

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

the BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



a century of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School • 1924-2024

January 20-24, 2025

ALL IN WEEK -- "WOVEN TOGETHER AS ONE!"

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.

The virtue is **docility** – willingness to be taught.

Monday, Jan. 20 – NO SCHOOL. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Chapel Talk, Woven by God - Mr. Corcoran

- **Water Color Weaving Project**, grades K-3
- "Extra Yarn" by Mac Barnett read aloud at all lunches

Wednesday, Jan. 22 – Chapel Talk, Saint Clare of Assisi - Mr. Sluggett

- **0-5ers Gym time**, 11:10am, Gym
- **Middle School Blanket Service Project**, grades 6-8
- "The Goat in the Rug" by Charles Blood read aloud at all lunches

Thursday, Jan. 23 – Chapel Talk, The Weaver - Mrs. Edgerton

- **Water Color Weaving Project**, grades K-3
- "Our Class is a Family" by Shannon Olsen read aloud at all lunches

Friday, Jan. 24 – Chapel Talk, Weaving wonders - Mr. Baxter and Mr. Mester

- **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.
- **Weaving Project**, grades 4-5
- "Charlie Needs a New Coat" by Tomie dePaola read aloud at all lunches
- **All School Assembly**, 2:30pm, Gym
- **STA Happy Hour at Founders**, 4-6:30pm. Home & School and Boosters will reserve a table.

Saturday, Jan. 25 – Saint Thomas Community Dinner, 6-8pm, Church Lower Level. [RSVP here](#) or call (616) 459-4662 to sign up.

Sunday, Jan. 26 – Rumble with the Rams Game, 1pm, Saint Thomas Gym (see attached flyer). Join in the fun and see how being woven together overcomes social and cultural barriers.

STA
ALL
IN WEEK
2025
you belong here!

Looking ahead!

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

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

Jan. 26 – **RUMBLE Game** –(see flyer attached)

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)

Feb. 6 – Parent Teacher evening conferences (optional)

Feb. 7 – Half day (dismissal at 11am) / Parent Teacher afternoon conferences (optional). **Conference sign ups coming soon!**

School lunch!

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

Preschool construction update!

Here is the weekly update on our renovation:

- Drywall is nearly complete.
- Paint is scheduled to start the first week of February.
- Chair rail and wainscotting will be installed in the classrooms soon.
- Data cabling is in progress.
- Completing electric wiring.
- HVAC duct work installed.
- MASSIVE site pickup today.

STA Happy Hour at Founders!

Friday, January 24, 4-6:30pm. Please join us for conversation, food and fun! Home & School and Boosters will have a space available for us to gather (does not include cost of food/drinks).

Blackbaud Financial Aid!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2025-26 school year is open. Visit 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!

Cooped up with the kids in this cold, cold weather? Consider a drop in day at childcare for your 3 or 4 year old. 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.



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 for ROUND UP!





SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

RUMBLE 2025

SPONSORED BY THE SAINT THOMAS BOOSTERS

WHAT?

Saint Thomas faculty/staff/board members compete in a rumble of a basketball game against the Rams, an area 11 Special Olympics team, which includes our own Mr. Drew!

WHERE?

Saint Thomas Gymnasium

WHEN?

Sunday, Jan. 26, 1-2:30pm

WHY?

To bring All in Week to a rumbling conclusion and kick off Catholic Schools Week.

There will be:

- hot dog stand
- concessions
- free throw shooting contest
- best student costumes
- best adult costumes

All proceeds go directly to our athletics program.



You Belong Here!

AT THIS EXTRA SPECIAL BASKETBALL GAME!

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
CSW Rally
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!

Raising Kids

"Train up a child
in the way he
should go; even when
he is old he will not
depart from it."
PROVERBS 22:6

IN TODAY'S
WORLD IS

Hard

...BUT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF OUR PARENT SPEAKER SERIES RENEWING THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Heart of Mary schools invite you to join our parent speaker series this 2024-25-26 school years. The goal of this series is to educate, equip, and support parents in navigating key issues affecting children today, specifically technology and morality, through the lens of our Catholic faith.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
6-8:30 PM | CATHEDRAL SQUARE**

360 Division Ave. S | Grand Rapids, MI 49503

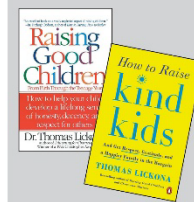
6:00 pm **COMPLIMENTARY
RECEPTION WITH WINE
AND HORS D'OEUVRES**
6:30-7:30 pm **PRESENTATION**
7:30-8:30 pm **CONVERSATION &
FELLOWSHIP**

DR. THOMAS LICKONA

Thomas Lickona, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist and professor emeritus at SUNY Cortland. As founding director of the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility) from 1994 to 2022, he earned national recognition for his work in character education and teacher/parent training.



Dr. Lickona's presentation will focus on children's moral development. We are excited to offer *How to Raise Kind Kids* and *Raising Good Children* for purchase at the presentation.



for more information on these books and more visit Dr. Lickona's website thomaslickona.com

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