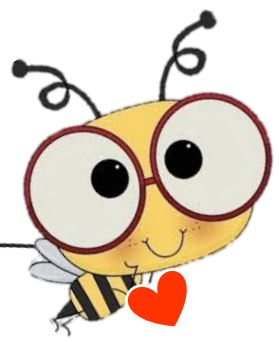


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

DYNAMIC EDUCATION CENTERED IN CHRIST



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May 4-8, 2026

Next week! We ♥ our teachers! Teacher Appreciation Week!

Sunday, May 3 – First Communion Mass, 3pm, Church

Monday, May 4 –

- Parent to Parent Series (Grades 6-8), 8:30am, Ministry Center
- All-School Rosary, 1:45pm

Tuesday, May 5 –

- State of the School, 8:15am, Ministry Center – [Video](#)
- 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, May 6 –

- All-School Mass, 8:15am. Please remember Mass uniforms.
- 0-5ers Gym Time, 11:10am, Saint Thomas Gym

Friday, May 8 –

- Have your child write a note or draw a picture for teachers and send those in by Friday, May 8. Please keep in mind Specials, ESS, and enrichment teachers too!
- 0-5ers Story Time, 10am, Preschool Center
- 7th/8th Grade Middle School Dance, 7-9pm, IHM. Check out this [7th/8th Grade Dance flyer](#) for more info!

Saturday, May 9 – Sports Physicals, 9am-12noon, STA Gym.

If your child needs a sports physical for the 2026-27 school year, Dr. Michael App will be offering physicals for \$20. Spread the word! STA students, alumni, friends, neighbors – anyone who needs a physical – all kids, all ages are welcome!

Home & School help!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8! We are hoping to cover recess duty for our teachers all week during Teacher Appreciation Week, and we hope you can help! Please use our [Recess Duty Sign Up](#). We are also planning a nice lunch for our wonderful teachers on Wednesday, May 6. Please use our [Teacher Appreciation Lunch Sign Up](#). Your contributions of items and your time are greatly appreciated.

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. We have plenty of activities designed to keep students active, creative, and having fun all summer long. Please use our [2026 Summer Camp registration](#) and review our [FAQs](#) for additional details about the program.



Looking ahead!

May 11-15 – Diaper Drive for HELP Pregnancy
May 11 – Field Day – Uniform holiday
May 13 – Kindergarten Kickoff
May 15 – [Boosters Golf Outing](#)
May 20 – Anointing Mass
May 25 – Memorial Day; no school
May 26 – Uniform holiday
May 27 – 8th Graders last Mass
May 27/28 – Lion King Performance, 6pm
May 29 – 8th graders last day breakfast/Staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game
June 3 – 8th grade graduation, 6pm (8th graders arrive at 5:30pm)
June 5 – Last Mass/Half day/Dismissal @ 11am

School lunch!

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

Mass participants for May 6

- 1st reading: Georgia B
- Petitions: Taygan, Adeline, Michael, Elouise, David, Caroline
- Sacristan: Eliana K, Asher K
- Gifts: Bernadette C, Lily S
- Altar servers: Eden, Jane, Oliver
- Ushers: Lincoln, Jonah
- Xylophones: Will, Ahser, Ben, Lincoln
- Bells: David, Abram, Kenny
- Song leaders: Cora, Iris

Breaking bread, building faith!

The virtue this week is **respect**: speaking and acting according to our own and others' rights, status, and circumstances.

Family dinner-time discussion topics: What is one act of service our family can do to show respect for a vulnerable member of our community?

STA online library

Parents and students: Did you know we have an online public access catalog for our library? To see what exciting and new titles we have in our extensive collection of books, visit <https://stthomasgr.library.site/>

Kindergarten Kickoff - May 13!

On May 13, we will be hosting our annual "Kinder Kickoff" to welcome the 2026-2027 Kindergarten class. Our current P4 and Y5 students will be visiting the Kindergarten classrooms. Our current Kindergarten students will attend All School Mass and then enjoy a special snack and activity in the Church lower level. At 10am, students will resume their normal activities for the day.

Got uniforms?!

If your child has any Saint Thomas or Catholic United athletic uniforms at home, please return them ASAP to the school office. If you're doing some spring cleaning and find school uniforms that are too small for your kids, please bring them to the office. We have uniform racks of gently used uniforms available to our school community.

Book Fair committee

Are you feeling like God might be calling you to serve within the school community but not sure where? The BOOK FAIR committee needs YOU!

Anyone interested in helping to launch each semester's book fair in October or March can contact our STA librarian Sue Edgerly (libadmin@stthomasgr.org) if you're interested in being a part of such an important committee.

Sports Physicals

SAT, MAY 9
9 AM- NOON



Sign up here

\$20 per student; Cash or Check
Made payable to St. Thomas Boosters

St. Thomas Gym
1429 Wilcox Park Drive SE



Dr. Michael App, MD, MPH



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Golf outing!

Our May 15 Boosters Golf Outing is in full swing! We're looking for foursomes to register for this fabulous fundraising event. Visit our [Golf Fore Sports Outing website](#) to register for and help support STA athletics. Questions? Send an email to boosters@stthomasgr.org.

GOLF FORE SPORTS OUTING



THE MINES GOLF CLUB

FRIDAY
MAY 15



7:45 AM REGISTRATION
8:30 AM SHOTGUN START



\$125/Golfer
\$500/Foursome



SUPPORTING STA STUDENT ATHLETICS



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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

JUNE & JULY Mondays-Thursdays	Ages 8-11 (3rd - 5th) 9:30am-12:00pm	Ages 5-8 (K - 3rd) 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



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.