

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Oct. 6-10, 2025

Next week!

The virtue this week is **loyalty**: faithfulness to commitments or obligations.

Monday, Oct. 6 –

- All School Rosary during Chapel, 8am, Church
- [Parent-to-Parent series](#), K-2nd Grade parents, 8:30am, Ministry Center

Tuesday, Oct. 7 –

- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, front of church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, front of church
- School Board meeting, 6pm, Ministry Center

Wednesday, Oct. 8 – Mass, 8:15am

Thursday, Oct. 9 – Hearing & Vision screening

Friday, Oct. 10 –

- Hearing & Vision screening
- 0-5ers Storytime, 10am, Preschool Center. Storytime is BACK IN SESSION! Parents and caregivers, meet at the Preschool Center for a great book, a fun craft and good time with friends!

After-school clubs!

We are offering after-school clubs that run 3:25-4:25pm. If your child is interested, go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and complete the online registration. Questions? Contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at (847) 482-9999 or registration@learningmeansfun.com. The deadline to register is Oct. 8.

- [MusicStart](#) (Grades K-4), meets Wednesdays, Course code: TGR10.14.25
- [Stage Stars](#) (Grades K-8), meets Mondays, Course code: TGR10.13.25

Changes at end of the quarter?!

The end of the first quarter is approaching – Oct. 24! If you'd like to make changes to Kindergarten Enrichment, Preschool Add-Ons, or Childcare or Hornets' Nest days, contact Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasgr.org) now or before Oct. 24. We are happy to make changes but we ask that you do this only at the end of the quarter.

MAP test update!

Our students have completed MAP testing. We will be emailing your students' MAP test results in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions about this, please contact your student's teacher first. We use MAP testing as a source of data to help inform instruction.



Looking ahead!

Oct. 13 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), 3-5 parents, 8:30am, Ministry Center
Oct. 17 – Grandfriends' Day ([RSVP for Grandfriends!](#)) / 11am dismissal
Oct. 17 – Book Fair in Library, 8am-12noon
Oct. 20 – Late start for teacher MAP test review, start time 9am
Oct. 20 – [Parent-to-Parent series](#), 6-8 parents, 9:30am, Ministry Center
Oct. 21-23 – Book Fair in the Library, 8am-4pm
Oct. 24 – End of first quarter
Oct. 28 – Uniform holiday
Nov. 5 – Middle school awards ceremony

School lunch!

Here is our [October 2025](#) lunch menu.

Pick up / Drop off updates

Please check out our [Pick up/Drop off updates](#) for some friendly reminders to keep our kids safe.

Mass participants for Oct. 8

- 1st reading: Gage F
- Petitions: Haley B, Eddie P, Clara S, Anna H, Henry B, Kate W
- Altar servers: Oliver V, Eleanor V, Roz W
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Clara M, Evelyn S
- Ushers: Gabby M, Mia P
- Xylophones: Rebekah H, Eliza L, Eden R, Gabby M
- Tone chimes: David W, Bryce B, Mavis H
- Song leaders: Cora, Iris

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

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- We celebrate birthdays, but how could we celebrate the anniversary of your baptism?
- Who is your favorite saint? Check out [Saints Alive](#), [Catholic Sprouts](#), [Saints Stories for Kids](#) for saint stories.
- How do you prepare for school Mass? How can we prepare for Mass on Sundays? Check out the weekly [Sunday Gospel videos from Holy Heroes](#).

Parent parties!

We are looking for party hosts for the 3rd and 7th grade. Thank you for considering! If interested, please contact Genevieve Boyle (genevieveboyle@stthomasqr.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 – TBD @ the Kohlers
P4/Y5 – 10/11 @ the Bozios
K – 10/29 @ the Chuns
2nd grade – 10/17 @ the Giovannettis
6th grade – 11/8 @ the Pfennigs
8th grade – 10/11 @ the Parinis

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

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](#).

Uniforms!

We will be re-locating our used uniform rack to the piano room. If you are looking for uniforms, please contact the front office for assistance.

Lunch helper needed!

We are looking for a kitchen helper to join our team at Saint Thomas (hired through West Catholic). This is a part-time position, about 9 hours per week. Specific days and times are somewhat flexible. Job duties include: food prep and serving, clean up after meals, and shelving stock. If you are interested, please contact Lunch Supervisor Shannon Godleski at shannongodleski@grwestcatholic.org.

Women's basketball group

We've got a new parent group – Thursday night women's basketball! We will be meeting in the Saint Thomas gym on Thursdays at 8:30pm to play basketball. All Saint Thomas moms are welcome! Contact Val Wieten (616-822-9051) or Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org) with questions.

Cheer coach needed!

We are looking for a coach for our GRACEAC Competitive Cheer team. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our STA AD Jeremiah Sluggett (jeremiahsluggett@stthomasgr.org). GO HORNETS!

Parish News

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Adoration, Worship and Confession, Friday, Oct. 10, 6:30-8pm. Families with children of all ages are welcome! Confessions will be heard throughout. Young Adult Catholic Trivia (ages 18-35) will take place in the Ministry Center afterwards, from 8 to 9:30 pm.



Storytime is back in session!
Join us in the Preschool!



**Deadline to
register for
Grandfriends'
Day - Oct. 14!**



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

invites you to



GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

OCTOBER 17, 2025

8:00 AM Arrival

8:15 AM All School Mass

9:45 AM Classroom visits

Coffee & light refreshments available

11:00 AM Dismissal

Book fair open 8-NOON



REGISTER HERE

in partnership with the
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

If you are interested in helping with our Grandfriends' Day reception, please use this [Grandfriends' Day Sign Up Genius](#) to bring delicious homemade baked goods for our grandfriends!

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

TRUNK OR TREAT



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

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

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