



ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

BASILIAN FATHERS • 1900

2019-2020
School Profile

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St. Thomas High School is a Roman Catholic college preparatory school for young men in grades 9-12. The school was founded by three Basilian priests in the spring of 1900 with the mission to provide secondary education strongly rooted in the teachings of the Catholic faith. Located in nearly the geographic center of Houston, St. Thomas thrives on a lush campus at the corner of Memorial Drive and Shepherd Drive, approximately two miles west of downtown. From its high-tech classrooms and state-of-the-art athletic facilities to the constant celebration of its rich and storied tradition, St. Thomas prides itself on providing the most fulfilling and well-rounded high school experience to inquisitive young men during some of the most formative years of their lives.

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 an 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 for their STH brothers who could not otherwise afford to attend.

Enrollment:

The student body is representative of the city of Houston with students who come from over 126 zip codes, including students whose desire is so great to attend STH that they are willing to travel over an hour to and from school each day.

Total Enrollment (9-12): 595

Grade 12: 131
Grade 11: 157
Grade 10: 123
Grade 9: 184

Ethnicity Breakdown

White	60%
Hispanic	18%
Black	5%
Asian	6%
Other	11%

Full-Time Faculty: 64

w/ Advanced Degrees: 56% w/ Doctorate: 14%

Student/Faculty Ratio: 10:1

ADMINISTRATION

President

Rev. James Murphy, CSB

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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 their 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 this Catholic Social Teaching. While the service program is an obligation for each student, it is a rewarding one. Students are encouraged to view this as a way to serve God's people in their community and throughout the world and to learn from the experience. 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 as advanced or honors and 19 College Board certified Advanced Placement 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 GPA calculation.

Advanced / Honors Courses

Advanced English I, II	Advanced Biology
Advanced Geometry	Advanced Chemistry
Advanced Algebra II / Trig	Advanced Spanish I, II, III
Advanced Algebra / Geom.	Advanced Latin I, II, III
Advanced Pre-Calculus	Advanced French III
Advanced Economics	Advanced Mandarin I, II, III
Advanced World Geography & Culture	Advanced Computer Sci.
	Advanced Scripture

Advanced Placement Courses

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

The following classes, which are designated as regular or elective courses, use a college-level textbook: Biology, U.S. in Conflict, U.S. in World Affairs, and Pre-Calculus.

Graduation Requirements (28 Credits required)

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

STH Class of 2019 Post-Secondary Enrollment

Size of Class:	159	Public	74%
College Placement:	100%	Private	26%
4-Year Institutions:	91%	Out of State	25%
2-Year Institutions:	9%		

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 of 2020 Weighted GPA Distribution: Highest: 4.76 Lowest: 1.71 Mean: 3.32

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. Phys. Ed. is not calculated into the GPA. Courses failed during the school year must be made up at STH to regain credit. Summer school grades award credit and do no impact GPA. Only courses taken at STH are included in GPA calculation.

Standardize Testing

ACT (Mean Score)	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	SAT	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>	
				Middle 50%	Mean	Middle 50%	Mean
English	27.1	25.6					
Mathematics	26.3	25.0	Reading & Writing	570-660	620	550-650	600
Reading	28.2	27.5	Mathematics	560-670	620	540-670	601
Science	26.8	25.6	Total	1135-1325	1240	1100-1300	1201
Composite	26.7	25.7					

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Number Students	159	184	175
Number of Exams	381	365	334
% of Students 3+	86.2	82.1	86.3

AP AWARDS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
AP Scholars	31	26	30
Scholars with Honors	9	7	15
Scholars with Distinction	36	23	14
National AP Scholars	1	7	1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent 3+</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent 3+</u>
Biology	20	85%	Music Theory	5	80%
Calculus AB	16	44%	Physics 1	30	47%
Calculus BC	14	57%	Physics 2	8	63%
Chemistry	8	63%	Spanish Language	14	100%
Computer Sci A	7	100%	Statistics	7	71%
English Language	40	80%	US Government & Politics	27	74%
English Literature	33	97%	US History	30	100%
Environmental Sci	14	57%	World History	57	88%
French Language	3	100%			

NATIONAL MERIT

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Semifinalists	4	0	TBA
Commended	11	1	TBA
Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	7	5	TBA

Sports and Clubs

Sports:

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

Clubs:

Art Club	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Jazz Band	Quiz Bowl
Asian Culture Club	Eagle Ambassadors	Latin Club	Robotics
Band	Eagle Broadcast News	Math Club	Rocketry Club
Best Buddies	Eagle Guard	Math/Reading Aces	Senior Leaders
Billiards/Bowling Club	Eagles for Life	Model U. N.	Spanish Club
Book Club	Environmental Club	Movie Club	St. Thomas Club
Chess Club	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	National Honor Society	Student Council
Columbian Squires	Fortnite Club	Pre-Med Club	TAPPS Academics
Debate/Forensics	French Club	Publications	Ultimate Frisbee
Drama Club	Java Club		

College and Universities Attended, 2016-2019

Arizona State University	Missouri University of Science and Technology	The University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
Auburn University	New York University	The University of Texas, Arlington
Austin College	Northwestern University	The University of Texas, Austin
Baylor University	Norwich University	The University of Texas, Dallas
Boston University	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	The University of Texas, San Antonio
California Lutheran University	Oklahoma State University	Trinity University
Carroll College	Orange Coast College	Tulane University
Central Michigan University	Pepperdine University	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Chaminade University of Honolulu	Point Loma Nazarene University	United States Military Academy - Army
Claremont McKenna College	Prairie View A&M University	Universidad Iberoamericana
Clemson University	Purdue University	University of Arkansas
Colorado School of Mines	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Chicago
Colorado State University	Rhodes College	University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music
Concordia University - Montreal	Rice University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Cornell University	Richland College	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Creighton University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Dallas
DePaul University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Georgia
Drexel University	Saint John's University (NY)	University of Houston
Elon University	Saint Louis University	University of Houston, Downtown
Embry-Riddle University	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Houston, Victoria
Emory University	Sam Houston State University	University of Louisiana
Florida Polytechnic University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Fordham University	Schreiner University	University of Miami
George Mason University	Seton Hall University	University of Michigan
Georgetown University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Mississippi
Grand Valley State University	Southern Methodist University	University of Missouri Columbia
Gustavus Adolphus College	Southwestern University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Harvard University	Spring Hill College	University of North Texas
Hampton University	St. Edward's University	University of Pennsylvania
Haverford College	St. John's College	University of Portland
Henderson State University	St. Mary's University of San Antonio	University of Redlands
Hillsdale College	Stephen F. Austin State University	University of Richmond
Houston Baptist University	Temple University	University of Rochester
Howard University	Texas A&M University	University of San Diego
Indiana University at Bloomington	Texas A&M University, Commerce	University of South Carolina
Jacksonville University	Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi	University of Southern California
Johns Hopkins University	Texas A&M University, Galveston	University of St Andrews
Lafayette College	Texas Christian University	University of St. Thomas
Lamar University	Texas Southern University	University of Tennessee
Louisiana State University	Texas State Technical College, Waco	University of the Incarnate Word
Louisiana Tech University	Texas State University	University of Tulsa
Loyola Marymount University	Texas Tech University	University of Waterloo
Loyola University Chicago	The Catholic University of America	University of Wyoming
Loyola University New Orleans	The Citadel	Vanderbilt University
Miami University, Oxford	The George Washington University	Washington and Lee University
Middlebury College	The University of Alabama	Washington University in St. Louis
Millsaps College	The University of Arizona	Wittenberg University
Mississippi State University	The University of Oklahoma	Yale University