

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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March 24-28, 2025

BLESSED CONFIRMATION! CONGRATS TO OUR 8TH GRADE LEADERS!

Next week!

The virtue is **generosity**: giving to another person something of yours as an act of free will, without obligation.

Monday, March 24 –

- **NO MASS**
- **Parent Rosary**, 8:15am, Nursery (Church basement)
- **State of the School**, 6-7pm, Ministry Center

Tuesday, March 25 – Uniform holiday

Wednesday, March 26 – Read In Day!

- **0-5ers Gym time**, 11:10am, Gym
- **Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser** (2121 Celebration Drive NE, Suite 100, Grand Rapids, MI 49525). Join us at Buffalo Wild Wings Knapp Corner on March 26, 11am-11pm, to celebrate the madness of March and our new preschool building. A percentage of your purchase will go directly to our littlest learners and the new preschool building. Mention Saint Thomas when you order!

Friday, March 28 –

- **State of the School**, 8:30am, Ministry Center
- **Grades 4-8 Mass**, 10:10am. Parents and guests, please sign in.
- **0-5ers Storytime**, 11:10am, Library
- **Pep Assembly**, 2:45pm, Gym

Saturday, March 29 – Euchre Tournament, 7-10pm, Gym (see flyer)



Congratulations!



Welcome to our littlest Hornet!

We have a new addition to our Saint Thomas community – Emeline Joan was born on March 15 to proud parents David and Yewon, big sister Coralie (P4) and big brother Cassian. Welcome to the world, Emeline! We're so glad you're here!



Mark your calendar!

March 29 – Euchre Tournament (see flyer)

March 31 – Bandtastic

April 7-11 – No school / Spring break

April 14 – Late start (9am)

May 1 – May Crowning

May 5 – Parent speaker series, Wait until 8th (see flyer). [RSVP](#).

May 9 – Boosters Golf Outing

May 9 – 7th / 8th Grade Dance (at IHM, more details to come)

May 18 – Middle school choir concert

[2025-26 school year calendar](#)

School lunch!

Here is our [March lunch menu](#). Please note this lunch change:

Uniform reminder!

April 1 is approaching – the date when students can wear shorts and ditch the leggings. Please take a moment to pull out shorts and examine skirts. Make sure short and skirt length is appropriate before April 1. We are noticing lots of short, short skirts. **Please note: We will have gently-used uniforms out during the State of the School meetings.**

Tardies!

We have noticed an uptick in tardies lately. All students are required to be in chapel by 8 am. It is disruptive when students come into chapel late. Please make sure your child(ren) is here between 7:45-8am.

CC Musical!

Catholic Central proudly presents *High School Musical*, featuring some of our very own Saint Thomas students. Shows are:

- Friday, 3/21 at 7pm
- Saturday, 3/22 at 1pm and 7pm

All shows are performed at Circle Theatre at Aquinas College. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 adults and are available online at Circle Theater, by calling, or at the box office.

Breaking bread, building faith

Family dinner-time discussion question of the week:

Who is the strongest person you know? What makes them strong?

What are some ways we can be generous in our family?

New superintendent

Congratulations to Sarah Grey, our new GR Diocese Catholic Schools Superintendent. We are looking forward to her leadership in the Diocese, starting July 1.



Registration 2025-26!

Thank you to all who have completed the registration paperwork. To those who have not, submit ASAP to guarantee your child's seat for 2025-26. Questions?! Contact Betsy Edgerton or Cammi Lawrence in the school office.

Please note: If you have a preschooler, kindergartner and/or a 7th grader for next year, you must submit immunizations and health appraisal to be complete. If you are waiting for an upcoming well-child check up, upload old forms and we can help upload new ones as you get them!

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.

Strategic plan!

Wondering what's driving our planning? Check out our [strategic plan](#).

Traveling Rosary!

Our mission effectiveness team invites you to participate in our Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary. You can pray with your family while driving back and forth from school or pray a decade of the rosary each night. If you are interested, please use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

From Saint Thomas Parish!

[Jubilee Indulgence Study of Lumen Gentium](#) ("Light of the Nations").

Tuesdays, March 11 and 18, 6 - 7pm, Ministry Center.

Men's Lenten Renewal Breakfast, Saturday, March 22, 8:30 - 9:30am, Church Lower Level. All men are invited to this event of fellowship, prayer, spiritual renewal, and food after the 8am Mass! [RSVP by March 17](#).

Women's Lenten Morning of Reflection, Saturday, March 29, 8:30 - 11 am, Ministry Center
Following 8 am Mass, we will gather for a light breakfast, with reflection, prayer time and small group discussion beginning at 9 am. Bring your rosary and a notebook for personal reflections. Come alone or bring a friend. All are welcome. [RSVP by Thursday, March 27](#).

HELP With Books



Who: Saint Thomas the Apostle School K-8 students

What: Students will collect **NEW** children's books for ages 0-5 for [HELP Pregnancy Aid](https://helppregnancy.org/). For more information on HELP, go to <https://helppregnancy.org/>.

When: During March is Reading Month

Why: HELP Pregnancy Aid hands out blankets and books to children of families at their center.

How: Saint Thomas students will bring in **new** books for small children (ages 0-5). It is suggested that the students could do a **service at home** to earn them.

Reward: The class that brings in the most books by **March 31** will receive a class uniform holiday on the day of their teacher's choice.



SAINT THOMAS

Euchre

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WHEN?

**MARCH 29, 2025
7-10PM**

WHERE?

SAINT THOMAS GYM

WHY?

'CAUSE YOU'RE AWESOME AT EUCHRE!

OR

'CAUSE YOU WANT TO LEARN EUCHRE!

OR

'CAUSE YOU JUST NEED A NIGHT OUT!

WHAT ELSE?

**BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES AND AN
APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE!**

**AND IF YOU'VE GOT A CARD TABLE THAT
WE COULD BORROW, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

RSVP

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SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

Summer programming

Join us this summer at Saint Thomas! Morning sessions for kids going into kindergarten - 2nd grade. Afternoon sessions for kids going into grades 3-5.



June 9-12

Soaring with Superheroes
9am – 12noon

Soccer
12:30-3:30pm



June 16-19

Around the World
9am – 12noon

Basketball
12:30-3:30pm



June 30-July 3

Launch to Space
9am – 12noon

Frisbee
12:30-3:30pm



July 7-10

Oceans and Water
9am – 12noon

Softball/Baseball
12:30-3:30pm



July 14-17

Exploring Dinosaurs
9am – 12noon

Soccer
12:30-3:30pm



July 21-24

Knights and Princesses
9am – 12noon

Basketball
12:30-3:30pm



July 28-31

Circus Spectacular
9am – 12noon

Frisbee
12:30-3:30pm



August 4-7

Farm Fun
9am – 12noon

Softball/Baseball
12:30-3:30pm



Registration

[Registration Form](#)
[FAQs](#)

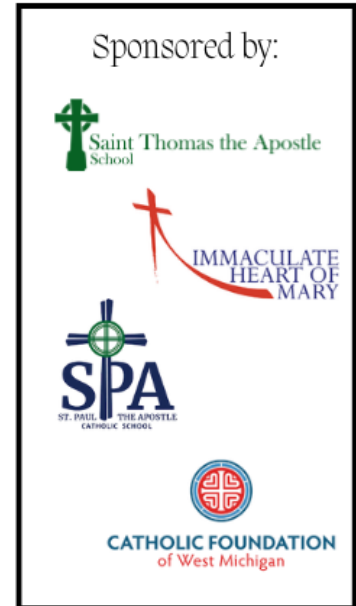
Questions?

secretary@stthomasgr.org

Calling All Diocesan Parents: Join Us for our Speaker Series #2 **Renewing the Catholic Family**



For the second speaker in our series, we welcome nationally-acclaimed Brooke Shannon, the Executive Director and founder of Wait Until 8th. Brooke works with parents and communities across the country to help families establish a healthy relationship with technology. She is a national speaker on how to parent in the digital arena, having appeared on the Today Show, Good Morning America, NPR and many other outlets. You don't want to miss this! Childcare available.



Save the date: Monday, May 5

- 6-6:30pm: Complimentary Wine & Appetizers
- 6:30-7:30pm: Presentation
- 7:30-8:30pm: Q&A, Conversation & Fellowship



Admission is FREE
but please RSVP



Cathedral Square: 360 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49503