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St. Thomas High School  
Mothers' Club Meeting  
November 11, 2021  
Agenda

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12 in person, 15 on zoom

- I. Welcome/Opening Prayer Father Jim Murphy, CSB  
Open in prayer at noon
- Thank you for all involved in Gala, exceptional evening
  - Coach Schwarzbach nephew still raving about it and family felt honored
  - Senior Night – honored football, band, cheer, Eagle guard, IWA dance team  
Great to see all that are involved in life of St. Thomas
  - Arsenic and Old Lace Drama – thank you for all who were involved
  - St. Thomas singers performed with IWA singers, first concert in 2 years. Dr. Wilson did an incredible job
  - Football Team – onto playoffs, bye this week 11/20 first playoff game
  - Board of Directors – Campus Master Planning Task [last time 2014-2015 with purchase of Joplin] – best way to integrate the 2 campuses and what does future hold for STH
    - Baseball Field – approximately 10 months to complete
    - Occupancy Tag for Basil Hall in process of getting it changed from residence to part of Campus Master Plan – change from residence to office space. This change allows for further renovations to happen in this building, office spaces up and down stairs, fully move business office to this building and thus opening more academic space
  - Open House is on December 5<sup>th</sup>  
We want to speak the same language and understand as parents the more versed you are with plans of day to day and future the better you can relay information about STH – give best version of STH in your words. Impact of our words is huge with prospective families. Concerns of 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and how can we alleviate those concerns. Credit faculty member or coach – because we came to STH we can see this specific area of growth
  - ISEE tests 11/13 and 11/20 on campus
  - Hot Art/Cool Jazz this past week – lovely evening of the arts
  - Thank you for everything we do.
  - Tragedy of Astroworld – many boys knew the victims, praying for this at mass, counseling team is making themselves available to the boys, fully aware of the impact to the boys
  - Pray that our families get to come together and enjoy Thanksgiving break
  - Live Christmas Eve mass at STH, 5pm – anyone is invited, large alumni turnout every year
  - Advice to Mothers' Club – when evaluating an event, don't need to correct much from this Gala
- II. President's Report Father Jim Murphy, CSB
- III. Principal's Report Dr. Aaron Dominguez '96
- IV. Guest Speaker Chelette Stevenson, Director of Counseling
- \*\*Powerpoint from College Counseling also posted on Mothers' Club Page on Website\*\*
- Boys are amazing, flexibility and persistence, everything seems to be going strong
  - Counseling Department has changed: 2 new counselors

- Marisa Waybright – comes from Yes Prep, new counselor and the boys adore her, J-Mi Alpha Split
  - Shanee Bryan – borrowed from SAA, Mo-R alpha split
  - Kim Shipman A-De
  - Regina Dunford Di-I
  - Chelette Stephenson S-Z
  - Kristine Meier – Alexa of Counseling, College Counseling Specialist
  - Thomson Ivins – Choices Counselors, very intentional with counseling and providing social and emotional support
  - Staffany Bowman – Academic counselor, mostly with Freshmen
- 4 year scope and sequence – see attached
    - Class of 2021 – reaching out to see how college is going
    - Class of 2021 – 14 million in scholarships, boys went all of the USA, Map of where all of our boys in different locations and helping future grads understand other colleges
  - Test Prep – English and Math classes, teachers being more intentional in teaching
  - Academic Planning [LEC, talking to teacher, etc]
  - YouScience – aptitude/personality tests, resume building, determine strengths and how to use at STH
  - Spring Semester:
    - January – Academic Planning [May 15<sup>th</sup> to change], based on this semester grades
    - College Counseling Choices Programs – Coffee Chats in morning, offering evening zoom sessions
    - Summer Programs – Experiential Learning Camps & College Apps Bootcamps
      - Urban Planning Camp, Match with Business
  - Testing – SAT/ACT School Day, PSAT & Scores Review, Test Prep
  - Alumni Mentor Program – 86 mentors and trying to grow the program, meeting on campus and build relationships, 200 men already have been mentors [Contact Kim Shipman if interested], ends in February and hopefully will have a summer program
    - Engineers, Business – marketing, accounting, urban planning, etc,
  - Counseling is here to help us and encourage communication and support us
  - STH Counseling page – newsletter each week sign up/subscribe for the newsletter, start highlighting topics each week

V. Officer Reports

A. President

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Thank You's

- Auction Chairs and Catherine Chandler, Mark deTranaltres, Father Murphy and Dr. Dominguez and everyone else who had a hand in auction
- Father/Son Mass – Marna Dickinson chaired event, went through 1500 donuts
- House System – Angela Longo, Tina Wusterhausen, Kara Trail, Pam Angeletti brought donuts to STH
- Eagle Treats – Paula Marsh, Dawn Griffiths, pies delivered today to faculty and staff
- Cookie Committee – Paige Dominey
- Arsenic and Old Lace – fantastic review, Mr. Green, faculty and volunteers
- Football team in playoffs – could be in town game or between here and Dallas

B. Vice President

Raeanne Walker

- Auction was so fun, thank you, everyone dressed up, women and men, great event all the way to the end with the band
- Come together as a community – father/son mass a lot of people supporting the community

C. Treasurer

Jenny Hanks

No report

D. Communications

Tina Wusterhausen

No report

- E. Recording Secretary Julie Perry  
Minutes approved, motion to approve: Angela Platsas, seconded: Stephanie Yankowsky
- F. Past President Holly Schlosser  
No report

VI. Big 3 Updates

- A. Auction/Gala Angie Clinton, Julie Perry, Stephanie Yankowsky
- Amazing auction
  - Thank you to everyone involved: committee, attendees, Catherine and Mark, Father Murphy, Aaron Dominguez
  - Thank you to Sergio's team
  - Raised approximately \$650,000 [\$500,000 goal]
- B. Round Up Melina Bellomo, Michelle Marlar, Barbara Villafranca
- Volunteers – Freshmen and Sophomore moms shadow moms so you can carry on the events in following years
  - Round Up – heart and soul of STH, allows anyone to benefit from GDK
  - Sons benefited from Round Up through volunteering and funds scholarships
  - Dates: Meetings at 6pm 1/20 in Basil Hall, 2/17 in Basil Hall, 3/3 in Cemo
  - Vendors coming to Round Up – alumni owned
  - Website & sign up to volunteer
- C. Style Show Gwen McKeehan, Angela Platsas, Lisa Weaver
- Freshmen moms – would love to see you come out and volunteer for Sytle Show
  - Great notebooks of information for volunteers
  - Working behind the scenes, theme is set, jewelry being chosen
  - Senior moms getting emails next week to submit application to participate
  - Mimosas for fun
  - Style Show –  
2 components:  
Modeling: mom and son quick down the runway  
Rose Ceremony – on stage give mom a rose and read letter from son  
hint: bright bold tropical colors

V. Standing Committee & Special Events

- A. Social Events Heather Curran Kelly, Stephanie Bourg
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – Black Walnut, lunch 11:30am [5512 Memorial Drive]
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30pm White Elephant Gift Exchange, Heather Curran Kelly's home, RSVP with Savory/Sweet Light Bite or Beverage of your choice
- B. Admissions Emily Guyre
- ISEE 11/14 and January – no recurring during the test
- Open House 12/5 – still need volunteers on MC sign up genius
- C. Christmas Decorating Meryl Gregory
- 6 – 8 Christmas trees on campus
- Toms Moms help organize
- Felicia Sutton on 11/17 and 11/19 8:30am, decorating day – come and help decorate for Christmas, light lunch, sign up genius will be sent out

- D. Cookie Committee  
November 17th & December 10<sup>th</sup> – still need to bake and hand out cookies
- E. Eagle Treats  
November 11<sup>th</sup> [today] – each faculty and staff received a pie  
December 8<sup>th</sup>
- F. Eagle Elves – Alejandra Creixell Pacini / Amber Caver  
Families in our community that might have needs during Christmas

VI. Old Business

- A. Thanks to all our volunteers for Mothers' Club events in October/early November
- B. Past Successful Events:  
Father Son Mass  
Come Together Auction & Gala

VII. New Business

- A. Mother Son Mass, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am [Gym and Cemo]  
Courtyard Reception – kolache and donuts  
2 stations for photos in Mary Moody  
Booster Club set up in Hall of Honor
- B. Mothers' Club Luncheon, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
\$50 – lunch, glass of wine and valet, door prizes, limited at 110
- C. Christmas Fund  
Tradition to donate to Christmas gift fund [tax deductible] for the faculty and staff and divided up amongst all employees from maintenance to teachers to administration

VIII. Closing Comments/Meeting Adjourned

**Next Mothers' Club Mass & General Meeting will be Thursday, December 8th, 2021 at Mothers' Club Christmas Luncheon**

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Check for times on the STH Website)

November 10 - December 15th - Christmas Gift Fund for faculty and staff

November 17 - Cookie Committee

November 18 - Moms' Social – Black Walnut

December 8 – Eagle Treats

December 8 - Booster Club Christmas Merchandise Sale - 9am, Stadium

December 8 – Mother Son Mass, 7:45am

December 8 - Mothers' Club Christmas Luncheon at Damian's at 10:30am and Baby Drive for Depelchin.

December 10 – Eagle Treats – Christmas GC








December 10– Cookie Committee

Adjourned at 1:07pm



**MOTHER'S CLUB 11/11/21**

# MEET THE TEAM!

Counselor		Last Names
Kim Shipman		A-De
Regina Dunford		Di-I
Marisa Waybright		J-Mi
Shanee Bryan		Mo-R
Chelette Stephenson		S-Z
Kristine Meier		College Counseling Specialist
Thomson Ivins		Choices Counselor
Staffany Bowman		Counselor





# ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING

## 9TH GRADE

- Meet your counselor!
- Start using your GPA to track academic growth
- Take the PSAT
- Begin exploring colleges through our college visits

## 10TH GRADE

- Continue to grow your college knowledge and build your college list
- Explore career options using different tools like YouScience
- Take the PSAT
- Track your continued academic growth using your GPA

## 11TH GRADE

- Take the PSAT for National Merit Scholarship Qualification
- Prepare for and take the SAT and ACT
- Work with your counselor to develop a college application plan and finalize college list based on match / fit factors
- Request letters of recommendation from your teachers

## 12TH GRADE

- Continue tracking academic growth using GPA
- Apply to college with the support of your counselor using groundwork from previous years
- Receive support on scholarships and financial aid applications
- Ensure that all matriculation tasks are completed for a smooth transition to college

**UNCOMPROMISING** ACADEMICS. **UNCOMMON** BROTHERHOOD.





# CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2021

- 1052 Applications Submitted
- 734 Acceptances
- \$14,856,855 in Scholarships

## TESTING & AWARDS

### 2021 TESTING PROFILE

#### **SAT COMPOSITE SCORES**

Reading & Writing: 623

Mathematics: 628

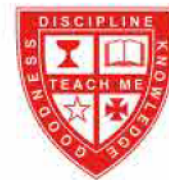
Average Total: 1250

#### **ACT COMPOSITE SCORES**

Highest: 36

Lowest: 15

Average: 26



### **AP AWARDS**

AP Scholars: 31

Scholars with Honors: 27

Scholars with Distinction: 24

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING**

Students Tested: 234

Exams Administered: 440

Scoring 3 or higher: 72%

### **NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION**

Finalists: 3 | Semifinalists: 4

National Hispanic Scholars: 2



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## 1 - California

University of San Diego

## 2 - Arizona

Arizona State University

## 3 - Idaho

University of Idaho

## 4 - Colorado

Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University  
University of Denver

## 5 - North Dakota

University of North Dakota

## 6 - Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University  
University of Tulsa (2)

## 7 - Texas

Baylor University (4)  
Coastal Bend College  
Rice University  
Sam Houston State University (3)  
Southern Methodist University (4)  
Southwestern University  
St. Edward's University  
Texas A&M University - College Station (31)  
Texas A&M University - Galveston (2)  
Texas Christian University (2)  
Texas State University  
Texas Tech University (12)  
Trinity University (2)  
University of Houston (12)

University of Houston - Downtown (2)

The University of Texas at Austin (4)  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
The University of Texas at San Antonio (2)

## 8 - Louisiana

Louisiana State University (7)  
Louisiana Tech University  
Tulane University

## 9 - Arkansas

University of Arkansas (4)

## 10 - Mississippi

Mississippi State University  
University of Mississippi (4)

## 11 - Alabama

University of Alabama (2)

## 12 - Tennessee

Rhodes College  
University of Tennessee  
Vanderbilt University

## 13 - Wisconsin

Beloit College  
Marquette University

## 14 - Indiana

Indiana University  
Purdue University (2)  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

## 15 - Michigan

Michigan State University

## 16 - Ohio

Franciscan University of Steubenville  
University of Akron

## 17 - Pennsylvania

Franklin & Marshall College

## 18 - New York

Fordham University  
New York University  
Syracuse University  
United States Military Academy

## 19 - Massachusetts

Babson College  
Bentley University  
Suffolk University  
Wentworth Institute of Technology

## 20 - Maryland

Morgan State University  
United States Naval Academy

## 21 - Washington D.C.

The Catholic University of America  
Howard University

## 22 - Virginia

Old Dominion University  
Virginia Tech

## 23 - South Carolina

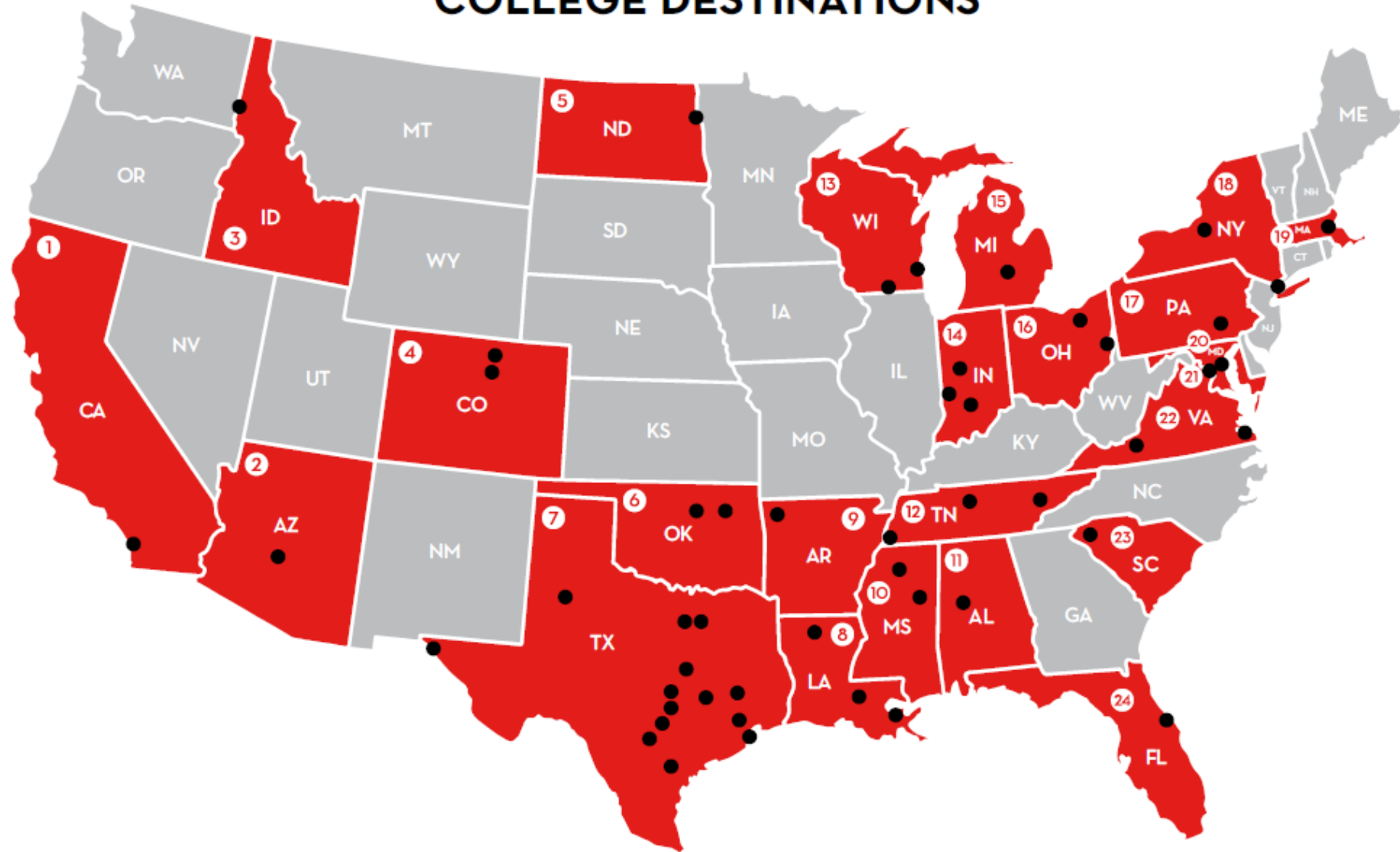
Clemson University (2)

## 24 - Florida

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



# COLLEGE DESTINATIONS



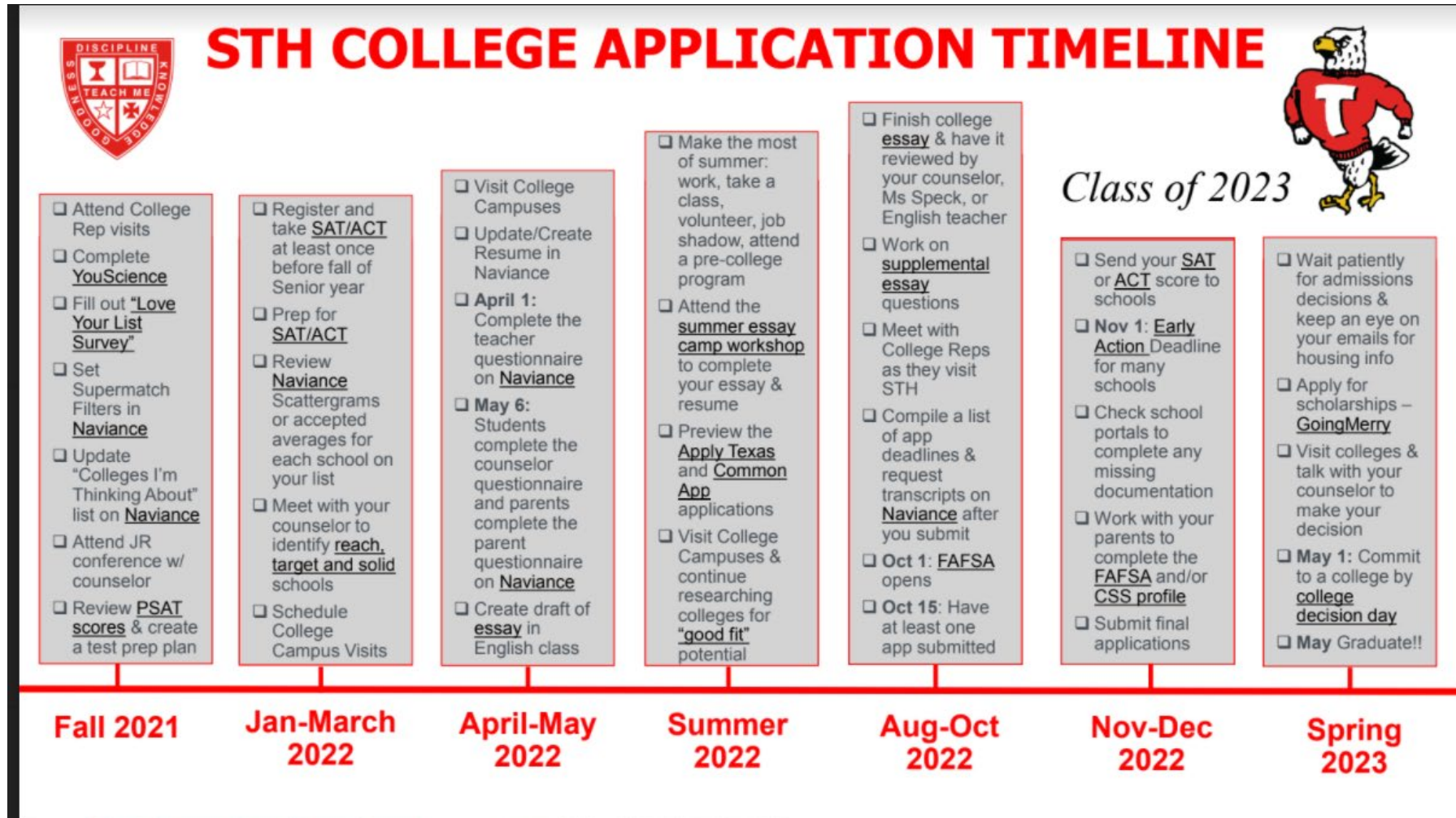
# CLASS OF 2022 SO FAR!

- 793 Applications Submitted
- 61 acceptances, and we're just getting started!
- \$289,000 in merit scholarships already!
  
- Average GPA: 3.62
- Average SAT: 1250
- Average ACT: 26



# CLASS OF 2023

## JUNIOR CONFERENCES ARE HAPPENING NOW!



# CLASS OF 2024 & 2025

## FALL 2021

### Academic Planning

Naviance Goal Setting  
Calculator

GPA

Academic Support



### PSAT Testing: October

October: Testing and Prepping in Class

December: What your scores means  
workshops



### YouScience

Resume Building

Determine Strengths and how to use  
at STH



4 year Academic  
Planning

College Counseling

Choices Programs

Summer Programs: Experiential Learning Camps  
& College Apps Bootcamps

Testing:  
SAT & ACT School Day  
PSAT & Scores Review  
Test Prep

Individual Counseling Sessions  
Small Groups: Academic & SEL Support  
Alumni Mentor Program



# NEXT STEPS FOR YOU

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