



ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

BASILIAN FATHERS • 1900

2017-2018
School Profile

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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 Road, 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 over 126 zip codes with some students traveling over an hour to and from school each day.

Total Enrollment (9-12): 674	White	56%
Grade 12: 190	Hispanic	27%
Grade 11: 166	Black	6%
Grade 10: 140	Asian	5%
Grade 9: 178	Other	6%

Full-Time Faculty: 70
Advanced Degree: 69%
Doctorate: 5

Student/Faculty Ratio: 10:1

ADMINISTRATION

President

Rev. Kevin Storey, C.S.B.

Principal

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Academic Preparation/Curriculum

College Preparatory Curriculum and Service Requirement

St. Thomas 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.

Advanced/Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

St. Thomas High School offers 22 courses designated advanced or honors and 16 AP courses. Students cannot self-elect to take advanced classes and must meet pre-requisite grade requirements and have faculty recommendation to enroll in these courses. Students enrolled in AP courses are also required to take AP exams. All advanced/honor courses are designated on transcripts and grades are weighted for computation. Both Advanced and AP courses receive an additional 7-point weight calculated into the student's cumulative GPA.

Advanced/Honors Courses

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

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology	French Language
Calculus AB	Music Theory
Calculus BC	Physics 1
Chemistry	Physics 2
Computer Science	Spanish Language
English Literature	US Government
English Language	US History
Environmental Science	World History

The following classes, which are 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.

Graduation Requirements (28 Credits required)

English	4.0 credits	Speech	0.5 credits
Mathematics	4.0 credits	Fine Arts	1.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits	Comp. Tech.	1.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits	Phys. Ed.	1.0 credits
Theology	4.0 credits	Health	0.5 credits
World Lang.	2.0 credits	Electives	2.0 credits

STH Class of 2017 Post-Secondary Enrollment

Size of Class:	172	Public	75%
College Placement:	100%	Private	25%
4-Year Institutions:	96.5%	Out of State	30.4%
2-Year Institutions:	2.9%		
Military	6%		

Grading Scale

A	93-100 (4.0)	B	83-86 (3.0)	C	77-78 (2.0)	D	71-73 (1.0)
A-	90-92 (4.0)	B-	80-82 (3.0)	C-	75-76 (2.0)	D-	70 (1.0)
B+	87-89 (3.3)	C+	79 (2.3)	D+	74 (1.3)	F	<70 (0.0)

Class Rank

St. Thomas High School does not rank. A grade point average is calculated on a 4-point scale with 1 bonus point given for courses marked as Advanced or AP. The GPA is weighted and cumulative. P. E. is not calculated into the GPA. Courses failed during the school year must be made up at STH to regain credit. Summer school grades are not averaged with failed grades and re-calculated into the GPA. Only courses taken at STH are included in GPA calculations.

Standardize Testing: Class of 2015-2017

SAT (Mean Score)	2016	2017	SAT (1600)	2016	2017
				Middle 50% Mean	Middle 50% Mean
Critical Reading	581	602	Reading & Writing	580-680	630
Mathematics	602	592	Mathematics	560-680	610
Writing	559	570	Total	1150-1350	1250
Composite Score	1742	1764			

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

	2015	2016	2017
Number Students	134	155	159
Number of Exams	312	371	381
% of Students 3+	85.1	88.4	86.4

AP AWARDS

	2015	2016	2017
AP Scholars	36	35	31
Scholars with Honors	12	9	9
Scholars with Distinction	16	29	36
National AP Scholars	1	6	1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Exam	Number	Percent 3+	Exam	Number	Percent 3+
Biology	27	96%	French Language	5	60%
Calculus AB	29	66%	Music Theory	4	50%
Calculus BC	22	91%	Physics 1	29	93%
Chemistry	16	56%	Physics 2	6	100%
Computer Science	24	67%	Spanish Language	22	100%
English Language	57	82%	US Government & Politics	49	88%
English Literature	38	95%	US History	48	83%

ACT (Mean Score)

	2015	2016	2017
English	26.3	26.4	26.5
Mathematics	26.3	26.1	26.2
Reading	27.4	27.7	27.1
Science	25.9	25.9	25.8
Composite	26.6	26.7	26.5

NATIONAL MERIT

	2016	2017	2018
Semifinalists	4	3	4
Commended	11	9	
Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	10	8	

Sports and Clubs

Sports:

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

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		

College and Universities Attended, 2014-2017

University of Alabama
Arizona State University
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
Auburn University
Austin College
Babson College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Blinn College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
University of British Columbia
Carleton College
Carleton University
The Catholic University of America
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado College
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Concordia University, Montreal
Cornell University
University of Dallas
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drexel University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Florida Polytechnic University
Fordham University
Gannon University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
University of Georgia
Grand Valley State University
Haverford College
Henderson State University
Hillsdale College
Houston Baptist University
University of Houston
Howard University
University of the Incarnate Word
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Kansas State University
Knox College
Lama University
Lone Star College
Louisiana State University
University of Louisiana
Loyola University, Chicago
Loyola University, New Orleans
Middlebury College
Millsap College
University of Mississippi
Mississippi State University
University of Missouri
New York Film Academy
New York University
University of North Carolina
Northeastern University
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
The Ohio State University
University of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State University
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pittsburgh
Point Loma Nazarene University
University of Portland
Princeton University
Purdue University
University of the Redlands
Rensselaer Polytechnic University
Rhodes College
Rice University
University of Richmond
Ringling College of Art and Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester
Saint Louis University
Saint Vincent College
Sam Houston State University
University of San Diego
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee: the University of the South
University of South Carolina
South Plains College
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
Spring Hill College
St. Edward's University
St. John's University
St. Mary's University, San Antonio
University of St. Thomas
Steven F. Austin State University
Temple University
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University, Galveston
Texas A&M University, Kingsville
Texas Christian University
Texas Southern University
Texas State Technical College, Waco
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin
University of Texas, Dallas
University of Texas, San Antonio
University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
Tougaloo College
Trinity University
Tulane University
University of Tulsa
United States Air Force Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Military Academy
Universidad Iberoamericana
Vanderbilt University
University of Virginia
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of West Alabama
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Xavier University
Yale University