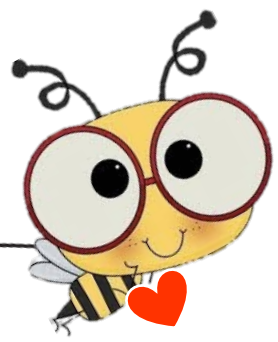


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Oct. 27-31, 2025

Next week!

The virtue this week is **patriotism**: paying due honor and respect to one's country, with a willingness to serve.

Sunday, Oct. 26 – Trunk or Treat, 3-4pm, Church parking lot. Cars must be parked by 2:55pm.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 –

- **Uniform Holiday**
- **Parent Rosary, 2:45pm**, front of church
- **Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm**, front of church

Wednesday, Oct. 29 –

- **All-School Mass, 8:15am**

Friday, Oct. 31 – Happy Halloween!

- **Pep Assembly, 2:45pm**, gym. Have your kids bring their “team colors” to wear during the pep assembly.

Faith survey results!

Thank you to all who completed our STA Faith Formation survey. Here are some results: 95.8% of parents see themselves as partners in their child's faith development, and 70.8% notice strong faith formation at our school. 54.2% reported attending School Mass and 41.7% of parents read the *Breaking Bread* questions in the Buzz. 16.7% of parents participate in Tuesday Adoration and Rosary. Parents shared that their children are thriving in faith through daily prayer, weekly Mass, chapel talks, and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Many see their children leading prayers at home, growing in virtue, and living their Catholic faith with joy. Thank you for your continued support in strengthening our students' faith life!

Book Fair thanks!

Thank you for your support of the book fair! We'll see you in the spring.

Reminder, if you want to order books online, please do so by Nov 7 at www.lowrysbooks.com.

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
3:00-4:00 PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT

OCT 26

Cars must be parked by 2:55 pm.
No Exceptions please!

Open Gym for Middle Schoolers
Awards for Best Costume & Best Trunk!

Looking ahead!

Nov. 1 – First day of pants on leggings required
Nov. 3 – WC Band Performs at STA, 1:45-2:15pm
Nov. 5 – Picture retakes
Nov. 5 – 0-5ers Gym Time returns, 11:10am
Nov. 5 – Middle school awards ceremony
Nov. 6 – Hearing/vision re-screening
Nov. 9 – Boosters Corn Hole Tournament (Adults only)
Nov. 13 – Parent teacher evening conferences
Nov. 14 – Parent teacher afternoon conferences
Nov. 14 – Half day / Dismissal at 11am
Nov. 16 – Father Stephen's installation Mass with the Bishop, 11am
Nov. 21 – Soup's On Women's Bowl Painting Party, 6:30pm ([RSVP!](#))
Nov. 26-28 – Thanksgiving Break

School lunch!

Here is our [October 2025](#) lunch menu. FYI...**we will no longer offer alternative lunch on Fridays.**

Lunchroom news: We have some more lunch-related news....we want to welcome Ms. Lindsay Price, who will be working with Ms. Shannon in our lunchroom. Ms. Price has four kids in Catholic schools and loves spending time outdoors and watching her kids' sports events.

Mass participants for Oct. 29

- 1st reading: Paige K
- Petitions: Kathleen C, Clara S, Marie K, Owen S, Quinn S, Harrison B
- Altar servers: Roz W, Eleanor V, Eli M
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Patrick B, Harriet W
- Ushers: Eliza L, Rebekah H
- Xylophones: Georgia, Drew, Ceci, Gage
- Tone chimes: Sophia M, Sam Y, Cam M, Dylan S
- Song leaders: Lucy H, Alaina B

If your child is listed above and you know they will not be attending Mass, please email Mr. Baxter.

Parent parties!

We are looking for party hosts for 7th grade. Thank you for considering! If interested, please contact Genevieve Boyle (genevieveboyle@stthomasgr.org).

FYI...consider using our new preschool building (at no cost) to host a parent party!

Here is the list of the upcoming parent parties:

P3 – 11/13 @ the Preschool, hosted by the Kohlers
K – 10/29 @ the Chuns
3rd grade – 11/1 @ the Johnsons
6th grade – 11/8 @ the Pfennigs

Look for an email with details (time/location). Contact Genevieve with any questions.

Recess help needed!

Recess volunteers needed!
SAINT THOMAS NEEDS YOU!
Consider joining the ranks of the few, the proud and become a recess volunteer! We need Saint Thomas parents to help monitor Wilcox Park from 11am to 12:30pm, Mon-Fri for recess. Contact Jonathan Fey (jonathanfey@stthomasgr.org). Volunteers must be Virtus trained. Please prayerfully consider becoming a recess volunteer and playing a role in one of the best parts of the day – RECESS!

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- What are some ways our family can better reflect God's love for the world?
- How do we handle disagreements in a way that still shows respect and love?

Uniform update!

One of our uniform providers, My Aplus Uniforms, is having a sale – 30 percent off all in-stock merchandise from now until Dec. 23. Shop online at www.myaplusuniforms.com. Also, **the physical store, located at 2055 28th St. SE, Suite 18 in Grand Rapids, is closing on Dec. 23.** They will still be available for online purchases.

Traveling Rosary!

Our mission effectiveness team would like to invite you to participate in our Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary. Lift up our school staff teachers parents and kids and your daily prayers while you pray this rosary. If you are interested, use our [Saint Thomas Traveling Rosary Sign Up Genius](#).

CC News

Catholic Central High School has some upcoming events that are open to the larger community.

- [CC Carnival](#), Oct. 24, 4-6pm @ the CAT: The Carnival will be held at during the football game tailgate. [Order tickets](#) for games, face painting and more!
- [CC Girls Basketball Pre-Season Camp](#), Nov 1, 8, 15 @ the CAT: Players will sharpen their shooting skills, improve defensive fundamentals, and prepare for the upcoming season. We will always end with a game of 3 on 3 and 5 on 5. Register at www.catholiccentralcamps.org.
- [CC 7th Annual Mattress Fundraiser](#), Sunday, Nov. 2, 11am-4pm

THE ST. THOMAS BOOSTERS

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

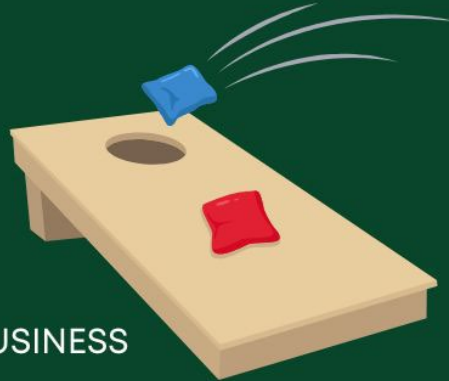


LIONS
WATCH
PARTY

9 NOV 2025

4:00 PM | ST. THOMAS GYM

- ALL ADULTS WELCOME
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
- FOOD TRUCK OPEN FOR BUSINESS



RSVP

ASHLEYEMMERSON@DOGRSCHOOLS.ORG

CALLING ALL SAINT THOMAS WOMEN!

what: **WINE, CHEESE & PAINTING**

why: **TO BENEFIT CCWM'S SOUPS ON EVENT**

when: **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @6:30-8:30PM**

where: **SAINT THOMAS PRESCHOOL MAIN ROOM**

**COST: \$15 TO KEEP THE BOWL YOU PAINT, \$10 TO DONATE THE BOWL,
OR \$20 TO MAKE BOTH DONATE ONE AND KEEP ONE.**

RSVP HERE!

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