

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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Nov. 18-22, 2024

## Next week!

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

**Monday, Nov. 18 –**

- **Home & School Coffee & Conversation**, 8:15am, Ministry Center. Please join us! We will be discussing second quarter happenings and the development of our surrounding neighborhood.
- **Grades 1-3 Mass**, 10:10am, Church. Please sign in to attend.

**Wednesday, Nov. 20 – 0-5ers Gym Time**, 11:10am, Gym

**Friday, Nov. 22 –**

- **Grades 4-8 Mass**, 10:10am, Church. Please sign in to attend.
- **0-5ers Storytime**, 11:10am, Library

## Looking ahead!

Nov. 24 – Band concert at St. Cecilia

Nov. 27-29 – Thanksgiving break

**Dec. 1 – First deadline for Blackbaud Financial Aid**

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

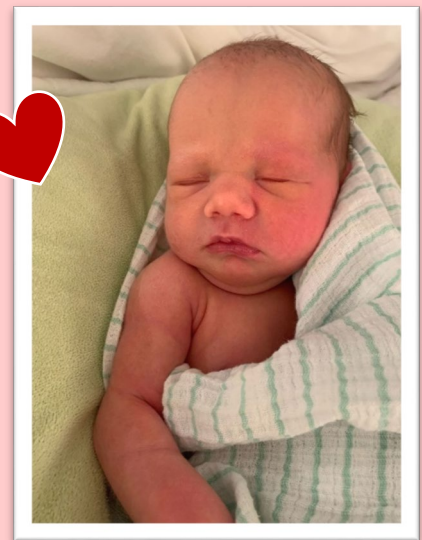
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 – Christmas break

## Home & School notes!

We will be using Home & 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. If you'd like to make a donation, please contact Genevieve Boyle at 773-610-6473. As in years past, we will be putting together Christmas cookie trays for all teachers and staff, and we will be asking parents to bake or buy cookies for these. Sign-up coming soon. We will also be sponsoring three local families for Christmas, and those gift lists will also be out soon. Thank you for helping with both of these beautiful holiday traditions.

## Welcome to our littlest Hornet!

We have another addition to our Saint Thomas community...Madeleine Faith was born Nov. 8 to parents Bethany and Micah. Proud siblings are Levi (P3), Nathaniel (K) and Ezra. Welcome, Madeleine! If you are interested in helping with meals, please use this [Take Them a Meal sign up](#).



## School Lunch!

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

## 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.**

## Notes from the Parish!

**Corpus Christi:** 6:30 - 8pm, Friday, Nov. 15. Our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration with sung worship and Confession. All welcome!

**Prayers and congrats to John Thomas!** John Thomas S., a Catholic Central senior and alumnus of Saint Thomas the Apostle, will make his profession of faith and receive his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the 11am Mass on Sunday, November 17!

**Commissioning at 11am Mass:** Shamus Hines will be commissioned as a lector and his son, a STA 5th grader, Henry, will be commissioned as an altar server. Congrats!

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** 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 ([josh@oakmi.com](mailto:josh@oakmi.com)).