

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Oct. 28 - Nov. 1, 2024

## Next week!

The virtue is patriotism – devotion to one's country.

**Sunday, Oct. 27** – Trunk or Treat, 3-4pm, Church parking lot.  
Cars must be parked by 3pm.

**Monday, Oct. 28** –

- Home & School meeting, 8am, Library
- P4 Trunk or Treat, 10:30am (P4AM) and 2:30pm (P4PM), Church Lower Level

**Tuesday, Oct. 29** – Principal for the Day Nari Giovannetti!

- Uniform holiday
- P3 Trunk or Treat, 10:30am, Ministry Center



**Dine & Donate at Buddy's Pizza (4061 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512), on Tuesday, Oct. 29.** 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 the Saint Thomas Early Childhood Center. Buy a pizza – make some dough for the ECC!

**Wednesday, Oct. 30** –

- **Uniform holiday** declared by Principals for the Day Ben Pfennig and Henry Teklinski!
- 0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am

**Thursday, Oct. 31** – Last day to wear shorts and NOT wear leggings with skirts. (No Halloween costumes grades 1-8).

**Friday, Nov. 1** –

- **All Saints' Day / Late start, 8:30am.** Please drop your children off no earlier than 8am. No chapel.
- **All School Mass, 10:10am.** Please remember Mass uniforms (including pants and leggings).
- 0-5ers Storytime, 11:10am, Library
- Deadline to [RSVP for Bowl Painting Party](#) (see next page for details).

## 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.

## Looking ahead!

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, 6pm (5<sup>th</sup> grade parents will receive an email)

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

Nov. 14 – Evening parent teacher conferences

Nov. 15 – Half day (dismissal at 11am) / Afternoon parent teacher conferences

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

Nov. 24 – Band concert at St. Cecilia



## School lunch!

Here are our [October 2024](#) and [November 2024](#) lunch menus. **PLEASE NOTE THESE LUNCH CHANGES:** Thursday, Oct. 31 – Sub sandwiches, green beans, fruit. Friday, Nov. 1 – Mozzarella sticks, broccoli, fresh fruit.

## Home & School notes!

We are going to do Stock the Lounge a little differently this year. We will be using Home and School funds to buy snacks and drinks for the teacher's lounge, but there will be opportunities throughout the year to make donations to help defray this cost. If you love this new plan, please consider donating what you might spend on items to help stock the lounge. There will be a donation box at Trunk or Treat this Sunday! And, as always, feel free to drop off food or drink in the teacher's lounge anytime!

## School directory!

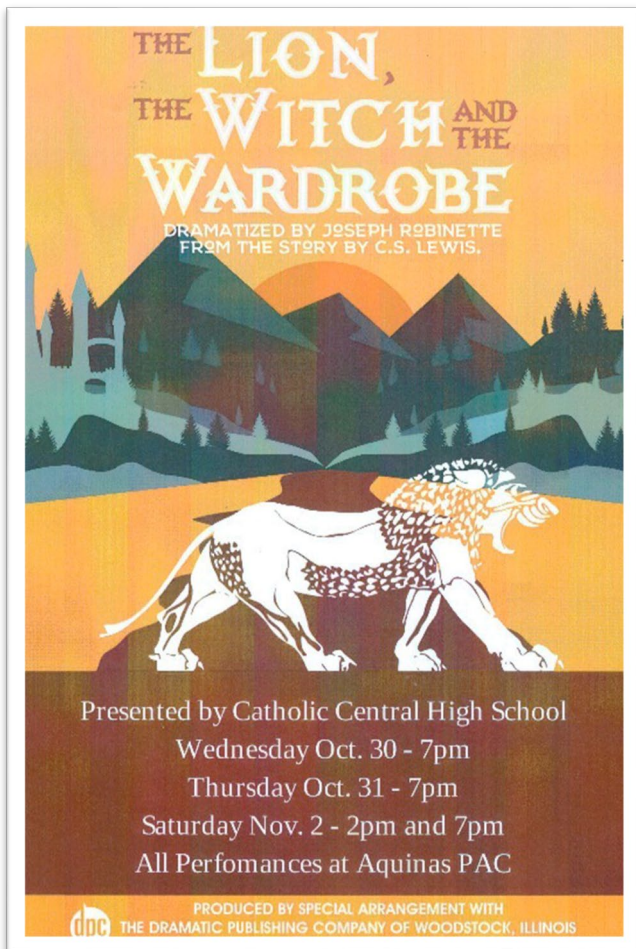
We will be putting together information for our 2024-25 Saint Thomas School Directory. If you DO NOT want to be included in the school directory, please email the office ([secretary@stthomasgr.org](mailto:secretary@stthomasgr.org)) by Oct. 31. If we do not receive an email, your contact information will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

## Blackbaud Financial Aid!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2025-26 school year is open. The first deadline is Dec. 1, 2024. Visit [studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school](https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) to get started and check out the [2025-26 Blackbaud Financial Aid parent application guide](#) and the [2025-26 parent instructions](#) to help.

## Boosters notes!

Are you interested in becoming a Saint Thomas Boosters member? Here are the perks – Boosters spirit tshirt, punchcard for entry to STA-hosted games, STA concessions bucks. If you are interested, please email Jeremiah Sluggett ([jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org](mailto:jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org)).



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

To purchase tickets for the CC play, visit <https://circletheatre.org/catholic-secondary-schools/>.