

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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March 30-April 3, 2026

Next week!

The virtue of the week is **prayerfulness**: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

Tuesday, March 31 –

- Uniform holiday
- Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 5:30pm, Church
- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, Church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, Church

Wednesday, April 1 –

- Students may wear shorts and do not have to wear leggings on April 1 – also quarter zips will not be allowed in Mass.
- All-School Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniforms.
- 0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am, Saint Thomas Gym

Thursday, April 2 – Stations of the Cross, 10am, Church. Our 8th grade leaders will be performing this living Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday / No school / First day of spring break!

Friday, April 3 – Friday, April 10 – Spring break / No school! Enjoy your time off! Get plenty of rest. Read books. Play outside. Take walks. Visit with relatives. Celebrate Easter. Find Easter eggs. Eat Easter candy. Be good. Be kind. Be curious.

Monday, April 13 – First day back after spring break / 9am start time

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A LATE START for teacher MAPS data review – 9AM start time, drop off begins at 8:45am.

Order a yearbook!

If you didn't purchase a yearbook in the fall, there's still time. Use this [STA Yearbook order form](#) to buy one.

The deadline to purchase is **April 24**.

If you don't know if you purchased a yearbook, please contact Cammi in the school office (616-458-4228 or clawrence@stthomasgr.org).



Blackbaud Financial Aid window open!

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2026-27 school year is open. The next deadline is

April 19, 2026. Visit

studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school

to get started and check out the

[2026-27 Blackbaud Financial Aid](#)

[parent application guide](#) and the

[2026-27 parent instructions](#) to help.

Looking ahead!

April 13 – Late start (9am) for MAPS data review
April 16 – Renewing the Catholic Family Speaker Series (see flyer)
April 19 – Spring Choir Concert, 4:30pm
April 24 – First Communion retreat
April 26 – First Communion Mass, 3pm
May 3 – First Communion Mass, 3pm
May 4 – May Crowning
May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5 – School Board meeting
May 11 – Field Day
May 15 – Boosters Golf Outing
May 25 – Memorial Day; no school
May 26 – Uniform holiday
May 27/28 – Lion King Performance, 6pm

School lunch!

Here is our [March lunch menu](#) and [April lunch menu](#).

Mass participants for April I

- 1st reading: Frankie C
- Petitions: Addison K, Harrison B, Clara S, Kate W, Ben P, Lina S
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Peter, Dulcie
- Altar servers: Henry B, Cam M, Chris A
- Ushers: Oliver VD, Leo D
- Xylophones: Mari, Eliana, Emma St, Corinne
- Song leaders: Ros, Grace

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- Why did Jesus have to die, and what does that tell us about God's love?
- If you had been there when Jesus died, how would you have felt?

Enrollment reminder

Just a reminder to get your enrollment forms completed to reserve your child's spot for the 2026-27 school year. If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasgr.org).

Auction request

The Emerald Auction team is seeking donations for this year's event and we would be grateful for any gift basket items, vacation homes, gift cards, sporting tickets and/or experiences you would kindly be willing to donate.

Please contact Lindsay Keegan at keegan.d.lindsay@gmail.com or 773-368-7252 with any questions or donate online by visiting our [Auction website](#) and click on "Donate an Item for Auction."

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](#).

Renewing the Catholic Family Speaker Series

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:00-6:30- RECEPTION

6:30-7:30 - PRESENTATION

7:30-8:30 - Q&A / FELLOWSHIP

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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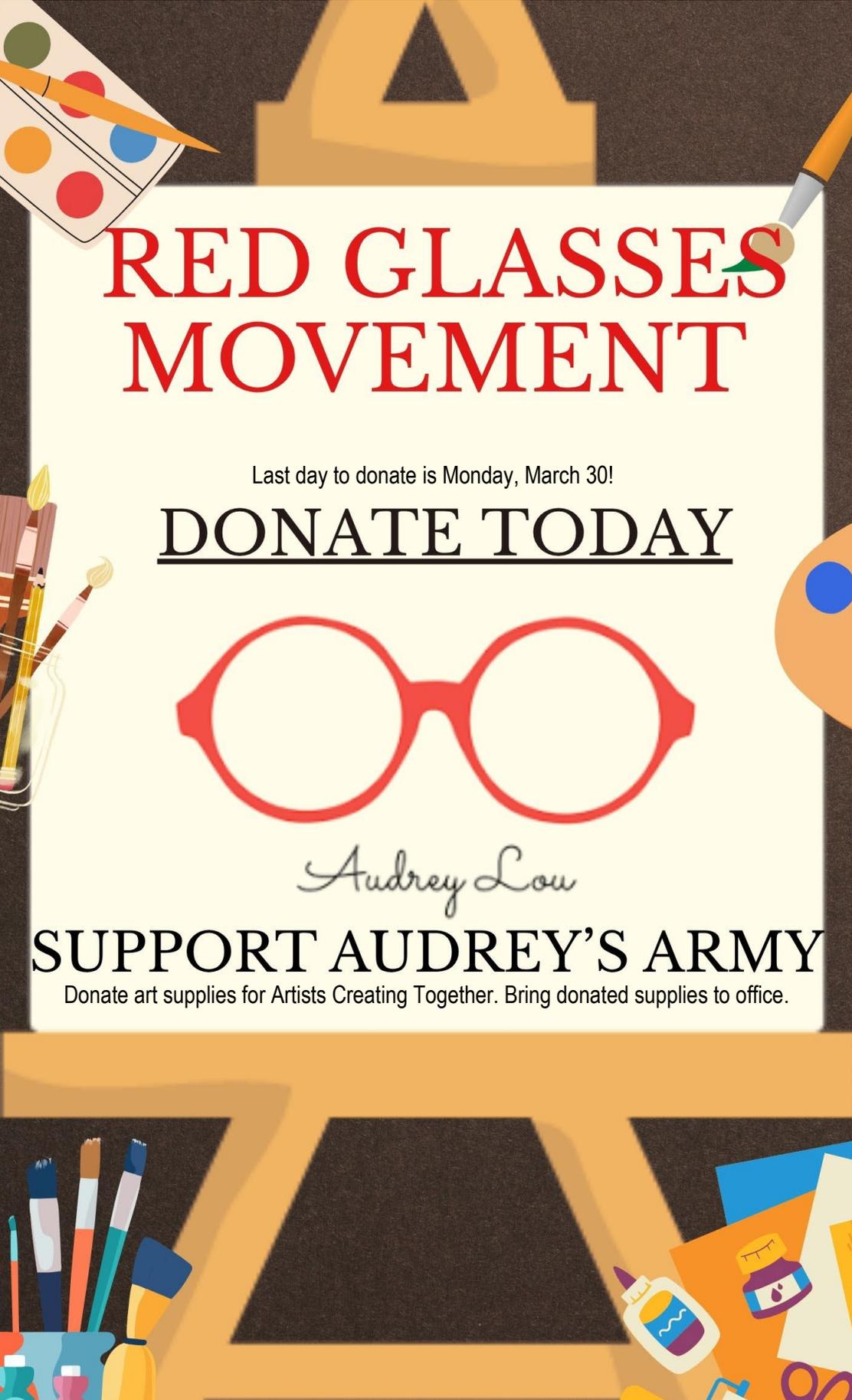


All Saints Academy

JEFF VELEY



Raising kids in today's world can feel overwhelming. Join us for an inspiring evening with Jeff Veley as he shares practical tools for raising resilient, faith-filled children.



RED GLASSES MOVEMENT

Last day to donate is Monday, March 30!

DONATE TODAY



Audrey Lou

SUPPORT AUDREY'S ARMY

Donate art supplies for Artists Creating Together. Bring donated supplies to office.

