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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

2022-2023 SCHOOL PROFILE

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an expert in educating and developing boys. Our mission – to develop boys into men of character – is our promise to students, families, the community and the world. We accomplish this through the transformative power of an educational and life experience deeply rooted in our four foundational pillars – Catholic, college preparatory, military leadership and all male – which inspire servant leadership, academic excellence, and create a deep sense of brotherhood that spans generations of alumni.

Saint Thomas Academy's rigorous curriculum fosters a lifelong respect for knowledge and an abiding spirit of inquiry, analytical thinking, creative expression, elective communication skills and independent study. Students immerse themselves in their studies with great energy and extreme focus, whether exploring broad genres of literature and writing, or honing skills in algebra or calculus. The faculty expertly design their lectures, classroom exercises, homework and hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for boys, inspiring every student to discover his passion and reach his full potential.

STUDENTS

Saint Thomas Academy serves a dynamic population of approximately 590 boys in grades 6-12, who reside in the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. Admission is selective, based on past academic performance, placement exam results and personal interviews. Nearly 50% of students receive need-based financial aid, making an Academy education more accessible to a broad and increasingly diverse range of students. While Saint Thomas Academy is a Catholic, Archdiocesan school, roughly 20% of our students are not Catholic.

SCHOOL CODE: 242320

FACULTY

50 full-time faculty, approximately 89% of whom have advanced degrees. Our average class size is 18, with a 10:1 student-faculty ratio.

CLASS RANK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Class of 2022 Highest GPA: 4.3; **Average GPA:** 3.5.

Grades are weighted. Each course has a numerical value based on the frequency of meeting and course difficulty. Saint Thomas Academy does not assign rank to students. Individual cumulative GPAs are provided on both the transcript and secondary school report accompanying each application. GPAs are based on a 4-point system, which factors in pluses and minuses (A=4.0, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, etc.) Honors course grades receive a weight of 1.1. AP course grades receive a weight of 1.2.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Saint Thomas Academy students can enroll in 17 Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chinese Language and Culture, Computer Science, Macro & Micro Economics, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Comparative Government & Politics, Human, Geography, Psychology, U.S. Government & Politics, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, United States History and World History. Seventy-seven percent of the Class of 2020 scored a 3 or higher on AP Exams.

Did you know...

STA Honor Guard has been requested to be present at Medal of Honor Ceremonies, for the Minnesota Supreme Court, for the Governor and Senators, for the Minnesota State High School League, the Saint Paul Saints and the Minnesota Twins!





SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of a minimum of the following academic courses, 9th - 12th grade, is required for graduation.

	9	10	11	12
THEOLOGY 4 years	Scripture	Sacraments & Morality	World Religions & Church History	Advanced Morality & Campus Ministry, Advanced Morality & Christian Lifestyles, Advanced Morality Honors/PACC
LEADERSHIP 4 years	Military Leadership 1	Military Leadership 2	Military Leadership 3	Military Leadership 4 Advanced Military
ENGLISH 4 years	Rhetorical Skills	Literature & Composition, Literature & Composition Honors	American Literature & Composition, Critical Reading & Writing Honors	Senior Choice-Based English, Advanced Placement English
HISTORY 3 years	Civics: United States Civics: Global	World History, World History AP Geography AP	US History, US History AP	Economics & Government, Economics AP (<i>Micro & Macro</i>), AP Psychology, Sociology, US Government & Politics AP
MATHEMATICS 3 years	Algebra I - Quadratic, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors	Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors, Precalculus, Precalculus Honors	Algebra II/Trigonometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors, Precalculus, Precalculus Honors, Calculus I, Calculus AP, Computer Science AP, Statistics AP	Functions and Trigonometry, Precalculus, Precalculus Honors, Calculus I, Calculus AP, Computer Science AP, Statistics AP, Multivariable Calculus (calculus III)
SCIENCE 3 years	Physical Science Biology, Biology Honors	Biology, Biology Honors, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors	Chemistry, Chemistry AP, Physics, Physics Honors, Environmental Science, Environmental Science AP, Biology AP	Physics, Physics Honors, Environmental Science, Environmental Science AP, Biology AP, Chemistry AP
WORLD LANGUAGE 3 years/third level	Chinese I-II, French I-V, Honors French III-V, Spanish I-V, Honors Spanish III-V	Chinese I-IV, French I-V, Honors French III-V, Spanish I-V, Honors Spanish III-V	Chinese I-IV, Honors Chinese IV, AP Chinese, French I-V, Honors French III-V, CIS French, Spanish I-V, Honors Spanish III-V, AP Spanish, AP Art History	
FINE ARTS 1/2 year	Band, Choir, or Studio Art	Band, Choir, or Studio Art	Advanced Computer Graphics & Video Editing, Cadet Vision, Ceramics I-III, Computer Graphics, Digital Photography I-II, Drawing I-II, Guitar, Painting I-II, Sculpture, Theatre, VISTA Band, VISTA Jazz Band, VISTA String Orchestra	
PHYSICAL ED. 1/2 year	Health & Physical Education	Various Electives	Various Electives	Various Electives

See cadets.com/academics for elective class options.

FEATURES OF THE CURRICULUM

DAILY SCHEDULE

Eight class periods are offered on a rotating basis. The entire Corps of Cadets gathers daily for formation, when morning announcements, senior speeches and special presentations are made. During our unique daily flex period, students pursue individual interests, participate in club practices and engage in experiential learning opportunities, such as NASA educational programming.

FAITH LIFE

Saint Thomas Academy welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds to benefit from the Catholic values instilled into our students. We offer daily prayer and worship, reconciliation three times a week and adoration monthly. Annual class retreats are planned and led by student members of Campus Ministry, who provide their fellow students guidance for personal growth.

MILITARY (LEADERSHIP)

As an independent military leadership academy, Saint Thomas Academy's multi-faceted, compulsory military program in the Upper School is tailored to students on a college preparatory track. It begins in the freshman year, with each year offering additional applied leadership opportunities that instill a sense of honor, respect, integrity, self-discipline, self-reliance, brotherhood and devotion to duty, the community and service to others.

The Corps of Cadets is organized as a brigade with typical military structure that gives promotions based on academic achievement, conduct, proven leadership abilities, discipline, sportsmanship and adherence to the Academy's values of Faith, Excellence, Integrity and Respect.

FINE ARTS

Our visual arts program gives students a working knowledge of the tools and language of the visual arts to help them think effectively, work creatively and know firsthand the artistic experience. The offerings are varied and aim to meet students' individual needs, skill levels and previous artistic experience. Our VISTA performing arts program is combined with our sister school, Visitation School, and includes band, choir, orchestra and theater. The bands and theater program showcase 3 major concerts/productions each year.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Saint Thomas Academy offers more than 40 co-curricular clubs, activities and athletic programs, with approximately 96% of Middle and Upper School students participating in at least one co-curricular activity. Among the clubs is the nationally recognized Experimental Vehicle Team (EVT), which has beat out many college teams on the way to winning 15 national championships and 1 international championship and setting numerous national records. Other co-curriculars include the Lincoln Society, Economics and Investment Club, Math Team, Mock Trial, Model UN, Quiz/Knowledge Bowl, CHOOSE, Diversity Club, Foreign Language Clubs and student publications.

ATHLETICS

Saint Thomas Academy offers one of the strongest athletic programs in Minnesota. Our student-athletes consistently win awards and recognition and commit to playing athletics at NCAA Division I schools, while also taking away powerful lessons and life skills from their time on the ice, field, court, mat, pool and track. Cadets athletics have won more than 40 state championships in school history. We offer 15 sports, with 35 varsity, JV and freshmen sports teams, with 83% of students participating in at least one sport.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

At Saint Thomas Academy, community service is engrained into our culture, for the learning and growth opportunities it provides students as well as to aid vulnerable and at-risk populations. On average, cadets collectively volunteer more than 25,000 hours during a single school year. Each student is required to log at least 100 hours of community service between the start of his freshmen year and graduation. In addition to volunteering, students also contribute to regular fundraisers and collections of food, household essentials, winter coats and additional items.

SENIOR SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Every senior must have completed 40 hours of community service between the last day of their sophomore year and March 1 of his senior year. At least 30 of these hours are devoted to one approved core agency, church, program or mission trip. During the two weeks prior to graduation, seniors also dedicate an additional 30 hours to being mentored within a religious, educational, health or social service agency.

SENIOR SPEECHES

Senior Speeches are an important rite of passage at Saint Thomas Academy. Each senior delivers a speech to all his brother cadets, highlighting his experience, lessons learned and memories of his time at the Academy. Each senior works closely with a faculty member to craft his speech and hone his oratory skills.

INNOVATION AND ENGINEERING

Our state-of-the-art, 6,000-square-foot Innovation Center is integrated into the Saint Thomas Academy curriculum beginning in 6th grade. As students become proficient with the Innovation Center technology, they are challenged with invention-themed contests that encourage them to develop solutions to third-world issues, improve household items, help increase energy efficiency or create new children's toys. Recent projects produced in the Innovation Center include safety and protective equipment such as face shields for front-line workers, barriers for point-of-service in the cafeteria and table dividers for the media center and classrooms.



2018-2022 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Albright College
 American University
 Arizona State University-Tempe*
 Auburn University
 Augsburg University
 Babson College*
 Bard College
 Baylor University*
 Bellevue College*
 Belmont University
 Beloit College
 Bemidji State University*
 Benedictine College*
 Benedictine University*
 Bentley University
 Bethany Lutheran College
 Bethel University*
 Biola University
 Boston College*
 Boston University*
 Bradley University
 Bryant University*
 Butler University*
 Carleton College*
 Carroll College
 Case Western Reserve University*
 Central Lakes College-Brainerd
 Century College
 Champlain College
 Citadel Military College of South Carolina*
 Claremont McKenna College*
 Clarke University*
 Clemson University
 Colgate University*
 College of the Holy Cross*
 Colorado College*
 Colorado School of Mines*
 Colorado State University-Fort Collins*
 Colorado State University-Pueblo
 Columbia College Missouri
 Columbia University in the City of New York*
 Concordia College at Moorhead
 Concordia University-Saint Paul*
 Connecticut College
 Cornell College
 Creighton University*
 Dakota County Technical College*
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 DePaul University
 DePauw University
 Drake University*
 Drexel University
 Duke University*
 Edgewood College
 Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott
 Fairfield University
 Ferris State University
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University*
 Fort Lewis College*
 Franciscan University of Steubenville*
 Furman University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University*
 Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus*
 Gonzaga University*
 Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus*
 Grand View University
 Grinnell College
 Gustavus Adolphus College*
 Hamline University*
 Harvard University*
 Hawaii Pacific University
 Hennepin Technical College
 Hibbing Community College
 High Point University
 Hillsdale College*

Holy Cross College
 Hood College
 Howard University
 Illinois Institute of Technology*
 Indiana University-Bloomington*
 Inver Hills Community College*
 Iowa State University*
 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
 James Madison University
 John Carroll University
 Johns Hopkins University*
 Kansas State University*
 Lafayette College*
 Lehigh University
 Lewis University
 Liberty University*
 Loras College
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University*
 Loyola University Chicago*
 Loyola University New Orleans*
 Luther College
 Macalester College
 Marist College
 Marquette University*
 Maryville University of Saint Louis*
 McPherson College
 Mercyhurst University
 Miami University, Oxford*
 Michigan State University
 Michigan Technological University*
 Middlebury College
 Milwaukee School of Engineering
 Minnesota State University Moorhead*
 Minnesota State University-Mankato*
 Montana State University*
 Montana State University-Northern
 New Jersey Institute of Technology*
 Normandale Community College*
 North Carolina State University at Raleigh
 North Dakota State University*
 Northeastern University
 Northern Illinois University
 Northern State University
 Northwestern University*
 Norwich University*
 Notre Dame College
 Nova Southeastern University*
 Oberlin College*
 Ohio State University-Main Campus
 Oregon State University
 Pace University, New York City Campus
 Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus*
 Pepperdine University
 Pine Technical & Community College
 Pomona College
 Presentation College
 Princeton University*
 Providence College*
 Purdue University-Main Campus*
 Quinnipiac University
 Reed College
 Regis University*
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*
 Rice University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rockhurst University*
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*
 Rutgers University-Newark
 Sacred Heart University
 Saint Cloud State University*
 Saint Edward's University
 Saint Johns University
 Saint Leo University
 Saint Louis University*
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota*
 Saint Norbert College*
 Saint Paul College*
 Saint Xavier University
 Salve Regina University*
 San Diego State University*

Santa Clara University*
 Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD*
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
 South Dakota State University*
 Southern Methodist University*
 Southwest Minnesota State University*
 Southwestern University
 St Cloud Technical and Community College*
 St Olaf College*
 St. John's University-New York
 St. Thomas University
 Stanford University*
 Stetson University
 Syracuse University*
 Temple University
 Tennessee State University
 Texas A & M University-College Station
 Texas Christian University*
 The Catholic University of America*
 The College of Saint Scholastica
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Montana
 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 The University of Tampa
 The University of Tennessee-Knoxville*
 The University of Texas at Arlington
 The University of Texas at Austin*
 The University of Texas at San Antonio
 Trinity College
 Trinity University
 Tulane University of Louisiana*
 Union College
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Merchant Marine Academy*
 United States Military Academy*
 United States Naval Academy*
 Universidad de Navarra*
 University of Aberdeen
 University of Alabama at Birmingham
 University of Alaska Fairbanks
 University of Arizona*
 University of Arkansas
 University of California-Berkeley
 University of California-Los Angeles
 University of California-San Diego
 University of California-Santa Barbara
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago*
 University of Colorado Boulder*
 University of Colorado Colorado Springs
 University of Colorado Denver
 University of Connecticut*
 University of Dallas*
 University of Dayton*
 University of Denver*
 University of Florida*
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Indianapolis
 University of Iowa*
 University of Jamestown
 University of Kansas*
 University of Lynchburg
 University of Maine
 University of Manitoba
 University of Mary*
 University of Massachusetts-Boston
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor*
 University of Minnesota-Crookston*
 University of Minnesota-Duluth*
 University of Minnesota-Morris*
 University of Minnesota-Rochester
 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri-Columbia*
 University of Nebraska at Omaha*
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
 University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
 University of North Carolina at Asheville

University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
 University of North Carolina Wilmington
 University of North Dakota*
 University of Northern Colorado
 University of Northern Iowa
 University of Northwestern-St Paul
 University of Notre Dame*
 University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus*
 University of Oregon*
 University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
 University of Portland
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 University of Sioux Falls*
 University of South Alabama
 University of South Carolina-Columbia
 University of South Dakota*
 University of Southern California*
 University of Southern Mississippi
 University of St. Thomas (MN)*
 University of the Incarnate Word
 University of the Pacific
 University of Utah
 University of Virginia-Main Campus
 University of Washington-Seattle Campus
 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire*
 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
 University of Wisconsin-Madison*
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*
 University of Wisconsin-River Falls
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*
 University of Wisconsin-Stout*
 University of Wisconsin-Superior
 University of Wyoming*
 Upper Iowa University
 Utah Valley University
 Utica University*
 Valparaiso University
 Vanderbilt University*
 Vermilion Community College*
 Villanova University*
 Virginia Military Institute
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Wake Forest University*
 Walla Walla University
 Wartburg College
 Washington & Jefferson College
 Washington State University*
 Washington University in St Louis*
 Weber State University
 Wesleyan University*
 Western Michigan University
 Western Texas College*
 Wichita State University*
 Wingate University
 Winona State University
 Xavier University*
 Yale University*



Formed in 1937, The Crack Drill Squad is one of the Academy's longest standing traditions! The Crack Drill Squad is a precision drill team that uses collective marching patterns and synchronized aerial gun maneuvers to embody the pride, dignity and excellence found throughout Saint Thomas Academy. In 1953 they even performed on the Ed Sullivan Show!

*** = Matriculations**