

WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

# The BUZZ

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May 25-29, 2026

## Next week!

The virtue this week is **patience**: Bearing present difficulties calmly.

**Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day; no school**

**Tuesday, May 26 –**

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

**Wednesday, May 27 –**

- 8<sup>th</sup> graders last Mass, 8:15am, Church
- Last day of P4
- Lion King performance, 6pm, East Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center. Purchase tickets (\$5) at the door.

**Thursday, May 28 –**

- Last day of P3
- Lion King performance, 6pm, East Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center. Purchase tickets (\$5) at the door.

**Friday, May 29 –**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast, 8:20am, Ministry Center
- Last day of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> band
- Preschool moving up ceremony, 10am, Preschool
- Staff vs. 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball game, 2:15pm, Gym

## Contracts are out!

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)).

## 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!

## Looking ahead!

June 2 – Uniform holiday

June 3 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, 6pm (8<sup>th</sup> graders arrive at 5:30pm)

June 5 – Last Mass/Half day/Dismissal @ 11am

June 5 – End of the year countdown, 10:55am on the blacktop

June 5 – Auction meeting @ Hancock, 11:30am

[2026-27 School Calendar](#)

## School lunch!

Here is our [May lunch menu](#). Reminder: The last day for the salad bar is May 29.

## Mass participants for May 27

- 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Mackenzie S
- Petitions: James V, Cora C, Mavis H, Taygan D, David A, Elouise G
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Amelia J, Henry N
- Altar servers: Henry B, Ros W, Chris A
- Ushers: James P, Leon K
- Xylophones: Leo, Mia, Emma G, Frankie
- Bells: Eden, Rebekah, Eliza
- Song leaders: Jane B, Gabby M

## Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- What is your favorite family summer activity?
- What is the meaning of Memorial Day?
- What is your favorite children's musical?

## 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 baskets!

The Emerald Auction committee is grateful to parents for donating items to fill themed baskets for the auction!

**All classes that fill their baskets by the end of May will receive a class pizza party.** Below are the classes that still need help filling their baskets:

[3 Tietema & VanDyke: "Cozy Corner"](#)

[4 Leeseberg: "Self Care"](#)

[4/5 Zakrajsek: "Baker's Delight"](#)

## Auction prep!

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!

## Lion King performance!

We are excited to announce our upcoming performances of *The Lion King* on May 27 and 28 at 6pm at the East Grand Rapids Performing Arts Center! Check out this [Lion King teaser!](#)

Join us in celebrating the hard work and talent of our incredible cast and crew: Peter B., Elenor B., Alaina B., Henry B., Jane B., Olivia B., Alexis B., Cora C., Isabel C., Xavier C., Taygan D., Emma G., Lennyn J., Addison K., Morgan K., Caroline L., Fulton N., Iselmeda N., Mia P., Ben P., Maddie P., Margaret R., Sadie T., Gabriel T., Ros W. and Harriet W. And special thanks to Kathy Proulx for helping with the music!

## Summer camps/events!

Check out:

- [CC STEAM and sports camps](#)
- [WC Parent Guild Book Study](#)
- [Camp Brethren Heights](#)
- [GRA250](#)





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# SUMMER PROGRAM

**Summer programming for kids ages 5-8**

**June 8 - July 24**

**Monday-Friday, 9am-12noon**

**Preschool Center: 1530 Fulton St. East**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Cost: \$150 per week**

**Taught by Brooke Imrick**



# SUMMER ART CAMPS

WITH BETH JACOBSON

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

**AGES 8-11: \$225**  
**9:30AM-12:00PM**

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

Questions: [bethmariestudiogr@gmail.com](mailto:bethmariestudiogr@gmail.com)



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.