

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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June 1-5, 2026

## Next week! **LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL!**

The virtue this week is **foresight**: Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead.

Tuesday, June 2 –

- **Uniform holiday**
- **Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 5:30pm**, Church
- **Parent Rosary, 2:45pm**, Church
- **Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm**, Church
- **School Board Meeting, 6pm**, Ministry Center

Wednesday, June 3 – **8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation Mass, 6pm**. 8<sup>th</sup> graders, please arrive at 5:20pm for the class picture.

Friday, June 5 – **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!** Parents, please join us for any and all of our last-day events!

- **Mass, 8:15am**, Church
- **Award Ceremony** (immediately following Mass): Red Glasses, Serba Award, Middle School 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Awards
- **End of the year countdown, 10:55am**
- **Half day / Dismissal at 11am**
- **Auction party, 11:30am**, Hancock (1157 Wealthy Street)

## Contracts!

You should have received your contract for the 2026-27 school year. If you did not receive your contract or have questions, please contact Cammi Lawrence ([clawrence@stthomasgr.org](mailto:clawrence@stthomasgr.org)).

## Chromebook return!

Chromebooks and chargers must be returned before the last day of school. If your child has a Chromebook and/or charger at home, please send it into school with them **before June 4**.

## Auction tickets LIVE!

Tickets for our 2026 St. Thomas Emerald Auction are LIVE. [Buy your tickets today!](#)

This fundraising event celebrates all that makes Saint Thomas shine – our faith, our community, our passion.

Learn more about our [Emerald Auction: Precious in His Sight](#).



## Fall 2026-27 GRACEAC sports registration!

Fall sports registration for GRACEAC sports will be available May 15-June 15. If your child is interested in playing a fall sport, please go to the [GRACEAC website](#) and register **BEFORE JUNE 15**. Fall sports include: cross country 5-8th, flag football 3/4, tackle football 5th-8th, sideline cheer 3rd-8th, boys soccer 5th-8th, and volleyball 5-8th. After June 15, you will incur a late fee to register. Spread the word, as this deadline is earlier this year!

**DEADLINE: JUNE 15!**

## Looking ahead!

[2026-27 School Calendar](#)

## School lunch!

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

Please make sure to settle up your IC lunch accounts if you have a negative balance. If you have additional funds, they will carry over to next school year.

## Mass participants for June 5

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Eliza S
- Petitions: Edward E, Mary B, Frankie N, Henry T, Forest H, Kylie S, Colin J, Ceci W
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Hope J, Eric L, Alden L
- Altar servers: Cam M, Ellie VD, Alaina B
- Ushers: Margaret K, Roz S
- Bells: Margaret, Eleanor V, Eva L
- Song leaders: Lucy H, Alaina B

## Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- What is your favorite last-day-of-school memory?
- What are you most looking forward to this summer?

## STA summer camps!

We are excited to announce our 2026 Summer Programming for children ages 5-8, running from June 8 through July 24, for kids ages 5-8. Camps will be held at the Preschool Center. Please use our [2026 Summer Camp registration](#) and review our [FAQs](#) for additional details about the program.

## Auction party!

Jenna Smith, Aftyn Johnson and Agata Lefere invite you to attend the end-of-the-school-year celebration and informational Emerald Auction meeting on Friday, June 5 following dismissal. Join us at Hancock (1157 Wealthy Street) at 11:30am and learn more about our auction! If you are able, please consider bringing a \$25 gift card to any GR business (restaurants, groceries, etc.). These gift cards will be part of our Auction items this fall. FYI...food and drinks will not be provided, but available for purchase at Hancock. All are welcome!

## Auction event!

EVEREVE (1948 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506) is hosting another Emerald Auction fundraising event on **June 11**. Fifteen percent of all purchases made on 6/11 will be donated to the St. Thomas Emerald Auction. Come out for some STA socializing and a little retail therapy and support our Emerald Auction in the process!

## Medication pick up!

If you have any medication for your child in the office, please pick it up before the end of school. We legally must dispose of any medications that are not picked up. Please note, we cannot release meds to a student. Parents must come into the office to pick up the medication – this includes both prescription and over-the-counter medication.

## Lost and found!

We have LOTS of lost and found items. We will have a table with these items out on the blacktop on the last day of school. Please make sure to check it out and look for any items your family might be missing.

## Uniforms! Uniforms! Uniforms!

We will be collecting and displaying our gently-used uniforms on Thursday and Friday next week. Feel free to leave and/or pick up uniforms for your kids. Thanks to Grandma Extraordinaire, Jamie McCabe, for organizing our uniforms.

## Summer programs/camps/events!

- [STA Parish Totus Tuus](#)
- [STA Feast Day Pig Roast](#)
- [Summer reading programs](#) from our STA librarian
- [CC STEAM and sports camps](#)
- [WC Parent Guild Book Study](#)
- [Camp Brethren Heights](#)
- [GRA250](#)



# FINE ART WORKSHOPS

WITH BETH JACOBSON

ST. THOMAS PRESCHOOL CENTER, 1530 FULTON ST. E, GR 49506

AGES 12 THROUGH ADULTS

JUNE	MONDAYS 6-8:30PM
6/8 WATERCOLORS	Summer florals
6/15 ACRYLICS	Summer Foods
6/29 DRAWING	How to start a travel sketchbook
JULY	TUESDAYS 6-8:30PM
7/7 WATERCOLORS	Birds & nature
7/14 ACRYLICS	Abstract Patterns
7/21 DRAWING	Everyday object & Shading

**Follow the QR code to register!**

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



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# SUMMER ART CAMPS

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**AGES 8-11: \$225**

**AGES 5-8: \$185**

**9:30AM-12:00PM**

**12:30-2:30PM**

<b>JUNE &amp; JULY</b> Mondays-Thursdays	<b>Ages 8-11 (3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9:30am-12:00pm	<b>Ages 5-8 (K - 3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> 12:30-2:30pm
6/8-6/11 WATERCOLORS	Flowers & Nature	Flowers & Nature
6/15 -6/18 ACRYLICS	Picnic Foods	Fun Foods
6/29-7/2 DRAWING	Sports	Robots
7/6 -7/9 WATERCOLORS	Unique Animals (axolotls, capybaras & more!)	Unique Animals (axolotls, capybaras & more!)
7/13 - 7/16 ACRYLICS	Abstract Art & Patterns	Abstract Art & Patterns
7/20 - 7/23 DRAWING	Cartoon Characters	Cartoon Characters

**Follow the QR code to register!**

**Ages 5-8 camps run after the STA summer camps, so sign up for both for a full day option!**



**Sign up 2 or more siblings, receive a \$10 discount per child!**

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Please note, if you have a student age 5-8, they can have more of a full day option. They attend both the STA summer camps (9am-12pm), stay for a lunch break (12-12:30pm), then attend an Art Camp (12:30-2:30pm) all at the preschool center! Please register separately using the links.