

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Nov. 11-15, 2024

## Next week!

The virtue is **temperance** – moderation in action, thought or feeling; restraint

**Saturday, Nov. 9 – Family Bash**, 6:30-8:30pm, Early Childhood Center. Fun for all ages! See you there!

**Monday, Nov. 11 – Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am, Church. Please sign in.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13 – 0-5ers Gym Time**, 11:10am, Gym

**Thursday, Nov. 14 – Evening parent / teacher conferences**, 4-8pm. [Sign up for parent / teacher conferences.](#)

**Friday, Nov. 15 – Half day / Dismissal at 11am**

- **Grades 4-8 Mass**, 10:10am, Church. Please sign in.
- **Parent / teacher conferences**, 12-3pm. [Sign up for parent / teacher conferences.](#)
- **Bowl painting service project for women**, 6:30-8:30pm, Church Lower Level. Please send in your bowl money -- \$8 to paint a bowl to donate, \$10 to paint a bowl to keep, and \$15 to do one of each. Cash or check (made out to Saint Thomas School); drop it off in the office or bring it to the event.

Nov. 9



## A note about parent teacher conferences!

Please note, fall parent / teacher conferences are mandatory (while spring ones are optional). So if you have not already done so, please sign up for a conference using our [Parent Teacher Sign Ups](#).



## Looking ahead!

- Nov. 18 – Home & School meeting
- Nov. 24 – Band concert at St. Cecilia
- Nov. 27-29 – Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 1 – First deadline for Blackbaud Financial Aid award
- Dec. 9 – Immaculate Conception / Late start (8:30am)
- Dec. 11 – K-4 Advent Concert
- Dec. 15 – Middle School Advent Concert
- Dec. 17 – Uniform holiday
- Dec. 17-19 – Middle School exams
- Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 – Christmas break

## School lunch!

Here is our [November 2024](#) lunch menu.

## Home & School notes!

We will be using Home and School funds to buy snacks for the teacher's lounge, but there will be opportunities throughout the year to make donations to help defray this cost. Please consider donating what you might spend on items to help stock the lounge. There will be a donation box at the Family Bash!

Also, we will be feeding our teachers during their long day of parent teacher conferences on Nov. 14. Use our [Fall Conference Dinner Sign Up Genius](#) to help out!

Also, the next Home & School meeting is Monday, Nov. 18. We will discuss second quarter happenings and the development of our surrounding neighborhood. Please join us for coffee and conversation!

## 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.

## Winter 2 GRACEAC sign up is open!

GRACEAC sign up for Winter 2 sports is open! If your child is interested in playing girls basketball (grades 3-8) or joining the ski team (grades 6-8), please register at <https://graceac.com/winter-ii/>. **THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS NOV. 30. THERE WILL BE A \$35 LATE FEE TO REGISTER AFTER NOV. 30.**

## Thanksgiving Day Dinner at STA!

Saint Thomas will be hosting our Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28, from 12-2pm in the church lower level. All are invited to join in the celebration. Bring your family or invite friends! Sign up to RSVP and/or volunteer for the dinner in the back of church or on our parish website. Call Lori F. at (616) 459-4662 with questions.

## Cannonsburg Punch Card Program

Punch Card passes for the 2024 / 2025 Cannonsburg Ski Area ski season are available for purchase. Passes come in bundles of 6 or 10 discount lift tickets, as well as discounts on lessons and rentals. Use the following link: <https://cannonsburg.com/shop/> and list your sponsor school as Saint Thomas and your sponsor as Josh Szymanski. See this [Cannonsburg flyer](#) for details and contact Erin or Josh Szymanski with any questions ([joshs@oakmi.com](mailto:joshs@oakmi.com)).

## Welcome to our littlest Hornet!

We have an addition to our Saint Thomas community...Rafael Luis Delgado was born Nov. 4 to parents Clare and Gian and proud sibling Giorgio (P3). Welcome, Rafael!

