



ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

BASILIAN FATHERS • 1900

2018-2019
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 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): 598

Grade 12: 163
Grade 11: 131
Grade 10: 169
Grade 9: 135

Ethnicity Breakdown

White 60%
Hispanic 21%
Black 5%
Asian 6%
Other 8%

Full-Time Faculty: 67
Faculty with Advanced Degrees: 70%
Faculty with Doctorate: 13%

Student/Faculty Ratio: 10:1

ADMINISTRATION

Interim President
Rev. James Murphy, CSB

Principal
Aaron Dominguez

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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 17 College Board certified Advanced Placement courses. Students cannot self-elect to take advanced classes and must meet prerequisite 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.

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, IV
Advanced Pre-Calculus	Advanced French III, IV
Advanced Economics	Advanced Mandarin I, II
Advanced World Geography & Culture	Advanced Computer Sci.

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology	Music Theory
Calculus AB	Physics 1
Calculus BC	Physics 2
Chemistry	Spanish Language
Computer Science	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 2018 Post-Secondary Enrollment

Size of Class:	187	Public	74%
College Placement:	100%	Private	26%
4-Year Institutions:	94%	Out of State	26%
2-Year Institutions:	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. 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 not impact GPA. Only courses taken at STH are included in GPA calculation.

Standardize Testing

ACT (Mean Score)	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	SAT	<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>	
				Middle 50%	Mean	Middle 50%	Mean
English	26.5	27.1					
Mathematics	26.2	26.3	Reading & Writing	590-680	640	570-660	620
Reading	27.1	28.2	Mathematics	575-680	630	560-670	620
Science	25.8	26.8	Total	1170-1350	1270	1135-1325	1240
Composite	26.5	26.7					

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Number Students	155	159	184
Number of Exams	371	381	364
% of Students 3+	88.4	86.4	82.1

AP AWARDS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
AP Scholars	35	31	26
Scholars with Honors	9	9	7
Scholars with Distinction	29	36	23
National AP Scholars	6	1	7

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SCORES FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent 3+</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent 3+</u>
Biology	23	83%	French Language	3	100%
Calculus AB	19	53%	Music Theory	4	100%
Calculus BC	14	93%	Physics 1	9	78%
Chemistry	15	67%	Physics 2	10	100%
Computer Science	7	100%	Spanish Language	16	94%
English Language	39	79%	US Government & Politics	50	74%
English Literature	24	96%	US History	34	91%
Environmental Sci	52	38%	World History	35	97%

NATIONAL MERIT

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Semifinalists	3	4	1
Commended	9	11	TBA
Nat'l Hispanic Scholar	8	7	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, 2015-2018

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