

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Oct. 7-11, 2024

Next week!

The virtue is **loyalty**: the quality of staying firm in your friendship or support for someone or something.

Saturday, Oct. 5 –

- **Silent Auction closes at noon.** [Register to bid](#) on Silent Auction items! You don't have to be an Auction ticket holder to participate in the Silent Auction. Everyone is welcome!
- **Roaring '20s Auction Celebration**, 6pm, St. Nicholas Cultural Center (2250 E. Paris Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546).

Monday, Oct. 7 –

- **All-School Decade of the Rosary at Chapel for the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary**
- **Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am. Remember Mass uniforms.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 –

- **0-5ers Gym Time**, 11:10am – 12:10pm
- **Hearing & Vision re-screening**

Thursday, Oct. 10 –

- **Hearing & Vision re-screening**
- **School Board meeting**, 6pm, Ministry Center

Friday, Oct. 11 –

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

Grandfriends' Day!

We will be welcoming and celebrating all our grandfriends on Oct. 17. That includes grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, neighbors, family friends, older brothers, older sisters, godparents and anyone in between. Please ask your grandfriend to [RSVP for Grandfriends' Day!](#)

Roaring '20s Auction!

Our Roaring '20s Auction Celebration is finally here! Ticket holders, doors at the St. Nicholas Cultural Center will open at 6pm. Park in the back. We will have heavy appetizers with open bar until 8pm. Our live auction begins at 8pm. See you there!



Silent Auction!

Our Silent Auction is still open for a little longer. [Register to bid](#) on Silent Auction items! You don't have to be an Auction ticket holder to participate in the Silent Auction. Everyone is welcome! Bidding ends on Oct. 5 at 12noon.



Looking ahead!

- Oct. 14-17 – Fall Book Fair
- Oct. 17 – Grandfriends’ Day (half day). [RSVP, Grandfriends!](#)
- Oct. 18 – No school (teacher PD)
- Oct. 18 – 4th Grade Parent Gathering at the Jacobson home (4th Grade parents will receive an email with more details)
- Oct. 26 – 2nd Grade Parent Gathering at the Monoyios/Hunter home (2nd grade parents will receive an email with details)
- Oct. 27 – Trunk or Treat!
- Oct. 31 – Last day to wear shorts / Last day to not wear leggings

Upcoming Book Fair!

Our Fall Book Fair is coming up. Here are the days and times:

Monday, Oct. 14: 12-4pm

Tuesday, Oct. 15: 8am – 4pm

Wednesday, Oct. 16: 8am – 4pm

Thursday, Oct. 17: 8am – 12noon



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@stthomasqr.org).

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

Traveling Rosary!

Our mission effectiveness team would like to invite you to participate in our Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary. Lift up our school staff teachers parents and kids and your daily prayers while you pray this rosary. If you are interested, use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

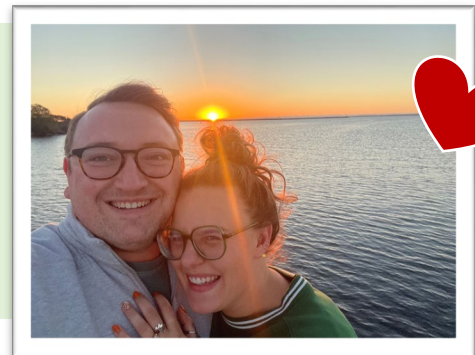
Home & School notes!

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, K, and 7th grades. If you are interested in hosting or helping, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473.

Congrats, Ms. Hamann!

Our 2nd Grade teacher Ms. Hamann got engaged! Congrats to Ms. Hamann and her fiancé, Jacob!



After-school enrichment classes

We are offering a program through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. The classes run 3:25-4:25pm starting next week. If your child is interested in Chess, STEAM or Coding, go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or email registration@learningmeansfun.com. Click on the links below for class descriptions.

- [Chess](#) (K-8th Grade) Wednesdays. Course code: TGR10.9.24
- [STEAM](#) (Grades 1-8): Mondays. Course code: TGR10.14.24
- [Let's Code It](#) (Grades 2-5): Tuesdays. Course code: TGR10.8.24

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.

Advent Angel's Ministry

Angel's Ministry Season is quickly approaching! 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.

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