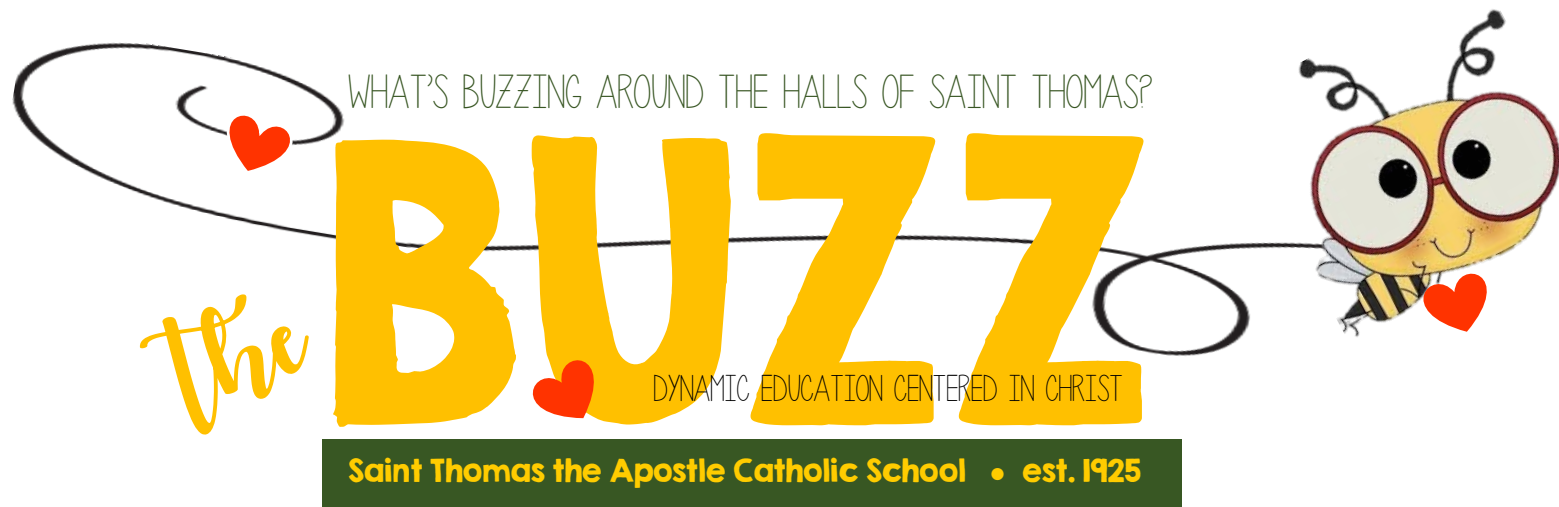




August 2026

Welcome back to Saint Thomas!

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our returning families. You belong here! We are excited for the many blessings God has in store for us in the 2026-27 school year.

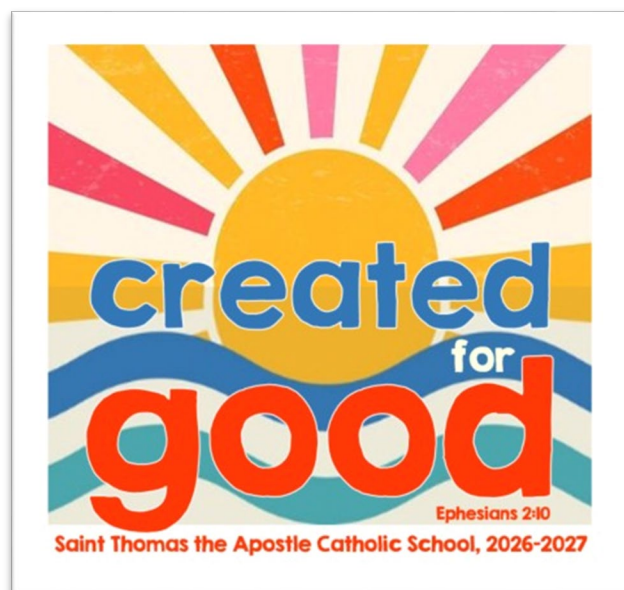
Our School Open House is scheduled for **Monday, August 24 from 4-6pm**. Here is the [2026-27 school calendar](#). Gently used uniforms will be available during Open House or stop by the office any time during the day. Drop off gently used uniforms at any time during the school day at the front office.

Please pay special attention to these changes for this year, which are explained in this edition of the Buzz:

- New start time (8:15am)
- Uniform violation procedure
- Uniform holidays (last Friday of the month now – not Tuesday)

Below are some important resources to start the school year!

- [Summer Buzz](#)
- **Med form** — If your child receives medication during the school day, bring this completed [Parent Medication Consent Form](#) to Open House.
- **Athletic physicals** — If your child is participating in GRACEAC sports, bring completed [sports physical form](#) to the Open House.
- **First day of school for 1-8 is Aug. 26.**
 - We will start Chapel at 8:15am.
 - It is NOT a Mass day
 - It is NOT a Mass uniform day.
 - There will be no Parish Mass that day so Chapel can run longer.



Ryan Corcoran, Principal

Important dates in August / September

August 24	School Open House	4-6pm	All classrooms
August 26/27	P3 Meet & Greet	Assigned times	Preschool Center
August 26	First Day of school Grs 1-8 Home & School meeting, coffee/donuts* K and P4 Meet & Greet	8:15am/3:20pm 8:15am Assigned times	Blacktop P4/K classrooms
August 27	First Day of Kindergarten & Kindergarten Enrichment Welcome Coffee & Donuts for Kind.*	8:15-11:15am/ 8:15am-3:20pm 8:15am	K Classroom Blacktop
August 31	First day of P4 and P3 Middle School Parent Orientation*	8:15am-11 am/ 12:20-3:20pm 6pm	Preschool Center Ministry Center
Sept. 1	Welcome Coffee & Donuts for preschool*	8:15am	Preschool lobby
Sept. 4-7	No School - Labor Day Holiday		
September 8	New Family Gathering* (RSVP here!)	7-8:30pm	Ministry Center
September 11	STA Tailgate at CC football game	5pm – gametime	The CAT
September 16-17	School Pictures (Non-uniform day) / Preschool hearing & vision screening		Library Preschool
September 17-18	8th Grade Retreat		Camp Blodgett
Oct. 3	Emerald Auction*	5:30pm	St. Nicholas Cultural Center
Check our 2026-27 school calendar for more!		*Parent events	

Back to School Information

School phone numbers

School (616) 458-4228
Parish (616) 459-4662

Remind 101

We use a text system to notify parents of school closings and other important Saint Thomas information. Sign up by texting @stafam4gr to number 81010.

Medication

If your child will need to take medication, parents will need to complete this [Parent Medication Consent Form](#). This form must be completed before the first day of school. If it's a prescription medication, we must have a doctor's signature. We cannot administer meds without this completed form.

Parent/visitor/volunteer check in

We will continue our electronic check-in process. All visitors, parents and volunteers must present their driver's license to be admitted. When you visit the school, please be prepared to scan your driver's license.

2026-2027 Teachers and Staff

Mrs. Veronica Perdue	Preschool and Aftercare Director
Ms. Sheila Kelly	P3
Mrs. Sue Hieshetter	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Mrs. Bonnie Burke	Preschool Classroom Aide
Mrs. Emily Brunner	P4
Ms. Emily Warriner	Y5/Preschool Plus
Mrs. Mary Ann Bridge	Kindergarten
Mrs. Molly Mester	Kindergarten
Mrs. Ally McCall	Mrs. Mester's maternity sub
Mrs. Kelly Donohue	Grade 1
Mrs. Kate Casey	Grade 1
Mrs. Jacky Suckow	Grade 2
Mrs. Brenda Tietema	Grade 3
Mrs. Abby VanDyke	Grade 3
Ms. Kallen Leeseburg	Grade 4
Mrs. Amy Zakrajsek	Grade 4/5 Multi-Age
Mr. Mike Mester	Grade 5
Ms. Laura Depuydt	Middle School Language Arts
Mrs. Nicole Hoedeman	Middle School Math
Mr. Adam Baxter	Middle School Theology
Mrs. Jen Bendon	Middle School Science
Mr. Evan Walsh	Middle School Social Studies
Mr. Don Dahlquist	Director of Educational Support
Mrs. Danielle Boog	ESS Teacher
Mrs. Cathy Buehler	ESS Teacher
Mrs. Cheryl Coderre	ESS Teacher
Mrs. Katie Morrow	ESS Teacher
Ms. Marley Shelton	ESS Teacher
Mrs. Shawn Schuring	ESS Teacher
Mrs. Meg Sullivan	ESS Teacher
Mrs. Jeanne Walch	Enrichment Teacher
Mrs. Sue Edgerly	Librarian
TBD	Shared-Time Music/MS Choir
Mr. Bill Bier	Shared-Time Band
Mrs. Karen Williams	Shared-Time Art
Mrs. Ashley Emerson	Shared-Time Physical Ed
Mr. Juan Carlos Soberanes	Shared-Time Spanish
Ms. Jessica Trenshaw	Shared-Time STEAM
Mr. Anthony Giovannetti	Technology Coordinator
Mr. Ted Coon	Maintenance Supervisor
Mr. Don Serba	Maintenance Staff
Mr. Drew Edgerton	Maintenance Staff
Ms. Donna Ritz	Maintenance Staff
Mrs. Angelique Nowak	Aftercare Staff
Ms. Sarah Ensing	Aftercare Staff
Mrs. Aftyn Johnson	School Counselor
Mrs. Genevieve Boyle	Family Liaison
Mrs. Erin Brede	Outreach Coordinator
Mrs. Shannon Godleski	School Lunch Manager
Mrs. Katie Lewis	Office/Communications Coordinator
Mrs. Liz Thoreson	School Office Manager

Welcome new students!

Angelo Anton (P3)
 Haley (Y5) and Molly (P3) Arnold
 Maggie Avenet (8)
 Sterling Barbour (P3)
 Emory Barcheski (K)
 James (P3) and Maxine (P3) Bilbrey
 Teddy Blakita (P4)
 Ethan Boog (P3)
 Luke Boyle (P3)
 Tommy Brede (P3)
 Quentin Chun (P3)
 Finneus Cook (K)
 Clancy (1) and George (7) Couch
 Hannah Cramer (3)
 Shea Cunningham (P3)
 Santiago Delgado (P3)
 Joseph Evon-Mangione (3)
 Dominic (2) and Rosalie (P4) Fredrickson
 Arianna Grenenbergs (7)
 Marshall Grutter (Y5)
 Yosyas Haile (6)
 Lilah Hollern (P3)
 Ophelia Horst (P3)
 Duke Hubert (K)
 Samuel Johnson (Y5)
 Lucia Jonaitis (P4)
 Zeke Knapp (P3)
 Maxwell Kohn (7)
 Ochre Korson (K)
 Elizabeth (K) and Remy (2) Kumar
 Henry Lynch (P3)
 Alexandra Meeks (3)
 Raegan (6) and William (1) Mott
 Adelaide Neal (P3)
 Evangeline Nolan (K)
 Vincent Noto (P4)
 Margot Roskam (K)
 Penelope Schertzing (P4)
 Fiona (5) and Grace (1) Siereveld
 Ruthie Slobodnik (8)
 Gloria TenBrink (K)
 Lucia Topie (1)
 Eleanor VanderMeer (K)
 Maxwell Vanderweyden (P3)
 Alexander Walquist (K)
 Benedict Wasinski (1)
 Miles Weaver (K)
 Roman Welsh (K)
 Katherine Williams (7)



Mrs. Cammi Lawrence Director of Admissions/Registrar
 Mr. Jeremiah Sluggett Director of Teaching/Learning, AD
 Mr. Ryan Corcoran Principal

Daily Details

School day schedule

Grades K-8

8:15am School begins at Chapel

8:40am Classes begin

Lunch/Recess Schedule

K-2nd recess 11:15-11:40 / lunch - 11:45-12:05

6th-8th recess 11:45-12:05 / lunch - 12:10-12:30

3rd-5th recess 12:10-12:35 / lunch - 12:40-1:00

3:17pm End of Day Prayers

3:20pm School dismissal

Preschool

8:15-11:15am P3, P4AM, Y5

11:15am-12:15pm Lunch Bunch

12:20-3:20pm P4PM / Preschool Plus

Saint Thomas Masses

For our community and any school families who would like to attend, here is the weekly Saint Thomas Mass schedule:

Monday – NO MASS

Tuesday – 7am Mass

Wednesday – 8:30am School Mass (all are welcome)

Thursday – 7pm Mass at St. Stephens

Friday – 7am Mass

1st Saturday of the month only – 8am Mass

Weekly School Mass

Wednesday, 8:30am, Grades 1-8

[School Mass Schedule](#)

Students need to be in Mass attire (white shirts/ties, skirts/jumpers) on Mass day. Parents are welcome to join us for Mass.

Parent Adoration/Prayers

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20

Please join us for a parent rosary every Tuesday inside the church at 2:45 PM we also pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy right afterward, at 3:05 PM. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray together for our students, staff, and our school.

Don't be late...

School begins at 8:15am. Students must be on time to ensure a safe and peaceful start to the day. After 8:15am, staff cannot be present at the gate or car line. The church will be locked once chapel starts at 8:15am. If you are late, escort your child to the southwest door of the church. Knock and your child will be let into church for chapel. We will continue to give tardy slips to students who arrive after chapel has begun at 8:18am. [Please see our STA tardy procedures.](#)

...but not too early!

It is important that your student is NOT dropped off before 7:45am.

And if you're absent...

Call the main office (616-458-4228) or email secretary@stthomasqr.org between 7:30-8:30am **each day your child will be absent.** Please leave your child's name, grade and reason for absence. **Turn on Infinite Campus notifications to be notified when your child is absent.** If your child has a fever or is throwing up, please keep them home for 24 hours after they are fever free or not throwing up.

Student drop off/pick up

Students must NEVER be dropped off on Wilcox Park Drive. **For the safety of all our children,** DO NOT drop off or pick up students at the curb in front of school or church. **Please drop off or pick up students in the “Car Line” or “Gate Line” only.**

Make sure your children know whether they are “Gate Line” or “Car Line” at pickup. The **Car Line** is in the Church parking lot, off of Wilcox Park Drive. The **Gate Line** is near the new preschool building, off Fulton Street. At pickup, **put your last name on your front dashboard.** Treat Wilcox Park Drive as a ONE WAY street (westbound only). Use Hope Street to travel eastbound. **Parents should not use Grace Street for parking,** as the gate will be locked during school hours.

Preschool drop off/pick up

The outside lane of the Gate Line's north loop will be used for gate line pick up and drop off. The inside lane of the north loop will be used for preschool pick up and drop off. There will be spots in front of the preschool entrance for parents to drop off their children. Parents will not need to walk their preschoolers in – a teacher will meet you at your parked car.

Parent Information

Home & School extends a warm welcome to all new and returning families. As a parent or guardian of a Saint Thomas student, **YOU ARE A MEMBER** of our Home & School Association.

We help build the bridge between home and school. We provide support for teachers, plan all-school social events, and help build community here at Saint Thomas. We have many opportunities for you to volunteer. Attend our Home & School meetings to find out how you can get involved.



On **Wednesday, August 26**, after drop off, stay and join us on the blacktop (in the Ministry Center if it rains). We'll provide donuts and coffee, followed by a Rosary and a short Home & School meeting.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead, and hope to have many people join us on Wednesday! Little ones, of course, are welcome. ~Holly Kammel and Clare Delgado, Home & School Co-Presidents (clare.delgado14@gmail.com / hollykammel@gmail.com).

Virtus training

Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions are available if you are new to our school or still need to attend Virtus training (live or online). **This is required for all school volunteers.** If you've taken Virtus somewhere else, please contact the school office and let them know:

- Where you took Virtus (City, State and Diocese)
- Your name when you took Virtus
- Your current email address.

We can get Saint Thomas added to your Virtus profile, but we need the bulleted information above.

If you haven't taken Virtus, you can register online at www.virtus.org. Here are some [Virtus instructions](#).

On the left side of the screen, select "First-Time Registrant." Then select "View a list of sessions." Click in the box stating "Select your organization." Scroll down and select "Grand Rapids, MI (Diocese)." Scroll down the page to see the locations. Go to the top of the page and select "Start Registration." Complete the registration. **Online training is now available!** The online training is at the bottom of the dropdown menu when choosing a training. The online training takes a little more than an hour to complete.

Volunteer opportunities

We have lots of volunteer opportunities. Once you've completed your Virtus training, contact the front office or Home & School to find out how you can share your gifts and talents with our community. We're currently looking for recess and lunch supervisors (free salad bar for any lunch supervisor!).

School communication

The Buzz Newsletter is a look at the week ahead, emailed out weekly during the school year. It is only available electronically. They will be coming from Finals site, from the email address "info+stthomasgr@fsenrollment.com."

Remind 101 – urgent text messages sent directly to your cell phone. Sign up now by texting 81010 to **@stafam4gr**

Facebook – www.facebook.com/saintthomasgr

Instagram – SaintThomasGR

YouTube – Saint Thomas the Apostle GR

Teachers' newsletters – emailed weekly

Hornets' Nest

Hornets' Nest, our after-care program, will be held in the new preschool building this year. It runs 3:30-5:30 pm. Students attending Hornets' Nest will be escorted by a Saint Thomas staff member to the preschool building after school.

Anyone who will be attending Hornets' Nest needs to turn in their paperwork by Monday evening at the Open House. Mrs. Perdue will have extra forms available in the preschool building.

Student information...

School supplies

School supplies are tools that help with learning. Your child should have received a list in the summer letter from their homeroom teacher. If you did not receive a supply list or teacher letter, please contact the office.

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus is the student management system for all diocesan Catholic schools. This online system gives parents access to student attendance, grades, lunch account balances and report cards. The Infinite Campus link is <https://micloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/parents/grcss.jsp> Bookmark it or find it in the lower right corner of the school home page. New families, please contact Cammi Lawrence to get a user name and password for the Infinite Campus. To be notified when your child is absent or tardy, please turn on your notification settings in the Infinite Campus app.

Canvas / Google Classroom

Saint Thomas the Apostle School will transition from Canvas to Google Classroom as our primary Learning Management System (LMS) for students in grades 4-8. Additionally, students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will no longer use an online learning management system.

For students in grades 4-8, Canvas has provided access to assignments, resources, and online submissions. As we evaluated our needs, we determined that Google Classroom can accomplish these same essential functions while offering a simpler user experience and a more cost-effective solution. Google Classroom will be used primarily for accessing classroom resources, distributing assignments, and submitting student work. More information about Google Classroom and how parents can interact with our new learning management system will be shared this fall. We are confident that this transition will be smooth and will continue to support effective teaching and learning while helping us be good stewards of our resources.

School uniform policy

Our uniform providers are My Aplus Uniforms and Lands' End. To order from My Aplus Uniforms, please visit the [My Aplus Uniforms website](#). To order Lands' End, visit the [Lands' End Saint Thomas Uniform Store](#). Any items in the Land End store are approved; items not available on this website are must be purchased from My A+ Uniforms. Here are [instructions for ordering uniforms from Lands' End](#) and the [Lands' End fit guide](#). For information about our Uniform Policy, check out our [Saint Thomas School uniform policy](#) or contact the School Office with questions.

Please note this change: Our monthly uniform holiday is changing from Tuesdays to Fridays. **The last FRIDAY of every month is a uniform holiday for Saint Thomas students.** Please check these [uniform holiday guidelines](#) for clothing that students should avoid wearing even on uniform holidays.

We will be implementing uniform violation slips this year. When a student is out of uniform, they will be given a slip that needs to be signed by a parent and returned to school. If a student receives three uniform violations within the same month, they will lose the privilege of participating in that month's uniform holiday.

Cell phone/Smartwatch policy

Cell phones and smartwatches **are not allowed** in the classroom at Saint Thomas. If students need to bring a cell phone or smartwatch or any other electronic personal device (anything that connects to the internet) to school, their teacher will collect them and store them in the classroom during the entire school day.

Students who need to contact parents during the day must use the classroom or office phone. Likewise, a parent who needs to get a message to their student must call the school office and we will deliver the message. Let's work together to eliminate unnecessary distractions!

Diocesan busing

Grand Rapids Area Catholic Schools Transportation Consortium provides busing for students. Families must register each year by signing a contract. If you have not registered and are interested, contact Jill Kuzma at 616-246-6470 or jkuzma@grcatholicschools.org.

LUNCH information

Lunch updates

- The new lunch price is \$3.50. Breakfast is \$2.50.
- Doubles are still an option for an additional \$2.00. Doubles are not covered by free and reduced lunch qualification. **Doubles will not start until September, after Labor Day.**
- Students will have a weekly alternative entree option. This means the main entree will still change each day but now there will be an alternative option. The alternative option will rotate weekly. For example Monday is hamburgers, Tuesday is chicken nuggets and for the whole week students can opt for turkey sandwiches if they do not like the entree for the day. **Alternates will not start until after Labor Day.**



Salad bar is back!

We offer a free salad bar everyday in the lunchroom, for any student (even those who do not order hot lunch) and for anyone who volunteers in the lunch room.

Ordering school lunches

Every morning, teachers will ask their students who would like hot lunch. If your student arrives late, they should tell the front office if they want hot lunch. We offer a free salad bar daily to encourage our students to have healthy eating habits.

Please see the **important** links below:

[Education and Nutrition Benefits Application 2026-27](#)

[Instructions for applying for Education and Nutrition Benefits](#)

[Food service payment instructions](#)



Classrooms that have a student with severe food allergies post a notice of specific allergens that could cause a life-threatening reaction. Classroom teachers inform parents when there is a student with food allergies in the classroom to avoid known foods with allergens. Please check out our [Allergen and Health Snack Management Policy](#) for more information.

Our monthly lunch menu will be posted in the Buzz newsletter on Fridays. Here are the first months' menus:

- [August 2026 Breakfast Menu](#)
- [August 2026 Lunch Menu](#)

Safety and Security Updates

As we begin the new school year, please review these important safety updates.

New Emergency Protocol Language: Under Michigan Public Act 270 of 2024, all public and private schools must adopt new standardized language for emergency protocols beginning this school year. Check out this [Kent ISD video explaining the new language and protocols](#) and this [Standard Response Protocol flyer](#) for more info.

State Firearm Storage Law: [MCL 28.429](#) requires individuals to keep unattended weapons unloaded and locked with a locking device or stored in a locked box or container if it is reasonably known that a minor is likely to be present on the premises. Please check out these [resources to assist families in maintaining firearm safety](#).

Emergency Reunification: We have partnered with Kent ISD to provide reunification services for St. Thomas. Reunification safely relocates students to an off-site location in the event of a campus wide evacuation and reunites them with authorized individuals. Check out this [video explaining the reunification process](#).

Parents can help by:

- Following updates and instructions only from official St. Thomas, Diocesan, and Kent ISD sources.
- Not coming to the St. Thomas campus. A separate reunification site will be communicated.
- Bringing a current, state-issued ID to the reunification site.
- Keeping your authorized pickup list in Infinite Campus current. Students will only be released to individuals listed. Consider adding alternates in case you are unavailable.

A strong culture of awareness and community involvement is one of our greatest security assets at St. Thomas. Please help us maintain a safe campus by adhering to our security practices and reporting concerns to school administrators. Thank you for your continued partnership in making St. Thomas a safe place for our students to learn and grow. Check out our [STA Safety FAQs](#).



CORCORAN'S CORNERS

Check out our YouTube Channel for our "Corcoran's Corners," informational videos about St. Thomas, such as:

- [Principle's Principals](#)
- [MAP Testing](#)
- [Educational Support Services](#)
- [Counseling Program](#)
- [Athletic Boosters](#)
- [2025/26 State of the School](#)



Immunization requirements

State Law requires that each student entering Preschool, Kindergarten or a new school have a certificate of immunization on file at the time of registration or no later than the first day of school. In addition, Preschool students are required to have a physical dated within the past two years. Please see the immunizations required for all new students, preschoolers, kindergarteners and seventh grade students. **Preschool Requirements:** Up-to-date Immunizations Record on file. Signed Physical dated within the past two years. Consent for disclosure for immunization information on file. **Kindergarten Requirements:** Up-to-date Immunizations Record on file. Vision & Hearing Screening Record on file. Consent for disclosure for immunization information on file. **New Saint Thomas students:** Up-to-date Immunizations Record on file. Consent for disclosure for immunization information on file. **All 7th Grade Students:** Up-to-date Immunizations Record. Consent for disclosure for immunization information on file.

For more information, see the [Vaccines required for school entry](#) and the [Vaccines required for child care and preschool](#) from the State of Michigan. Immunization Waiver: If you wish to obtain a non-medical religious or philosophical waiver, you must schedule an appointment at the Kent County Health Department by calling 616-632-7200.

New dental requirement

Senate Bill 280 was signed into law in December 2023. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis who applied to have a child registered for the first time in kindergarten or first grade in a school in Michigan must comply with the following:

- Have a dentist or dental hygienist conduct a dental oral assessment on the child not earlier than six months before the date of the child's registration with the school and obtain from the dentist or dental hygienist a written statement certifying that the child has received the dental oral assessment.
- If the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the child does not meet the requirements described above, the individual must ensure that the government entity or person selected by the DHHS conducts a dental oral assessment on the child.

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis who applies to have a child registered for the first time in kindergarten or first grade in a school in Michigan must present to school officials, at the time of registration but not later than the first day of school, one of the following:

1. a statement of religious exemption to the bill's requirement OR
2. the statement from a dental professional described above OR
3. a written statement indicating that the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis will provide for the child's dental oral assessment by the DHHS's program. A child cannot be excluded from school attendance if the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the child does not present a statement described above to school officials on or before the first day of school.

REQUIRED notifications

Asbestos notification

To comply with the EPA's Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, the school buildings in the Diocese of GR have been inspected for asbestos. If you would like to review the STA Management Plan, it is available in the school office. The Management Plan will state recommended activities that will maintain the asbestos materials in a non-friable condition. ~ Ted Coon

Pesticide notification

As a part of our pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the grounds or buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but notice will be following any such application.

Welcome to our Littlest Hornets!

Our Saint Thomas community is growing! We want to welcome the newest members...



Rocco Howard Freybler was born on May 29. Proud parents Nicholas and Marin and siblings Casper (3) and Daphne have been loving their time with him this summer. Welcome, Rocco!

Everett Joseph Chun was born July 22 to parents Kelsey and Anthony. Siblings Lucy (2), Collins (1) and Quentin (P3) can't get enough of little Everett.

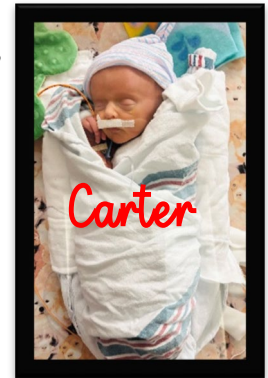


Maeve Robyn Mester was born July 25. Proud parents Mike and Molly Mester are ecstatic that she is here! Welcome to the world, Maeve!



Carter William Catlin was born Aug. 10. Carter's parents Kailey and Carlos and his big brother Vincent (1) are so happy he's here! They say that he is "small but mighty!"

Rocco, Everett, Maeve and Carter...welcome to the world! We're so glad you're here!



Saint Thomas TAILGATE PARTY!

at the Catholic Central football game

When? Friday, Sept. 11, 5pm until game time

Where? Catholic Central Football Game
The GAT (2770 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids)

Who? Sponsored by our **Saint Thomas Education Foundation and Boosters** for all Saint Thomas students and their families

Details: Look for the Saint Thomas flag in the CC parking lot. We'll provide pizza, popcorn and candy. Feel free to bring snacks to share! Bring your own drinks. Meet the Boosters and get more information about Saint Thomas athletics. Join us for fall football fun!



Hornet happiness!

Auction News!

Our Emerald Auction is just around the corner – Oct. 3, 2026.
Doors open at 5:30pm at the St. Nicholas Cultural Center
(2250 East Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546).
We'd love for you to join us at this bi-annual event that
celebrates all that makes Saint Thomas shine – our
faith, our community, our passion.



the
**EMERALD
AUCTION**



Tickets for our 2026 St. Thomas Emerald Auction are LIVE. [Buy your tickets today!](#).
Learn more about our [Emerald Auction: Precious in His Sight](#).

All Middle School 7th and 8th grade parents, along with
Mrs. Z's 2025/2026 4th/5th grade parents, we are looking for your help
to help fill our gift baskets donated by your student's classes! Please see our SignUp
Geniuses for each grade level and look for the boxes outside of Mr. Baxter, Mr. Walsh
and Mrs. Z's classrooms to drop off your items. We appreciate your support!

Here are the SignUp Genius Links -

- [Mrs. Z's Baker's Delight](#)
- [7th Grade So Fresh & So Clean](#)
- [8th Grade I LOVE My Pet](#)

The 2026 Auction committee is seeking your help! If you have a gift card, item or experience that you would like to
donate to our auction, please contact Lindsay Keegan or by phone at 773-368-7252 to learn how you can participate.

After-school enrichment classes!

We are offering after-school clubs through Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. The classes run 3:25-4:25pm. If you
are interested in signing up your child for the classes listed below, go to www.learningmeansfun.com/signup and
complete the online registration. If you have any questions, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at
(847) 482-9999 or email registration@learningmeansfun.com.

Chess Scholars, 10 classes on Wednesdays, 3:25-4:25PM (K-8)

Fall: September 30-December 9, no class 11/25

Winter: December 16-March 3, no class 12/23, 12/30

Spring: March 10-May 19, no class 4/7

Stage Stars, 9 classes on Mondays, 3:25-4:25PM (K-6)

Fall: October 12-December 7

Winter: December 14-March 8, no class 12/21, 12/28, 1/18, 2/15

Spring: March 15-May 24, no class 3/29, 4/5

MusicStart, 9 classes on Tuesdays, 3:25-4:25PM (K-4)

Fall: October 13-December 8

Winter: December 15-March 2, no class 12/22, 12/29, 2/16

Spring: March 16-May 18, no class 4/6