

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

the BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



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January 6 - 10, 2025

Next week!

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

Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 4/5 –

Early Childhood Center Open House, after all Masses.

Come see all that's been done!

Monday, Jan. 6 –

- **Welcome Back to School!**
- **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. 8 – 0-5ers Gym time, 11:10am, Gym

Thursday, Jan. 9 – Board of Education meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center

Friday, Jan. 10 –

- **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.

Looking ahead!

Jan. 16 – Spelling Bee

Jan. 16 – [Dine and Donate at City Barbeque 3050 28th St.](#)

Jan. 17 – Second Quarter Ends

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)

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

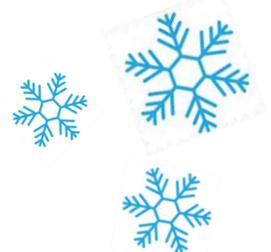
Jan. 28 – Education Foundation Breakfast [Purchase tickets here](#)

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

Jan. 31 – Second Annual Family Dance

Middle School Service Project

During ALL IN Week, our middle schoolers are creating toddler blankets for the Help Pregnancy Center. We are in need of fleece – 2 pieces, each 1.5 yards either coordinating patterns or pattern and solid. Thank you for considering this donation! Contact betsyedgerton@stthomasgr.org for more information.



School lunch!

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

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.

Feedback Surveys: [Teacher](#) / [Admin](#) / [Principal](#)

Catholic Schools Week If you are interested in helping with Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 26-31), please contact Genevieve Boyle (773-610-6473).

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 and check out the [2025-26 Blackbaud Financial Aid parent application guide](#) and the [2025-26 parent instructions](#) to help.

Thank you for

Saint Thomas Early Childhood Center

Wish List



- Sandbox
- Tricycles, balance bikes and scooters
- outdoor toy storage bins
- Indoor clear storage bins
- Utility cart
- Bean bags
- Color-changing light tables
- Sand toys
- Playhouse
- Mobile tables and chairs for events
- Collapsible tunnel
- Children's books (seasons, holidays and saints please!)
- Laminator
- Sensory table
- Sand bags
- Feeling generous? Parking Lot Resurfacing

Click the image to view our
Catechesis of the Good
Shepherd wishlist

Questions? Send an email to veronicaperdue@stthomasgr.org

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.



Cannonsburg Punch Card Program

While the weather outside is frightful, skiing is delightful. Get a Cannonsburg Punch Card for the 2024 / 2025 Cannonsburg Ski Area ski season. 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)



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 --

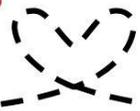
- Chapel Talk, Weaving wonders - Mr. Baxter and Mr. Mester
- Weaving Project grades 4-5
- "Charlie Needs a New Coat" by Tomie dePaola read aloud at all lunches

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.**



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#YOUBELONGHERE



DISCOVER AND CELEBRATE!

Catholic Schools

WEEK 2025

JAN. 25-31

• *Saturday
Sunday*

**celebrate
our Parish**

Saturday
Community Dinner
Sunday Pack the Pews
Rumble Basketball 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
Assembly
All Family Dance
Gym 6pm



#WeAreSaintThomas