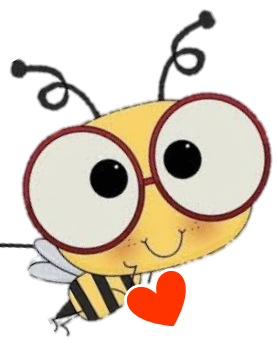


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



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Aug. 25-29, 2025

Next week!

The virtue this week is **affability**: being easy to approach and easy to talk to; friendly to others.

Monday, Aug. 25 – First day of P4, Y5 and Childcare

Tuesday, Aug. 26 –

- **Uniform holiday** (see [Uniform Holiday guidelines](#))
- **First day of P3!**

Wednesday, Aug. 27 – First Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniform (white shirts, ties, skirts/jumpers). Parents are welcome to join us! Note for visitors: You need to enter through the doors facing Wilcox Park Drive. The doors to the church will be locked; gently knock to be let in.

Friday, Aug. 29 – No school (Labor Day weekend)

Monday, Aug. 31 – No School (Labor Day weekend)

Preschool VIP carline

We can't wait to welcome our preschoolers next week. For preschool parents, know that you have a special pickup/dropoff line just for you!

- **Parents picking up K-8 students** must use the outside gateline lane.
- **Parents with only preschoolers** must use the inside gateline lane.
- **Parents with BOTH** a preschooler and a K-8 student use the inside gateline lane.

Here's a more detailed [explanation of preschool pickup/dropoff](#).

STA theme gear!

God makes all things new – even Saint Thomas spirit gear! We've got new STA hats and shirts with our new theme and logo available for purchase.

If you'd like to purchase, we'll have tables set up after school for the next couple of Mondays. Parents, stop by and purchase STA gear for you and your kids! We have a limited supply on hand.

Check out the [STA gear pricing guide](#). We will accept cash (exact bills only please) and checks made out to Saint Thomas School.



**God makes all things new -
even t-shirts!**



School lunch!

Here are our [August 2025](#) and [September 2025](#) lunch menus. If your child wants hot lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. Families are billed through the Infinite Campus. Here are [Instructions for depositing money into your student's IC account](#). If you need helping getting into Infinite Campus, please email Cammi in the office (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

Looking ahead!

Sept. 3 – Middle School Parent Orientation, 6pm
Sept. 5 – STA Tailgate at the CC Football game, 5pm
Sept. 10 – Mass and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Preschool with Bishop Walkowiak
Sept. 11/12 – 8th Grade Retreat
Sept. 17 – School pictures for Grades P4-8 (uniform holiday for pics)
Sept. 18 – School pictures for P3
Sept. 18 – New family parent meeting, 6pm
Sept. 28 – Education Foundation Coffee and Donuts after Masses

Mass participants for Aug. 27!

New this year, we will be listing the students who will be assisting with Mass for the following week. Our first Mass helpers are:

- 1st reading: Paige K.
- Petitions: Mary B, Ceci W, Olivia B, Joseph S
- Gifts: Kain M, Lorraine G
- Altar servers: Eden R, Oliver V, Jane B
- Sacristan: James P, Gage F
- Ushers: Eliana K, Emma Sa.

If your child is listed above and you know they will not be attending Mass, please email Mr. Baxter (adambaxter@stthomasgr.org) so we can find a sub.

Get your STA theme shirts!
On sale after school on
Mondays!



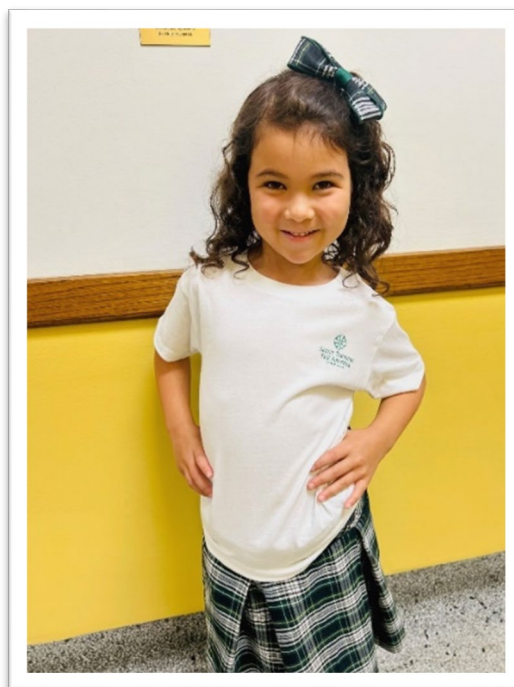
Virtus training!

If you would like to volunteer in our school, you must first complete Virtus training. This is required for all school volunteers. Visit www.virtus.org, create an account and select an in-person or online session. Here are some [Virtus instructions](#). If you've taken Virtus somewhere else, please contact the school office and let them know:

- Where you took Virtus (City, State and Diocese)
- What your name was when you took it
- Your current address

You belong here!

So get Virtus trained so
you can be here!



Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion questions of the week:

- How was your first week of school?
- What virtue do you want to get better at this year?

Parish News!

Corpus Christi: monthly Adoration with confession, 6:30 - 8pm, 2nd Fridays of the Month beginning Friday, September 12! It is a family-friendly, monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration. Young Adult Nights (18-39 years old) will be held after the conclusion of Corpus Christi (8 pm). Questions? Contact Tim Horst at timhorst@stthomasgr.org.

Receiving the Sacraments

- **2nd Graders** - [Registration for First Holy Communion](#) (Parent & Child Meeting in February; Retreat and FHC Masses in April 2026)
- **8th Graders** - [Registration for Confirmation](#) (Sponsor/Parent & Child Meetings begin in October; Confirmation takes place in March 2026)
- **Adults** - [OCIA: Becoming Catholic Inquiry Form](#) (for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and/or becoming Catholic!)

Saint Thomas TAILGATE PARTY!

at the Catholic Central football game

When? **Friday, Sept. 5, 5pm** until game time

Where? Catholic Central Football Game
The CAT (2770 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids)



Who? Sponsored by our **Saint Thomas Education Foundation**
and Boosters for all Saint Thomas
students and their families

Details: Look for the Saint Thomas flag in the CC parking lot. We'll provide
pizza, popcorn and candy. Feel free to bring snacks to share! Bring
your own drinks. Meet the Boosters and get more information about
Saint Thomas athletics. Join us for fall football fun!

