

Christian Formation

The Chaplain plans and implements programs for students, faculty, and staff to develop the Catholic faith-life and the formation of moral and social values.

Living the Faith Service Program

Students reach outside themselves in the Spirit of Christ by serving others in need. Through parish, school, and community projects students experience a rich diversity of opportunities, develop a broader sense of citizenship and gain knowledge regarding potential career paths. **Students are required to complete 150 hours of community service prior to graduation.**

Student Services

Each new student meets privately with the counselor to develop a four-year academic plan. All students meet with the counselor during the school year for academic advising and course registration. Social emotional counseling is provided on a short-term basis with referrals made if necessary. College and career guidance is offered to all students. Every effort is made to offer individual tutoring for students when needed.

Graduates

The first class to graduate from The High School of Saint Thomas More was the Class of 2003. Ninety-nine percent of all STM graduates have attended a post-secondary college or university. Over \$3.1 in merit scholarships were awarded to students in the Class of 2011. Eighty percent of this graduating class attended a four-year academic institution, and 20 percent attended a two-year institution. Colleges and universities accepting STM students include:

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| American University | Lawrence University | Texas Tech University |
| The American Musical & Dramatic Academy | Loras College | The School of the Art Institute |
| Augustana College | Loyola University-Chicago | Truman State University |
| Ave Maria University | Marquette University | UCLA |
| Ball State University | Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences | United States Military Academy at West Point |
| Barry University | Miami University-Ohio | United States Naval Academy |
| Beloit College | Michigan State University | University of Arizona |
| Bellarmino University | Miliken University | University of Chicago |
| Belmont University | Milwaukee School of Engineering | University of Cincinnati |
| Berklee College of Music | Montana State University | University of Colorado-Boulder |
| Boston University | Morehouse College | University of Dallas |
| Bradley University | Murray State University | University of Dayton |
| Brigham Young University | New York University | University of Evansville |
| Butler University | North Central College | University of Georgia |
| Calvin College | Northern Illinois University | University of Illinois-Chicago |
| Carthage College | Northwestern University | University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana |
| Catholic University of America | Ohio Northern University | University of Iowa |
| Clemson University | Ohio State University | University of Kentucky |
| Colorado State University | Parsons-The New School for Design | University of Miami |
| Columbia College-Chicago | Pennsylvania State University | University of Minnesota-Twin Cities |
| Concordia University | Pomona College | University of Missouri-Columbia |
| Cornell College | Pratt Institute | University of Nebraska-Lincoln |
| DePauw University | Princeton University | University of New Hampshire at Manchester |
| Drake University | Purdue University | University of Nevada-Las Vegas |
| Earlham College | Quincy University | University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill |
| Eastern Illinois University | Rhode Island School of Design | University of Notre Dame |
| Elmhurst College | Rhodes College | University of Pennsylvania |
| Embry-Riddle | Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology | University of San Diego |
| Aeronautical University | Rutgers University | University of Texas-Austin |
| Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising | Saint John's University | University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| Fisk University | Saint Joseph's College | University of Vermont |
| Flagler College | Saint Louis University | University of Washington |
| Florida State University | Saint Louis College of Pharmacy | Valparaiso University |
| Franciscan University | Saint Mary's College | Villanova University |
| The George Washington University | Saint Xavier University | Virginia Tech |
| Georgetown University | Santa Clara University | Wake Forest University |
| The Illinois Institute of Art | Savannah College of Art and Design | Washington University |
| Illinois Institute of Technology | Southern Illinois University-Carbondale | Webster University |
| Illinois State University | Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville | Wellesley College |
| Illinois Wesleyan University | State University of New York-Oswego | Western Illinois University |
| Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary at St. Mary's University of Minnesota | Stetson University | Wisconsin Lutheran College |
| Indiana State University | Syracuse University | Xavier University |
| Indiana University-Bloomington | Taylor University | |
| Institut Catholique de Paris, France | | |
| James Madison University | | |
| Kettering University | | |
| Knox College | | |

Faculty and Administration

All faculty members are college graduates. Sixty percent of the faculty hold an advanced degree.

Total Teaching Staff = 27
Student Services Staff = 1
Student-Faculty ratio = 10 to 1
Academic Success Staff = 1

Tim Millage Principal
Mike Scholz Assistant Principal
Fr. Rob Lampitt Chaplain
Ali Boatright Director of Student Services

Kay Reiser Director of Advancement
Bridget To Director of Finance
Dan Hennessey Athletic Director
Dave Glenn Director of Technology

Organizations

Ambassadors, Art Club, Band, Chess Club, Chorus, Computer Club, Fall Follies Variety Show, Math Team/Club, National Honor Society, Interact Club, Parkland Challenge Team, Pep Club, Photography, Prom Committee, Sabers for Life, Saberettes Dance Squad, Spanish Club, Speech and Debate, Spring Musical, STM Mentor, Student Council, Yearbook Staff

Sports

Baseball, Basketball (boys/girls), Cheerleading, Cross Country, Fishing, Football, Golf (boys/girls), Soccer (boys/girls), Softball, Swimming (boys/girls), Tennis (boys/girls), Track (boys/girls), Volleyball, Wrestling



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SCHOOL PROFILE
 2011|2012

The High School of

SAINT THOMAS MORE



FAITH BASED

CHRIST-LIKE SERVICE

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Mission Statement

The High School of Saint Thomas More is a community of students, administrators, faculty, staff, and families who are committed to teaching the Catholic Faith and providing a strong program of education and formation which reflects the best of those current educational principles and practices consistent with the Teaching Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church.

STM is committed to the development of its students spiritually, morally, intellectually, and physically in an atmosphere of respect and reverence that will enable them to fulfill their Baptismal Call to witness to Jesus Christ in the modern world.

School History

STM is the seventh and newest high school of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. Opening its doors in August of 2000, this comprehensive, co-educational, four-year high school with a college preparatory emphasis has an enrollment of 300 for the 2011-2012 academic term. A total of 569 students have graduated over the last nine years from STM.

Student Population

The student population is made up of 300 for the 2011-2012 school year, with 79 seniors and 60 incoming freshmen. Students are admitted to STM without regard to race, religion, color, sex, nationality or ethnic origin. Thirteen percent of students are members of minority groups. Fifteen percent are non-Catholic. Financial assistance is available to Catholic students, and approximately thirteen percent receive aid. Ninety-nine percent of all STM graduates have attended a post-secondary college or university.

Average ACT Composite Scores

Ninety-nine percent of STM Students have participated in the ACT since the inception of the school. The average ACT score listed below for the Class of 2011 is calculated by using the single highest score from each student. The top 25% of STM graduating seniors have consistently averaged an ACT score of 30 for the past four years.

STM Average	Nat'l Average	Illinois Average
26	21.1	20.8

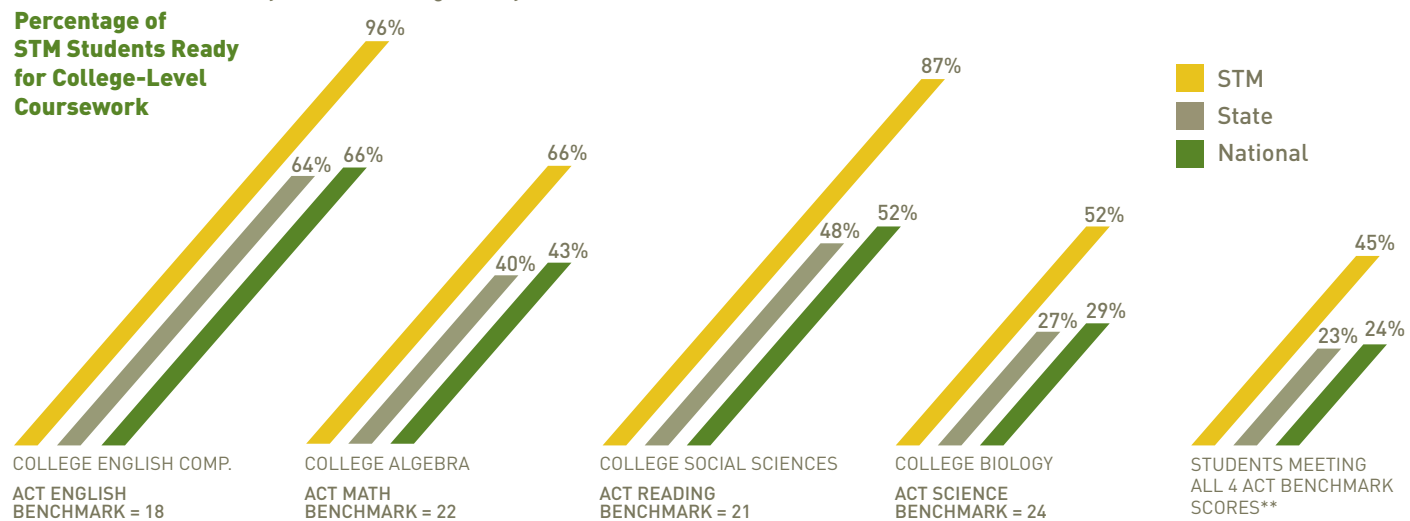
National Merit Semi Finalists from 2000 to 2011 = 1
 National Merit Commended Students from 2000 to 2011 = 9
 Illinois State Scholars from 2000 to 2011 = 123

National Latin Examination results from 2002 to 2011:
 Perfect = 10, Gold = 71, Silver = 44, Third = 17

Curriculum

The standard school day consists of eight forty-seven minute

Percentage of STM Students Ready for College-Level Coursework



** A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course.

periods. Graduates are awarded a high school diploma and may also achieve a college preparatory certificate by satisfying the following minimum requirements.

Subject	Diploma	Certificate
Theology	4.00	4.00
English	4.00	4.00
Mathematics	3.00	4.00
Science	2.00	4.00
Social Studies	2.00	2.00*
Foreign Language	0.00	2.00*
Fine Arts	0.00	1.00
Physical Education	2.25	2.25
Electives	6.25	2.25

*Colleges sometimes prefer three or more credits for each.

To earn the high school diploma, a student must earn a total of 23.50 units. The college preparatory certificate requires 25.50 units with specific curricular units. Three years of Physical Education is required of all students at STM whether they participate in athletics or not.

Grade Point Averages

The High School of Saint Thomas More offers honors classes and a weighted grading scale is utilized for those classes. The range for the grade point averages is as follows.

Range	Letter Grade	Unweighted Points	Weighted Points
97.5+	A+	4.333	5.333
95.0 – 97.4	A	4.000	5.000
92.5 – 94.9	A-	3.667	4.667
90.0 – 92.4	B+	3.333	4.333
87.5 – 89.9	B	3.000	4.000
85.0 – 87.4	B-	2.667	3.667
82.5 – 84.9	C+	2.333	2.333
80.0 – 82.4	C	2.000	2.000
77.5 – 79.9	C-	1.667	1.667
75.0 – 77.4	D+	1.333	1.333
72.5 – 74.9	D	1.000	1.000
70.0 – 72.4	D-	0.667	0.667

Only classes taken at STM are included on student transcripts and used when calculating the student cumulative GPA.

Course Offerings

ENGLISH
 English 9
 English 9 Accelerated (offered only 2008-09 academic year)
 English 10 & English 10H: World Literature & Composition
 English 11: American Literature & Composition
 English 11H: American Literature & Composition
 English 12: British Literature & Composition
 English 12AP: British Literature & Composition

FINE ARTS
 Art I: Art Survey
 Art II: Two-Dimensional Art (one semester)
 Art II: Three-Dimensional Art (one semester)
 Art III
 Art IV: AP Studio Art
 Portfolio Development
 Art as a Hobby
 Drawing I and II
 Ceramics I and II
 Band
 Concert Choir
 Guitar
 Percussion I and II
 Yearbook

FOREIGN LANGUAGES
 Latin I, II, III, and IV
 Spanish I, II, III, IV, and V
 Spanish Mentoring

MATHEMATICS
 Algebra IA, IB, I, II and Algebra II Honors
 Intermediate Algebra
 Statistics
 Pre-Calculus & Calculus
 Plane Geometry, Geometry and Honors Geometry

Weighted Grades and Classes

Honors classes and Advanced Placement courses are designed as weighted classes. Weighted grades will be used in computing a student's grade point average. No student at The High School of Saint Thomas More is allowed more than five (5) weighted classes per semester without approval by the Principal. STM offers 16 Honors courses and 3 Advancement Placement courses.

Academic Honors

Class rank is not calculated. The class valedictorian is the student with the highest cumulative GPA at the end of seven semesters, and the class salutatorian is the student with the second highest.

Accreditation and Affiliation

STM is accredited by the North Central Association as a college preparatory high school and is fully recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. The High School of Saint Thomas More is a member of the National Catholic Education Association and the Illinois High School Association.

SCIENCE
 Integrated Science
 Biology I and II
 Environmental Science
 Chemistry I and II
 Physics I and II
 Earth Science I and II
 Anatomy & Physiology

SOCIAL STUDIES/SOCIAL SCIENCE
 World History I and II
 American History & American History H*
 US Government (one semester)
 Economics (one semester)
 Sociology
 Psychology

COMPUTER SCIENCE (tech classes are one semester each)
 Keyboarding
 Computer Concepts & Advanced Computer Concepts
 Desktop Publishing I
 Desktop Publishing II
 Technology Online I
 Technology Online II
 Intro to Computer Operations*

THEOLOGY (classes are one semester each)
 Old Testament /New Testament (Grade 9)
 Fundamental Morality/Sacraments (Grade 10)
 Church History/Christian Vocation (Grade 11)
 Faith & Reason/Advanced Morality (Grade 12)
 Faith & Reason Honors (Grade 12)

OTHER
 Driver's Education
 Library Science & Information Skills
 Physical Education and Health

Courses in bold designate Honors Classes.
 Courses with an asterisk (*) designate dual credit classes