

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# the BUZZ

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January 13-17, 2025

## Next week!

The virtue is **orderliness** – Keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one's belongings in good order.

**Monday, Jan. 13 –**

- **School Mass**, 10:10am, Grades 1-3. Don't forget Mass uniforms! Parents and guests, please sign in at the back of church to attend.

**Wednesday, Jan. 15 – 0-5ers Gym time**, 11:10am, Gym

**Thursday, Jan. 16 –**

- **Spelling Bee**, 1:30pm, Church Lower Level
- **Dine and Donate @ City Barbeque!** Visit City Barbeque at [3050 28th St SE](https://www.citybarbeque.com/) on Thursday, Jan. 16, 11am – 8pm to enjoy a delicious meal while supporting Saint Thomas Early Childhood Center. With 20% of your orders being donated, you can savor every bite knowing you're giving back! RSVP & get details at <https://grouprai.se/s295970>

**Friday, Jan. 17 –**

- **End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.**
- **0-5ers Storytime**, 11:10am, Library
- **School Mass**, 10:10am, Grades 4-8. Don't forget Mass uniforms! Parents and guests, please sign in at the back of church to attend.
- **1st Grade Parent Party**, Hosted by Anthony & Lucy Giovannetti, 6pm. First grade parents should have received an email. If not, please text Lucy at 312-576-6648.



## Hornets' Nest, Enrichment or Childcare changes?!

The end of the second quarter is Jan. 17. 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 third quarter, please email Betsy Edgerton ([betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org](mailto:betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org)) by Friday, Jan. 17 at 3:30pm.

## Looking ahead!

Jan. 20 – **NO SCHOOL**, Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 21 - 24 – **ALL IN Week** (see attached flyer)

Jan. 25 – Community Dinner lower level of the church

Jan. 25 - 31 – **Catholic Schools Week** (see attached flyer)

\*Please consider [volunteering for our CSW Ice Cream Party!](#)

And thank you to the Johnsons for donating the ice cream!

Jan. 26 – **RUMBLE Game** – sponsored by Boosters

Jan. 28 – Education Foundation Breakfast [Purchase tickets here](#)

Jan. 29 – Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up! [RSVP here](#)

Jan. 31 – Second Annual Family Dance (see attached flyer)

## School lunch!

Here is our [January](#) lunch menu.

## Basketball uniform return!

From our Athletic Director: Any boys basketball players who still have uniforms, please return them to the office ASAP! Thanks.

## We want your feedback!

Start off the new year by completing the following surveys. We appreciate your feedback. Let us know how we're doing. These surveys will be available until Sunday, Jan. 12. Feedback Surveys: [Teacher](#) / [Admin](#) / [Principal](#)

## Blackbaud Financial Aid!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2025-26 school year is open. To get started, visit [studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school](http://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school) and check out the [2025-26 Blackbaud Financial Aid parent application guide](#) and the [2025-26 parent instructions](#) to help.

## STA childcare drop-in rates!

Students **currently enrolled** in P3 or P4 are eligible to drop in for childcare with a minimum of a 24-hour notice. This program runs from 11am-3:20pm, Monday-Friday. The daily drop-in rate is \$30 per day. Parents will be billed the first week of the following month for any drop-in days. To sign up, contact Veronica Perdue at [veronicaperdue@stthomasgr.org](mailto:veronicaperdue@stthomasgr.org).

## Parish Winter Community Dinner

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church will be hosting their annual Winter Community Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 25, 6-8pm in the church lower level. All are invited to join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner at 1449 Wilcox Park Dr. SE, GR, MI. RSVP on our parish website or call (616) 459-4662 to sign up.

Saint Thomas the Apostle School  
1429 Wilcox Park Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

preschool & kindergarten  
**ROUND UP!**

Preschool / Kindergarten Round UP!  
Jan. 29, 9am or 6pm

[RSVP Above](#)

# Woven Together

## ALL IN WEEK -- JANUARY 21-26, 2025

A celebration in honor of the diversity of our learners. With the theme "Woven Together as One," we emphasize that while each of us is unique, we are stronger when we work together. Like a tapestry, we can achieve something extraordinary by combining our differences and working towards a shared goal.

### Tuesday, 1/21 --

- Chapel Talk, Woven by God - Mr. Corcoran
- WaterColor Weaving Project grades K-3
- "Extra Yarn" by Mac Barnett read aloud at all lunches

### Wednesday, 1/22

- Chapel Talk, Saint Clare of Assisi - Mr. Sluggett
- Middle School Blanket Service Project grades 6-8
- "The Goat in the Rug" by Charles Blood read aloud at all lunches

### Thursday, 1/23 --

- Chapel Talk, The Weaver - Mrs. Edgerton
- WaterColor Weaving Project grades K-3
- "Our Class is a Family" by Shanon Olsen read aloud at all lunches

### Friday, 1/24 --

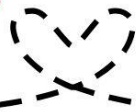
- Chapel Talk, Weaving wonders - Mr. Baxter and Mr. Mester
- Weaving Project grades 4-5
- "Charlie Needs a New Coat" by Tomie dePaola read aloud at all lunches
- All School Assembly

### Sunday, 1/26 --

Are **YOU** ready to **Rumble!?** Join us in the Saint Thomas gym at 1pm for the best game in town. Members of our faculty, the Boosters, and Foundation take on the Rams Area 11 Special Olympians. There will be hot dogs served up by our very own Boosters, prizes for best costumes, a free throw shooting contest, concessions, music, and pom poms! Join in the fun and see how being Knit together overcomes social and cultural barriers. **This event is sponsored by the Saint Thomas Boosters. All proceeds go directly to our athletes and sports programs.**



#WEARESAINTHOMAS  
#YOUBELONGHERE



DISCOVER AND CELEBRATE!

# Catholic Schools

# WEEK 2025

## JANUARY 25-31

• *Saturday  
Sunday*

**celebrate  
our Parish**

Saturday  
Community Dinner  
Sunday Pack the Pews  
Rumble Game

• *Monday*

**celebrate  
our  
community**

All School Mass  
10:10 am  
Parents and Guests  
Please sign in

• *Tuesday*

**Celebrate  
our  
students**

Uniform Holiday  
Team Agar Breakfast  
Mass at the Cathedral

• *Wednesday*

**Celebrate  
our nation**

Uniform Holiday - Wear  
red, white, & blue  
Join us at Round UP!  
9am or 6pm

• *Thursday*

**Celebrate  
vocations**

Uniform Holiday  
All School  
Ice cream Party!

• *Friday*

**Celebrate  
Saint  
Thomas**

Uniform Holiday  
Team Colors  
All Family Dance  
Gym 6pm



#WeAreSaintThomas

# SNOWFLAKE SHUFFLE



January 31, 2025  
6:00-9:00 PM | St. Thomas Gym



## FAMILY DANCE

*featuring*

pizza dinner, fire pit, photobooth & dancing

**RSVP HERE**



Blue, White & Silver Attire Encouraged | Open to grades PRE-8 | Free Admission

Also, check out our Family Dance [SIGN UP GENIUS for food/drink/volunteer opportunities](#).  
Thanks for your help!