

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# the BUZZ

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**May 26-30, 2025**

## Next week!

The virtue is **patience**: bearing present difficulties calmly.

**Monday, May 26 – No school / Memorial Day**

**Tuesday, May 27 – Uniform holiday**

**Wednesday, May 28 – Last day of P4**

**Thursday, May 29 –**

- Last day of P3
- Kindergarten end of the year party, 8:30-9:45am

**Friday, May 30 –**

- 8<sup>th</sup> graders last day
- All School Mass / 8<sup>th</sup> graders last Mass, 10:10am, Church
- Preschool Picnic, 11am
- Staff vs. 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game, 2pm

## Mark your calendar!

June 4 – Graduation, 6pm

June 5 – Dine & Donate @ Coldstone Creamery (more details to come)

June 6 – Last day/Half day

June 7 – Sports physicals @ STA gym, 9-11am

June 7/8 – Eucharistic Procession to the preschool after all Masses

[2025-26 school year calendar](#)

## Stock the Lounge

Let's Stock the Lounge one more time with a School Wide Summer Send-Off! If you'd like to participate, please find your child's class's treat below. All snacks and beverages can be placed on the cart outside the office. Thank you for your participation!

Pre-School - Candy (non-chocolate)

Kindergarten - Chocolate

Mrs. Casey - trail mix and granola bars

Mrs. Donohue - Salty Snacks (chips, Wheat Thins, Chex Mix, crackers)

Ms. Hamann: low carb, gluten free, celiac-safe snacks

Mrs. Tietema: nuts, jerky, meat sticks, cheese sticks

Mrs. VanDyke: Bagels, Muffins, donuts

Mrs. Buehler: Fruit

Mrs. Zakrajsek: Sweets (cookies, brownies, cupcakes)

Mr. Mester: K-cups

Middle School: Beverages (pop, sparkling & flavored water)



## Welcome to our littlest Hornet!

We've got a new member of our Saint Thomas community! Marta Louise was born on May 16 to proud parents Jessica and Kevin and siblings Leona and Simon! Welcome, Marta! We're so glad you're here!

## School lunch!

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

## Breaking bread, building faith

Family dinner-time discussion questions of the week:

- If you could plan a family day, what would we do?
- What's a family tradition you love?

## Field Day Thanks!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with Field Day! It was a great day! We couldn't have done it without you! ~Mrs. Emmerson

## Preschool update

Construction is complete!

- We are filling the building with furniture now.
- The playground installation is planned to happen in two weeks
- We had our first to events using the space this week
- Interior and exterior signage have been designed and order

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the preschool fundraising committee, Cultivate Gardening Co., Mr. Don, Mr. Ted, Mr. Drew and crew, Mrs. Williams and the 8th grade art class and Mrs. Perdue for all the work in getting the building ready.

We are looking for a few items for our preschool kitchen and office. Check out our [Preschool Kitchen and Office Sign Up Genius](#) to see if you've got items around your house that you could donate.

This summer we will offer summer camps, sports camps, and art camps in the building. Sign up today (see flyers below).

## Fall sports registration - Deadline 6/15

**Registration for GRACEAC fall sports is OPEN until June 15 at midnight.** After June 15, there will be a late fee for any registrations. [Register your child ASAP](#) for flag football, boys soccer, volleyball, cross country or sideline cheer to avoid the late fees! Questions? Contact Athletic Director Jeremiah Sluggett in the school office.

## Meals for Mrs. Stegehuis!

Former STA teacher Mary Sue Stegehuis will be having back surgery and can use our help with meals for a while. There are three adults in the household, with no food aversions or allergies. Sign up using this [Take Them a Meal link](#).

## Lunch Account Balances!

We have many families that have a negative balance in their students' lunch accounts. We need all families to check and submit funds to cover what they owe. Please add enough funds to cover your balance and for hot lunches for the rest of the year. Check out these [IC Instructions for adding funds to lunch accounts](#). As a school, we have a negative balance of nearly \$3,000. **We need to take care of this ASAP.**

## Chromebooks!

Remember to return all school-issued Chromebooks and chargers! All Chromebooks and chargers are due by June 6. Please make sure both the device and its original charger are returned.

Please be aware that fines will be imposed for damaged or missing Chromebooks and chargers.

## **Blackbaud Financial Aid!**

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2025-26 school year is still open. Visit [studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school](https://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](#).

## **Questions for Mr. Corcoran?!**

If you have any questions about anything, [please submit them to Mr. Corcoran](#).

## **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](#).



# SAINT THOMAS

the Apostle Catholic School

## summer programming

Join us this summer at Saint Thomas! Morning sessions for kids going into kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@stthomasgr.org)

**GRADES K-5**

# Summer Art Camps

WITH BETH JACOBSON

**3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES: \$225      K-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADES: \$185**

\*SIGN UP 2 OR MORE SIBLINGS, RECEIVE A \$10 DISCOUNT PER CHILD!

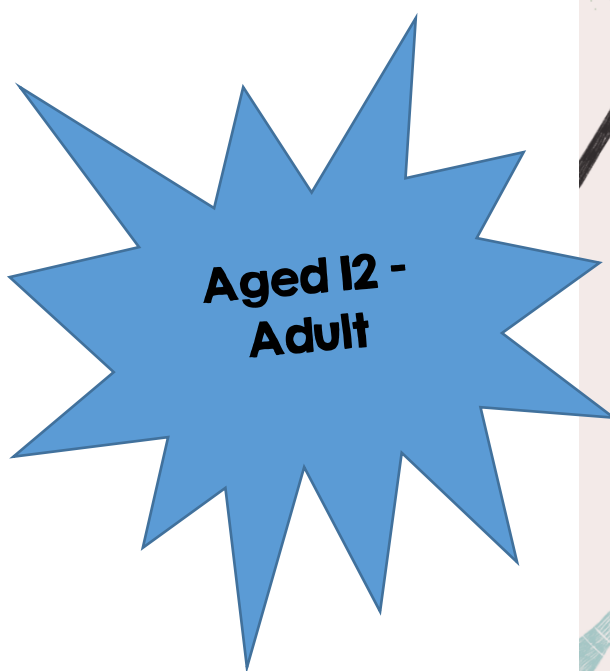
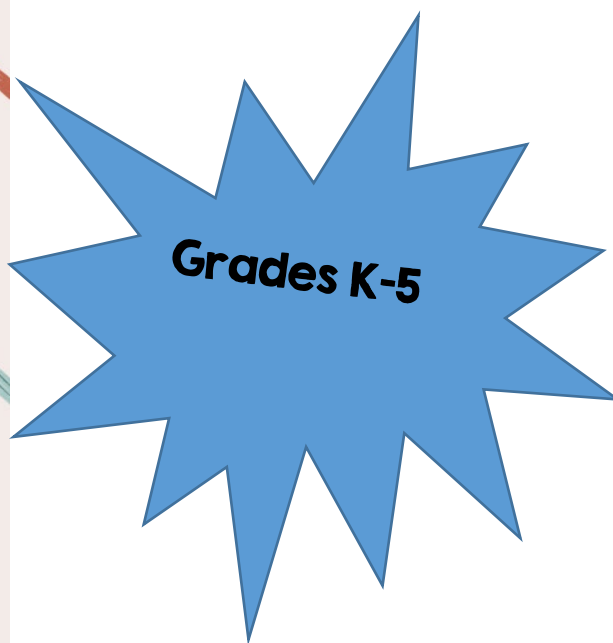
**AT THE SAINT THOMAS PRESCHOOL CENTER, 1530 FULTON ST E**

<b>JUNE &amp; JULY Mondays-Thursdays</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades 9-11:30am</b>	<b>K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades 12:30-2:30pm</b>
6/9-6/12 WATERCOLORS	Flowers, Plants & Glass Vases	Flowers & Succulents
6/16-6/19 DRAWING	Dogs & Cats	Dogs & Cats
6/23-6/26 ACRYLICS	Sweet Treats & Scale	Sweet Treats
6/30-7/3 WATERCOLORS	Fireworks & Landscapes	Fireworks & Fruit
7/7-7/10 DRAWING	Vehicles & Summer Fun	Vehicles & Summer Fun
7/21-7/24 ACRYLICS	Oceans (fish, turtles, shells)	Oceans (fish, turtles, shells)

PLEASE NOTE THE SAINT THOMAS SUMMER PROGRAMMING RUNS OPPOSITE THE ART CAMPS SO THAT STUDENTS MAY ATTEND BOTH. THE SAINT THOMAS PROGRAMS ARE K-2<sup>ND</sup> 9:00-NOON & 3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> 12:30-3:30 WITH A BREAK FOR LUNCH.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!**

**QUESTIONS? BETHMARIESTUDIOGR@GMAIL.COM**



**AGES 12-ADULT**

# Summer Fine Art Workshops

LEARN TO PAINT & DRAW WITH BETH JACOBSON!

**AT THE SAINT THOMAS PRESCHOOL CENTER**

**\$55 PER WORKSHOP OR PACKAGES OF 2 (\$105), 3 (\$155), OR 4 (\$205)**

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>TUESDAYS, 3:30-6pm</b>	<b>THURSDAYS, 6-8:30pm</b>
6/10 & 6/12 WATERCOLORS	Flowers & Succulents	Flowers, Plants & Glass Vases
6/17 & 6/19 DRAWING	Animals, Fur & Feathers	Faces & Expressions
6/24 & 6/26 ACRYLICS	Sweet Treats & Scale	Sweet Treats & Scale

<b>JULY</b>	<b>TUESDAYS, 3:30-6pm</b>	<b>THURSDAYS, 6-8:30pm</b>
7/1 & 7/2 (TUES/WED) WATERCOLORS	Fireworks & Fruit	Fireworks & Landscapes
7/8 & 7/10 DRAWING	Vehicles & Summer Fun	Vehicles & Summer Fun
7/22 & 7/24 ACRYLICS	Oceans (Animals & Habitat)	Oceans (Animals, Islands & Surf)

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