! We couldn't have done it without you and our 264 visiting grandfriends had a great time!

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

## Traveling Rosary!

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

## West Catholic Musical!

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

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**

Community Rebuilders HOPE NETWORK Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish and School