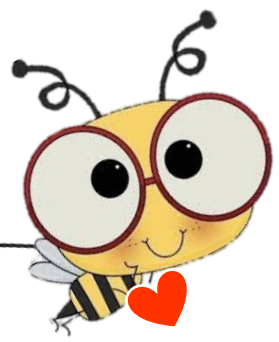


WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

The BUZZ

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Sept. 21-25, 2026

Next week!

The virtue this week is **affability**: Being easy to approach and easy to talk to; friendly to others.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 –

- Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 5:15pm, Church
- Parent Rosary, 2:45pm, Church
- Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm, Church

Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Mass, 8:30am.

Friday, Sept. 25 – Uniform holiday. Please follow our [STA uniform holiday guidelines](#).

Emerald Auction News!

Our [Emerald Auction](#) is just around the corner. The live event is Oct. 3. But you can get involved right now! The [directed donation portion](#) of the online auction is open now, giving you the opportunity to support a parish or school need that you value. Visit cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/sta/auction to make your directed donation today!

Then join us in person on Oct. 3 at 5:30pm at the St. Nicholas Cultural Center (2250 East Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546) for the celebration and live auction. [Buy your tickets today!](#)



STA GRACEAC games!



Come out and support our STA student athletes. Check out this list of [Fall 2026 GRACEAC sports games](#) for days and times.

School lunch and program updates!

Free breakfast and lunch will start Oct. 1 and run until funds are depleted. For more information, please read this [Important Update from West Catholic](#). Please note: **All lunch balances must be paid off before we can begin this program.**

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

The September breakfast menu is: cereal, goldfish grahams, apple juice and milk. Please make sure you have [added funds to your students' Infinite Campus account](#) if they will be having hot lunch. If you need an Infinite Campus activation code, please email Cammi Lawrence (clawrence@stthomasqr.org).

A message from our Lunch Program

Director: We will **NOT** be offering extra entrées/doubles or alternate meal options in October. With Michigan Meals for All, we anticipate a significant increase in the number of meals served. We will use October to evaluate meal participation and determine the additional food, staffing, and resources needed. Then we will evaluate adding additional meal choices, including extra entrées/doubles and alternate meals. Thank you for your patience. ~Mary Wieber

Looking ahead!

Oct. 3 – Emerald Auction ([Get tickets today!](#))
Oct. 7 – Diocesan All-School Rosary, 1:15pm with Bishop
Oct. 15-16 – No school / Staff professional development
Oct. 23 – Grandfriends' Day ([RSVP today!](#)) / Fall Book Fair
Oct. 23 – Half day (11:15am dismissal)
Oct. 25 – Trunk or Treat, 3pm
Oct. 27-29 – Fall Book Fair
Oct. 30 – End of first quarter
Nov. 2 – Second quarter begins
Nov. 4 – Picture retakes
Nov. 12 – Evening parent teacher conferences
Nov. 13 – Half day / Dismissal at 11:15am
Nov. 13 – Afternoon parent teacher conferences
Nov. 20 – Uniform holiday
Dec. 15 – STA Advent concert

GRACEAC Winter I Sports Sign Up!

Registration for GRACEAC Winter 1 sports are open. If your child is interested in basketball or competitive cheer, please [register on the GRACEAC website](#). **The deadline to register is Sept. 30.** After Sept. 30, there will be a late fee to register.

Mass participants for Sept. 23

- 1st reading: Eliza S
- Petitions: Cora C, Elouise G, Caroline L, Adeline E, David W, Bryce B, Ryan M, Max V
- Sacristan: Eleanor V, Dylan S
- Gifts: Joseph EM, Marta K
- Altar servers: Henry B, Olivia B, Xavier C
- Ushers: Dylan S, Bastian B

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion topics:

- When someone at school makes you angry, what steps can you take to respond with grace instead of anger?
- If a guest came to our home today, what evidence would they see that Jesus lives here with us?



Home & School News!

Home and School would love to help you get connected! Would you please take a couple of minutes to fill out this [STA Parent Questionnaire](#) on ways you'd like to get involved? Thank you so much!

Also, we've got upcoming parent parties scheduled:

Kindergarten: the Johnstons, Nov. 7

1st grade: the Rossis, TBD

8th grade: the Williams, TBD

Invites and more information will be coming soon from those who are hosting!

We are still looking for P3, P4, Y5, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade hosts.

Please reach out to Clare

(Clare.delgado14@gmail.com) or Holly

(hollykammel@gmail.com) if you are able to host or have questions!

Ordering pictures!

There is still time to order pictures. Visit www.inter-state.com/order and use order code **0644GJB** to order online. Picture retakes will be Nov. 4. **PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CHILD WANTS A YEARBOOK IN THE SPRING, YOU MUST ORDER THE YEARBOOK NOW AS AN "ADD ON" WHEN YOU ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES!**

Pulaski Day Parade!

St. Thomas will have a float in the Pulaski Days Parade Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11am. This short parade offers a great chance for our school families to have fun and celebrate our community. If you are interested in participating, please email Molly Kennedy at m.maxbauer@gmail.com for more information.

After-school enrichment programs!

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

GRAND FRIENDS DAY

in partnership with the
THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Please join us for Mass, special
student-led tours, classroom visits
& the Book Fair!



23 October 2026
8:15-11:15 AM



Saint Thomas the Apostle
1429 Wilcox Park Drive NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506



Please register
using QR code or
[link](#)



SAINT THOMAS
THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL





ART CLUB!

with Beth Jacobson

WEDNESDAYS

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

6 Week Sessions

Grades K-8th

St. Thomas the Apostle School

1429 Wilcox Park Dr SE, Grand Rapids 49506

Meet in the Art Classroom!!!

Session 1 (Fall I):

September 16th – October 21st

Session 2 (Fall II):

October 28th – December 9th

\$150 per 6 WEEK SESSION

OR

FLEXIBLE PUNCH CARDS:

5 punches = \$165

10 punches = \$300

Sign Up HERE!

