WHAT'S BUZZING AROUND THE HALLS OF SAINT THOMAS?

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Oct. 26-30, 2026

Next week!

The virtue this week is **moderation:** using things in a balanced way.

Sunday, Oct. 25 – Trunk or Treat, 3pm, Church parking lot. Cars must be parked by 2:55pm. Bring candy for 150+.

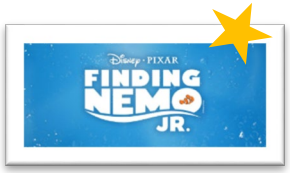
Monday, Oct. 26 – Deadline to sign up for STA Spelling Bee. If your child is interested in participating in this year's event, please use our STA Spelling Bee Sign Up.

Tuesday, Oct. 27 –

- **Eucharistic Adoration, 9am to 5:15pm**, Church
- **Fall Book Fair, 10:30am-4pm,** Library
- **Parent Rosary, 2:45pm,** Church
- **Parent Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3:05pm,** Church

Wednesday, Oct. 28 –

- **Pricipal for the Day Edward E declares today a Uniform Holiday!**
- **Mass, 8:30am.**
- **Fall Book Fair, 9:30am-4pm,** Library
- ***Finding Nemo* auditions, 3:30-5pm,** Music Room. Stop by the office to pick up audition practice sheets and music.



Thursday, Oct. 29 –

- **Fall Book Fair, 8am-12:45pm,** Library

Friday, Oct. 30 –

- **Uniform holiday** (no Halloween costumes, grades 1-8)
- **End of first quarter.** If you need to make changes to kindergarten enrichment or Hornets' Nest, email Cammi (clawrence@stthomasgr.org) **BEFORE OCT. 30.**
- **Last day to wear shorts and skirts wihout leggings.**

Financial aid 2027-28!

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the 2027-28 school year. Blackbaud applications are open! First round applications are due Nov. 30! Visit the Blackbaud website at studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school and check out the Blackbaud 2027-28 application instructions for help in creating an account. For information and instructions about applying for aid, check out the Blackbaud 2027-28 online instruction guide. If you have questions, please contact Blackbaud support at (800) 360-8027 or financialaidsupport@blackbaud.school.

School Name: St. Thomas the Apostle
School ID: 13303

Sports uniforms?!

Please return all volleyball, soccer and cross county uniforms to the school office as soon as possible.



Looking ahead!

Nov. 2 – Second quarter begins
Nov. 2 – Pants and leggings with skirts required
Nov. 4 – Picture retakes
Nov. 7 – Strategic planning listening session, 9:30-11am
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

Mass participants for Oct. 28

- 1st reading: Caleb P
- Petitions: Ben P, Izzy C, Clara S, Lily C, Lorraine G Olivia S, Fiona S
- Sacristan: Eleanor V, Dylan S
- Gifts: Jack J, Ruthie V
- Altar servers: Jack D, Oliva B, Chris A
- Ushers: Connor Y, Sam Y

Breaking bread, building faith!

Family dinner-time discussion questions:

- What is one area of our day where we can practice better balance so we have more time for God and family?
- What does it mean to trust God when things do not go the way we planned or wanted?

School lunch and updates!

Here are our October lunch menu and November lunch menu.

The October/November breakfast menu is: cereal, goldfish grahams, apple juice and milk. Please remember, there will be NO extra entrées/doubles or alternate meal options in October.

Home & School News!

We've got upcoming parent parties scheduled:

P3: the Boogs, Nov. 6
P4: the Kammels, Nov. 14
Y5: the Delgados, TBD
Kindergarten: the Johnstons, Nov. 7
3rd grade: the Kennedys, TBD
7th grade: the Pfennigs, Nov. 14
8th grade: the Williams, TBD

Invites and more information will be coming soon from those who are hosting! **We are still looking for 2nd, 4th and 6th grade hosts.** Email Clare (Clare.delgado14@gmail.com) or Holly (hollykammel@gmail.com) if you are able to host or have questions!



Family Service Opportunity!

Kids' Food Basket is looking for volunteers to serve as Course Marshalls for their Gobble Wobble Thanksgiving Day Run. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Check out the details below:



- **Date:** November 26 (Thanksgiving)
- **Location:** East Grand Rapids Middle School (2425 Lake Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506)
- **Arrival time:** 7:15am
- **Completion time:** around 10:00am
- **Bonus:** Volunteers will receive race t-shirt, medal and partake in the after-race donuts and cider! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please email STA mom Becca Kohn at becca.kohn@kidsfoodbasket.org if you're interested.



Art Club!

Calling all creative kids! The second session of our after school Art Club begins next Wednesday, 10/28, 3:30-4:30pm. Head to the art classroom at dismissal and enjoy an hour of artistic fun! Each week students will create a new piece of art to take home. Flexible punch passes available! Use our Art Club Google Sign Up.

