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**ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL**, a Roman Catholic college preparatory school for young men (9-12), was founded in 1900 by the Basilian Fathers in the downtown area of Houston. In 1940, the campus was moved to its present location at the corner of Memorial Drive and Shepherd, approximately two miles west of downtown. The enrollment at St. Thomas is not restricted by specific geographic boundaries; hence, its central location makes it easily accessible to all.

**Mission**

Teaching Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge is the tradition of the Basilian Fathers and the sacred mission of St. Thomas. These three words permeate the STH experience for students, faculty, and families. Throughout the four years of high school, STH boys grow to men who think critically, communicate effectively, serve faithfully, and are prepared to excel in college and in life. Our students follow a long tradition of men who are recognized in their communities and workplaces for their strong work ethic, self-discipline, and leadership.

**Accreditation and Affiliations**

St. Thomas High School is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department, under the aegis of the Texas Education Agency and AdvancEd, formerly the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Memberships include the National Catholic Education Association, the College Board, Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

**Admissions**

Admission to St. Thomas is selective and based on competitive entrance exam scores, essays, strong prior academic record, and teacher recommendations. However, in seeking a socio-economically and ethnically diverse population, the Basilian fathers strive to make a STH education accessible to all young men who express the desire, motivation, and stamina to meet the demands of an intensive and challenging college preparatory curriculum. As an aid to those students who may come from an academically challenged background, STH puts into place strong academic support systems that ensure academic success. To further support the Basilian educational philosophy, St. Thomas students rally each year to support tuition assistance through the school's largest yearly fundraiser, **Round Up**. This event raises over a half million dollars annually earmarked solely for student financial aid which provides assistance to over 30% of STH students who could not otherwise afford to attend STH.

**St. Thomas Enrollment**

The student body is representative of the city of Houston and students come from 126+ zip codes with some students traveling over an hour to and from school each day.

Total Enrollment (9-12):	685	White	:	59.7%
Grade 12:	172	Hispanic	:	25.7%
Grade 11:	194	Black	:	5.5%
Grade 10:	175	Asian	:	5.3%
Grade 9:	144	Other	:	3.8%
Full-Time Faculty:	70	Student/Faculty Ratio:	:	10:1

**College Preparatory Curriculum**

St. Thomas High School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. In addition to academics, students are required to complete 100 hours of service in the community by the end of senior year. The purpose of the St. Thomas Service Program is to answer the Gospel call to serve one another, especially those who are most vulnerable in our society. By serving others, every St. Thomas student will put into practice the principles of the **Catholic Social Teaching**. While the service program is an obligation for each student, we believe the experience will be a rewarding one. Students are encouraged to view this as a way to serve God's people and learn from the experience. In the end, our hope is that they will feel compelled and eager to serve for the rest of their life.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**President/Principal**  
*Rev. Kevin Storey, C.S.B.*

**Assistant Principal**  
*Mary Criaco*

**Dean of Students**  
*Rodney Takacs*

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## Advanced/Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

St. Thomas High School offers 23 courses designated advanced or honors and 13 AP courses. Students cannot self-elect to take advanced classes and instead must meet strict pre-requisite grades and have faculty recommendation to enroll in these competitive courses. Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the corresponding AP exams. All advanced/honor courses are designated by their difficulty and grades are weighted for computation, along with AP courses, and receive an additional 7-point weight calculated into the student's cumulative GPA.

### Advanced/Honor Course

Advanced English I, II	Advanced Biology
Advanced Geometry	Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Pre-Calculus	Advanced Spanish I, II, III
Advanced Algebra/Geometry	Advanced Latin I, II, III, IV
Advanced Algebra II	Advanced French III, IV
Advanced Economics	Advanced Java I, II
Advanced W. Hist./Geo. I, II	

### Advanced Placement Courses

English Language	English Literature
Calculus AB	Calculus BC
U. S. Government	French Language
U. S. History	Spanish Language
Biology	Music Theory
Chemistry	Physics I, II
Computer Science	

Note: As testament to our philosophy of a rigorous education for all students, it should be noted that the following classes, although designated as regular or elective courses, use a college-level textbook: Biology, Geology, Oceanography, U.S. in Conflict, U.S. in World Affairs, and Pre-Calculus.

### National Merit Scholarship Program—Class of 2016

Semifinalists	5
Commended	11
National Hispanic Scholar	10

### Standardized Testing

#### SAT Summary 2017 (n=152)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	580 - 680	630
Math	28 - 34	31
Mathematics	560 - 680	610
Reading	289- 35	32
Writing	29 - 34	32
Total	1150-1350	1250

#### SAT Summary (2400) 2017 (n=60)

	Middle 50%	Mean
Critical Reading	560-660	604
Math	510-660	593
Writing	480-650	572
Total	1570-1970	1769

#### ACT Summary

	2016	2015	2014
Seniors taking test	159	146	159
English (mid 50%)	22-29	22-29	22-28
Math (mid 50%)	23-28	23-28	23-28
Reading (mid 50%)	23-31	23-31	21-30
Science Reasoning (mid 50%)	23-28	22-28	22-27
Composite (mid 50%)	23-29	23-29	23-28

### Advanced Placement Examination Results—2016

Number of students tested	155
Number of exams administered	370

Percent scoring 3 or higher	88%
Percent scoring 4 or higher	58%
Percent scoring 5	26%
AP Scholars	35
AP Scholars with Honors	8
AP Scholars with Distinction	29
AP National AP Scholar	6

(all students enrolled in AP classes must sit for the exam)

#### SAT Subject Test Scores (Class of 2015)

	Middle 50%	Mean	# Tested
Biology—Ecology	620-760	690	2
Biology—Molecular	800-800	800	1
Chemistry	660-730	728	4
English Literature	520-640	630	4
Korean w/Listening	680-800	740	2
Math Level I	770-770	770	1
Math Level II	730-770	743	6
Physics	670-670	670	1
Spanish	490-770	654	5
U.S. History	700-770	747C	7
World History	510-510	510	1

### The St. Thomas Class of 2016 Post Graduation

Size of Graduating Class	189	Public	59%
Post Graduate Placement	100%	Private	32%
4-year colleges/universities	92%	Military Academies	1.5%
2-year colleges	6%	Out of State	35%
5th year prep	1%	Military	1%

## Rank and GPA

**St. Thomas High School does not rank its students.** A grade point average is calculated on a 100-point scale with 7 bonus points given for courses marked as Advanced, Honors, or AP. The GPA is weighted and cumulative from the ninth grade. P. E. is not calculated into the GPA. Courses failed during the school year must be made up at STH to regain credit. **However, the summer school grades are not re-calculated into the GPA.**

### Grading Scale

Letter Grade	GPA	4.0 Conversion
A	>100.00-90.00	4.70-4.00
B	89.00-80.00	3.90-3.00
C	79.00-75.00	2.90-2.00
D	74.00-70.00	1.90-1.00
F	<70.00	0.00

### Class of 2017 GPA Distribution

(6th semester weighted)

97 and above	90-96	89-86	85-80	79 and below
7.42%	28%	9.71%	38.86%	16%

**Graduation Requirements** (28 credits are required for graduation):

English.....	4.0 credits	Speech.....	0.5 credits
Mathematics.....	4.0 credits	Fine Arts.....	1.0 credits
Science.....	4.0 credits	Physical Education.....	1.0 credits
Social Studies.....	4.0 credits	Health.....	0.5 credits
Theology.....	4.0 credits	Computer Technology..	1.0 credits
Foreign Language.....	2.0 credits	Additional Electives.....	2.0 credits

## STH Sports and Organizations

### Clubs:

Debate/Forensics	Art Club	Book Club	Columbian Squires
Best Buddies	Band	Chess Club	Eagle Ambassadors
Billiards/Bowling Club	Drama Club	French Club	Eagle Broadcast News
Ultimate Frisbee	Latin Club	Math Club	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Environmental Club	Spanish Club	Rocketry Club	Math/Reading Aces
Pre-Med Club	Publications	Quiz Bowl	Senior Leaders
Eagles for Life	Model U. N.	Robotics	St. Thomas Club
Student Council			

National Honor Society (induction into the STH Chapter requires that student maintain a 92+ GPA throughout their tenure in NHS, demonstrate the highest levels of service and leadership, and exemplify characteristics of the STH motto Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge).

### Sports:

Baseball	Basketball	Cross Country	Football	Golf	Wrestling
Lacrosse	Rugby	Soccer	Swimming	Tennis	Track

## COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES ST. THOMAS GRADUATES HAVE ATTENDED

FROM 2013-2016

### ALABAMA

The University of Alabama  
The University of West Alabama  
Auburn University  
Spring Hill College

### ARIZONA

University of Arkansas  
University of Arizona

### ARKANSAS

University of Arkansas

### CALIFORNIA

University of California, Santa Barbara  
Claremont McKenna College  
Loyola Marymount  
Pepperdine University  
University of Redlands  
University of San Diego  
University of Southern California

### COLORADO

University of Colorado, Boulder  
Colorado College  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
U.S. Air Force Academy  
Western State Colorado University

### CONNECTICUT

Yale University

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Catholic University of America  
Georgetown University

### FLORIDA

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Florida Polytechnic University  
University of Miami  
Ringling College of Art & Design

### ILLINOIS

Depaul University  
Knox College

### INDIANA

DePauw University  
Indiana University  
University of Notre Dame  
Purdue University

### IOWA

Iowa State University  
University of Iowa

### KANSAS

**Garden City College**  
Kansas State University

### LOUISIANA

Louisiana State University  
University of Louisiana  
Loyola University-New Orleans  
Northwestern State University  
Tulane University  
Xavier University of Louisiana

### MAINE

Bowdoin College

### MARYLAND

Johns Hopkins University

### MASSACHUSETTS

Babson College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Northeastern University

### MICHIGAN

Hillsdale College

### MINNESOTA

Carleton College

### MISSISSIPPI

Millsaps College  
Mississippi State University  
University of Mississippi  
Tougaloo College

### MISSOURI

Lindenwood University  
University of Missouri Columbia  
Saint Louis University  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Washington University-St. Louis

### NEBRASKA

Creighton University  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

### NEW JERSEY

Princeton University (1)

### NEW YORK

Cornell University  
Fordham University  
Ithaca College  
New York Film Academy

New York University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
University of Rochester  
St. Johns University-Queens  
Syracuse University  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
U.S. Military Academy

### NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

### NORTH DAKOTA

University of North Dakota

### OHIO

Cleveland Institute of Art  
The Ohio State University  
Miami University, Oxford  
Xavier University-Cincinnati

### OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma State University  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Tulsa

### OREGON

University of Oregon  
University of Portland

### PENNSYLVANIA

Drexel University  
Gannon University  
Haverford College  
Penn State University, University Park  
University of Pittsburgh  
Saint Vincent College  
Temple University

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson University  
Sewanee: University of the South  
University of South Carolina

### SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota State University

### TENNESSEE

Belmont University  
Milligan College  
Rhodes College  
Sewanee-University of the South  
Vanderbilt University

### TEXAS

Austin College  
Baylor University  
Concordia University  
University of Dallas  
Houston Baptist University  
University of Houston  
Lamar University  
Lone Star College  
University of North Texas  
Rice University  
Sam Houston State University  
South Plains College  
Southern Methodist University  
Southwestern University  
St. Edward's University  
St. Mary's University of San Antonio  
University of St. Thomas  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Texas A&M University-College Station  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
Texas A&M University-Galveston  
Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
Texas Christian University  
Texas State University  
Texas Tech University  
University of Texas-Arlington  
University of Texas-Austin  
University of Texas-Dallas  
University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley  
( University of Texas-San Antonio  
Trinity University  
University of the Incarnate Word

### VERMONT

Middlebury College

### VIRGINIA

University of Richmond  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Tech  
University of Virginia  
Washington and Lee University

### WYOMING

University of Wyoming

### CANADA

University of British Columbia  
Carleton University-Ottawa