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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

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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