

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Preschool—12th Grade



**SAINT
THOMAS'**
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Saint Thomas' Episcopal School forms honorable men and women through a classical education grounded in a Christ-centered worldview.



STE at a Glance

Preschool through 12
Grades Offered

660
Student Enrollment

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School Type

TAPPS 4A
Athletic Conference

August – May
School Year

1st – 8th Grade
*Single gender classes for
most academic subjects*

Office Hours: 7:25 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday when school is in session. See calendar on **stes.org** for holiday hours.
Accredited by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES).



Our New Campus

We invite you to explore our new three-story Middle and Upper School building, Shaw Hall. It houses state of-the-art STEM and robotics rooms, spacious classrooms, a Center for Academic Excellence for curricular support, and the Cusack Scottish Arts Center.

Shaw Hall opened in fall 2022. We also renovated our Lower School building, which was completed in the summer of 2021. A sports pavilion and new playground were also added in fall 2022.



In-Person Tours

Offered most weekdays when school is in session. To schedule, go to **stes.org/visit-us** or call **713.666.3111**.



Accolades

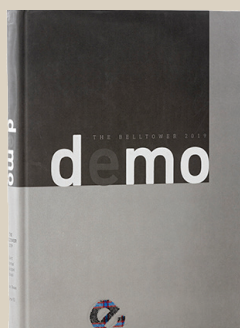


TAPPS State Men's Basketball Runner-Up*

Chris Twine, athletic director and men's basketball coach, was named an outstanding coach and Don Coleman Award winner by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches



Five-time Juvenile World Champion Pipe Band



Nationally Recognized Yearbook

STE's yearbook is frequently ranked among the top 50 yearbooks in the country



Four-time and Current Juvenile World-Champion Drum Corps

Our drummers are the best in the world among juvenile bands

Soccer Champions

Our varsity men's and women's soccer teams have garnered state championships and appearances in the TAPPS semifinals since 2019



Exceptional Thespians

Recent STE productions include Eurydice, Double Double, Smokefall, and The Sound of Music.



TAPPS State Appearance

Our women's and men's swim teams regularly place in the top 3 in TAPPS state competition



Seven Consecutive Trips to State Competition for the Mock Trial Team



Cross Country at State

Our boy's Cross Country team regularly places at the TAPPS State competition.

Consistent NAQT National Quiz Bowl Appearances

Our Middle and High School Quiz Bowl teams consistently qualify for the Quiz Bowl National Championships

One of the Best

The ranking site Niche has named STE among the best Christian high schools, best private K-12 schools, and best private high schools in Houston

NICHE® 

Junior Classical League

Our JCL students won numerous awards at the National Convention

A Christ-Centered Worldview

Classical Christian education is a unique academic approach. It isn't focused on securing a particular job or learning a singular academic discipline. It doesn't ignore the thinking of previous generations or the impact religion has in a student's development. Classical Christian education is focused on developing well rounded students and, as a result, it creates critical thinkers rather than teaching what to think.

At Saint Thomas' Episcopal School, we believe that classical Christian education is a powerful instrument in shaping the lenses of our students, preparing them to engage with others and face any challenge their future may hold. The approach strengthens both mind and heart, creating lifelong learners. So, what is classical Christian education?

AN EDUCATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

A classical Christian education is well rounded and instructs students in the core disciplines of natural sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities where God is the center of wisdom and virtue. It integrates learning with an appreciation that the transcendental virtues of goodness, truth, and beauty surround us as reflections of the triune God.

This type of education isn't tailored to a vocation. Classical Christian education focuses on developing thinkers more than teaching what to think. It equips students with discernment, effective communication, and critical thinking which can be used in any of life's pursuits. This type of education seeks to liberate the mind through foundational learning, reasoning, and expression.

What can my child gain from a classical Christian education?

A HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE

Classical Christian education is holistic. It favors the intersection of subjects over compartmentalized thinking. Instead of dividing ideas, classical Christian thinking encourages us to see how ideas connect and overlap, while giving attention to their relevance to the divine. In a classical Christian school like Saint Thomas', you may hear phrases such as the "beauty of mathematics" or "the geometry of art."

A DISCERNING MIND

In a world that gets increasingly smaller as technology connects us, it's more important than ever to be able to critically analyze information and articulate thoughts. A classical Christian education guides the discernment of language, thought, and the processing of information. This is also called rhetoric, and in this context it is defined as expression; understanding language and how it is used. As a result, students gain clarity in communication and a better understanding of concepts.

RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US

It's easy to fool ourselves into thinking we are the main characters in the timeline of history. Classical Christian education reminds us this isn't true, and it provides context for the development of thought over the millennia. It teaches that we are the most recent characters in the timeline and encourages us to pay respect to those who have come before us. GK Chesterton



explains it well in his book *Orthodoxy*, saying “Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking about.”

ADAPTABILITY WITH A FIRM FOUNDATION

Inherent to classical Christian education is its adaptability to change. The approach educates the mind while informing the heart with its grounding in Scripture, and thus equips students with a broad base of knowledge and a strong moral compass. Students can use their education to face whatever challenges or changing circumstances come their way. Students who benefit from a classical Christian education are poised to persevere and find stability on the other side.

Preparing students with faith and a complete foundation of learning is the greatest gift we can give them. It provides for the next generation and is our greatest opportunity for a healthy society. With discernment, a holistic perspective, the wisdom from past generations, and adaptability, students are equipped to engage in the world with knowledge and compassion, standing confidently against the unknown.



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DANNY KAHALLEY
Director of Admissions



College Prep At Its Best

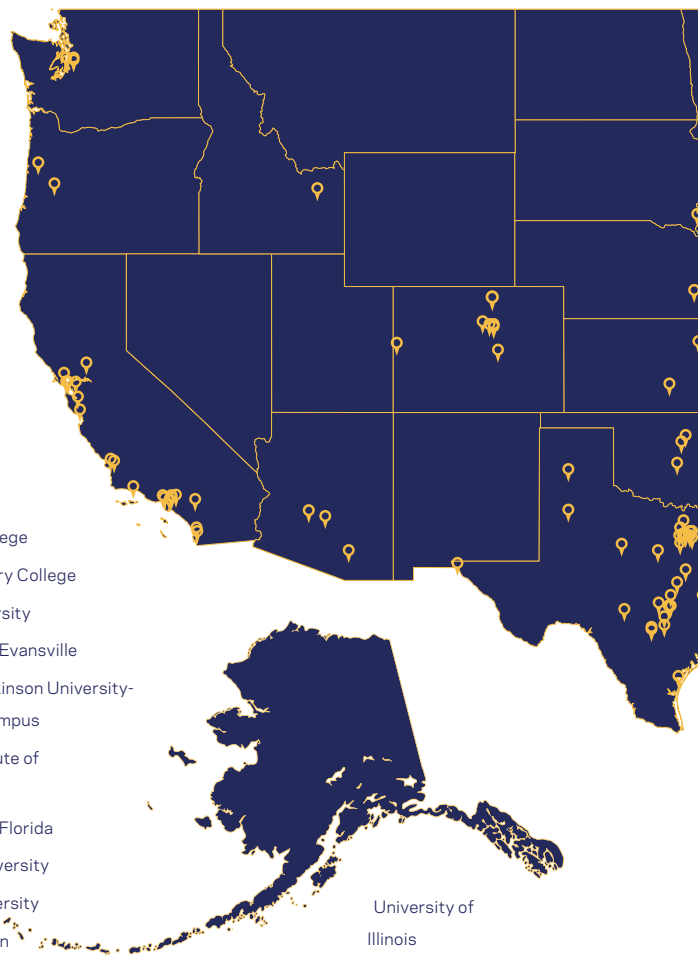


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 Belmont University
 Beloit College
 Berry College
 Binghamton University
 Birmingham Southern College
 Blinn College
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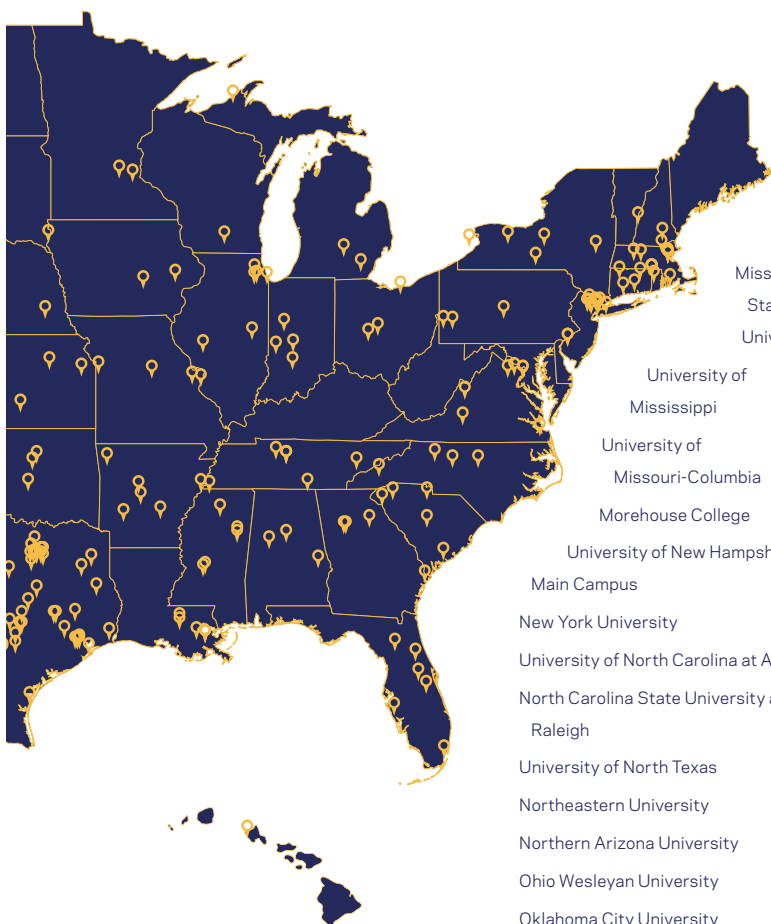
University of California-San Diego
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 Case Western Reserve University
 Centre College
 Chapman University
 College of Charleston
 University of Chicago
 Clemson University
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 University of Colorado Boulder
 Colorado Mesa University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University-Fort Collins
 Columbia University in the City
 of New York
 University of Connecticut
 Cornell College
 Cornell University
 CUNY University
 Dallas Baptist University
 University of Dallas
 University of Denver
 DePaul University
 Dillard University
 Dordt University
 Drexel University
 Eckerd College
 Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-
 Daytona Beach

Emerson College
 Emory & Henry College
 Emory University
 University of Evansville
 Fairleigh Dickinson University-
 Florham Campus
 Florida Institute of
 Technology
 University of Florida
 Fordham University
 Furman University
 George Mason
 University
 George Washington
 University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 University of Georgia
 Grambling State University
 Hampton University
 University of Hawaii at Hilo
 Hawaii Pacific University
 High Point University
 Hillsdale College
 Hofstra University
 Houston Baptist University
 University of Houston
 Hult International Business School
 - London
 CUNY Hunter College
 Huston-Tillotson University

University of
 Illinois
 at Urbana-Champaign
 Indiana University-Bloomington
 Iowa State University
 Ithaca College
 Jarvis Christian College
 John Cabot University
 Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte
 Kansas State University
 University of Kansas
 Kenyon College
 Kettering University
 Lamar University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Liberty University
 Louisiana State University
 Louisiana Tech University
 University of Louisville
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago



College counseling at Saint Thomas' Episcopal School begins in 9th grade and is personalized to each student and his or her family.



Loyola University New Orleans

Macalester College

Maine Maritime Academy

Manhattan College

Mary Baldwin University

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

University of Mary Washington

University of Maryland-College Park

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

University of Massachusetts-Amherst

University of Massachusetts-Boston

McGill University

University of Memphis

University of Miami

Michigan State University

Univ. of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Midwestern State University

Millsaps College

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Mississippi State University

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri-Columbia

Morehouse College

University of New Hampshire-Main Campus

New York University

University of North Carolina at Asheville

North Carolina State University at Raleigh

University of North Texas

Northeastern University

Northern Arizona University

Ohio Wesleyan University

Oklahoma City University

Oklahoma State University

University of Oklahoma-Norman

Oregon State University

Ottawa University-Ottawa

Ouachita Baptist University

Pace University, New York City Campus

Paul Quinn College

Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus

University of Pennsylvania

Pepperdine University

University of Pittsburgh

Point Park University

Prairie View A & M University

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Rice University

Richmond, The American International University in London

University of Richmond

Roanoke College

University of Rochester

Roger Williams University

Rollins College

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Rutgers University-Newark

Saint Louis University

Saint Mary's College of California

Sam Houston State University

Samford University

San Diego State University

University of San Diego

University of San Francisco

Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD

School of Visual Arts

Schreiner University

The University of the South

University of South Carolina-Columbia

University of Southern California

Southern Methodist University

Southern University at New Orleans

Southwestern University

Saint Edward's University

St. John Fisher College

St. John's College

St. John's University-New York

St Olaf College

Stanford University

Stephen F Austin State University

Stevens Institute of Technology

SUNY Maritime College

Syracuse University

Tennessee State University

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Texas A & M University-College Station

Texas A & M University-Commerce

Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

Texas A&M University-Galveston

Texas Christian University

Texas State Technical College Waco

Texas State University

Texas Tech University

The University of Texas at Arlington

The University of Texas at Austin

The University of Texas at Dallas

The University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas, Tyler

Ohio State University

University of Toronto

Trinity College

Trinity University

Tulane University of Louisiana

University of Oregon

University of St. Thomas (TX)

University of the Incarnate Word

University of Vermont

Villanova University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

University of Virginia

Wake Forest University

Washington and Lee University

Washington University in St Louis

University of Washington-Seattle Campus

Whitman College

William Jewell College

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Wyoming Catholic College

College Acceptances Since 2019

Counseling and Guidance

The Center for Academic Excellence

The Center for Academic Excellence was created on the premise that STE's classical Christian education is accessible, and excellence is attainable, by all students in grades Kindergarten through 12 who have received admittance to the school.

It also provides opportunities to enhance and extend the curriculum to students who are ready for additional challenge and academic rigor.

Services include:

- Classroom Accommodations
- Tutor & Study Buddy Program
- Teaching Assistant Program
- Study Strategies
- Organizational Skills
- Homework Strategies
- Student Support Plans
- Coordination of Outside Specialists
- Alternate Testing Environments
- Testing Accommodation Requests

Student Counseling

In addition to The Center for Academic Excellence and College Counseling Office, STE has two certified counselors who support students' emotional, social, and personal development. They collaborate to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment and commit to facilitating a positive learning experience on campus.

College Counseling

We are uniquely positioned to offer 1-on-1 college counseling from a full-time counselor. Our program helps students and their families navigate the complexities of college admissions and select a college that matches the student's academic background and interests.

College Night

Incoming 12th graders and their parents can attend College Night in May. In September, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders and their parents attend College Night. These informational sessions provide families with a grade-specific overview of the college search process.

College Representative Visits

Each fall, colleges and universities send admissions representatives to STE to visit students. It is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and explore college options.

Family Meetings

Starting in the freshman year and continuing through high school, families meet one-on-one with the college counselor. Students receive individualized academic advising, standardized test counseling, and college planning according to their academic background and interests.



Athletics



We offer a wide array of athletic opportunities for students. All athletics information, like game days and tournaments, can be found on our athletics website.

Athletics Contact

Chris Twine
Director of Athletics, Director of Basketball
twine.chris@stes.org

Lower School Athletics		Middle School Athletics		Upper School Athletics	
Soccer (Fall)	Grades K-5	Cross Country	Grades 5-8	Cross Country	Grades 9-12
Basketball	Grades 1-5	Volleyball	Grades 5-8 (Girls Only)	Volleyball	Grades 9-12 (Women Only)
Volleyball (Girls Only)	Grades 1-5	Soccer	Grades 5-8	Soccer	Grades 9-12
Yoga	Grades K-5	Basketball	Grades 5-8	Basketball	Grades 9-12
Fencing	Grades K-5	Swimming	Grades 5-8	Swimming	Grades 9-12
		Track and Field	Grades 5-8	Track and Field	Grades 9-12
		Tennis	Grades 6-8	Tennis	Grades 9-12
		Golf	Grades 6-8	Golf	Grades 9-12
				Water Polo	Grades 9-12 (Mens only club sport)

Admissions 2024-2025

Application submission and a campus tour are encouraged in the fall prior to the intended year of entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of the application within a week after submission, please contact the Office of Admissions at **713.666.3111**. Our Preschool Program is specifically designed to serve students from 18 months through age 4. For information regarding the Preschool Program, see page 14 and visit stepreschool.org.

Grade Entering	Application Deadline and Fee	Individual Tests*	Required Documents	Interview or Observation	Application Materials Deadline	Decisions Notification
Kindergarten	January 15 \$105	WPPSI Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation	A group observation will be held in mid-February for applicants	February 1	Mid-March
Grade 1	January 15 \$105	WPPSI Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grades 2, 3, 4	January 15 \$105	WISC Testing Schedule online at catstexas.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grade 5	January 15 \$105	ISEE Testing Schedule online at iseetest.org	One teacher recommendation Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March
Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	January 15 \$105	ISEE Testing Schedule online at iseetest.org	Math and English teacher recommendations Transcripts and semester grades	Schedule a family interview after completing the admissions file	February 1	Mid-March

Grades Kindergarten through 4th, WPPSI and WISC testing must be administered within six months prior to the Application Materials Deadline. Grades 5th through 12th, applicants may take the ISEE at any participating testing location.

Admissions Process

Step 1 Submit the admissions application	Visit stes.org and click on the Admissions tab to fill out an online application. The priority deadline for submitting applications is January 15.
Step 2 Register for a placement test	<p>If applying to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, go to catstexas.com to register for testing by December 1.</p> <p>If applying to 5th grade or higher, go to iseetest.org to register for testing by December 1. Applicants may test at any location administering the ISEE, but scores must be sent to STE using our school code: 443433.</p>
Step 3 Submit transcripts	The transcript release form should be submitted to your child's current school in early December so that their first semester grades are included in the official records the school sends STE.
Step 4 Provide teacher recommendations	<p>If applying to Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th, only one teacher recommendation is required.</p> <p>If applying to 6th grade or higher, two teacher recommendations (one from a Math teacher and one from an English teacher) are required. The two teacher recommendation forms should be given to your child's current Math and English teachers in early December.</p>
Step 5 Attend family interview or Kindergarten observation	<p>Shortly after submission of your child's completed admissions file, you will be able to schedule a family interview through your password protected admission portal. If applying to Kindergarten, a group observation will be held in mid-February; an individual interview is not necessary</p> <p>The deadline to complete application files, including transcripts, teacher recommendations, and the family interview or Kindergarten observation, is February 1.</p>

Decision letters will be sent in mid-March to each candidate who has completed their file by the priority deadline. For files completed after the published deadlines, the Admissions Committee will render decisions as it is able, provided that available space remains in the desired grade of entry.

If applying for financial aid, fill out a confidential application online at factsmgt.com. Should you have questions, contact the STE Business Office at **713.666.3111**.

HAIS Non-Discriminatory Policy

Houston Area Independent Schools admit students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at these schools. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Preschool

Saint Thomas' Episcopal Preschool provides an exceptional early childhood experience in a safe and nurturing environment. Our program supports students' social and emotional growth while strengthening their cognitive development. We serve students from 18 months through age 4. We offer flexible scheduling for families with partial and full-week programs and before and aftercare services.

Our teachers focus on numerous goals to create a positive and collaborative learning environment:

- Producing social skills and emotional awareness to build independence and healthy relationships.
- Enhancing both fine and gross motor skills to facilitate prewriting skills.
- Growing in God's love with an understanding of Christianity.
- Establishing a sense of community and a proper understanding of stewarding God's creation.

We incorporate movement throughout the day and developmentally appropriate teaching strategies. Preschool teachers encourage persistence by modeling attitudes and approaches to problems instead of simply providing the answers. Modeling stimulates children's thinking and enables them to ask questions.

Application Process

Please apply by January 15 for priority admissions consideration in the fall semester. All applicants will be contacted to schedule a family interview with the child and at least one parent. For families applying to PreK3 and PreK4 a recommendation from the most current teacher is required if the child has attended school elsewhere. For preschool tours or questions regarding applying, contact lopez.vanessa@stes.org.

Tuition

(Does not include lunch, uniforms, activities, or optional care tuition)

2 Day Program

Tuesday / Thursday
9 am – 2:30 pm
\$4,200

3 Day Program

Monday / Wednesday / Friday
9 am – 2:30 pm
\$6,100

5 Day Program

Monday-Friday
9 am – 2:30 pm
\$10,300





Annual Optional Care Tuition

Before Care

7:15 am - 9:00 am

\$50 / per day

2 days / \$976

3 days / \$1,464

5 days / \$2,440

After Care

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

\$50 / per day

2 days / \$1,298

3 days / \$1,952

5 days / \$3,272

Fee Schedule

Registration Fee

Due upon submission of enrollment contract

\$450

New Student Fee

Due upon submission of enrollment contract

\$300

Supply Fee

Due by June 1

\$200 Tuesday / Thursday

\$250 Monday / Wednesday / Friday

\$300 Monday - Friday

- Pre-K 2 and Pre-K 3 have the option of 2, 3 or 5-day program.
- Pre-K 4 is a 5-day program.
- Beginning in Pre-K 3 all students must be potty trained.

Lower School Curriculum

Kindergarten

Phonetically oriented reading instruction, mathematics, spelling, and manuscript, as well as instruction in Christian doctrine through a study of the Chapel service and Bible stories, form the core of the kindergarten curriculum. Students also receive instruction in lab science, Spanish, music, art, dance, and physical education, and make regular visits to our school library.

Grades 1-3

Our 1st through 3rd grade curriculum has a twofold purpose: to provide a solid foundation in the skills of reading, spelling, writing, mathematics, and grammar, and to help each student toward the acquisition of a Christian worldview through systematic worship and a study of Christian doctrine. The program is so thoroughly integrated that each area of study reinforces the others.

Grades 1-3 Curriculum	Spelling/Phonics	Science	Art	Spanish
	Reading/Vocabulary	History/Geography	Dance	Physical Education
	Grammar/Composition	Cursive Writing	Library	Recess
	Mathematics	Sacred Studies	Music	

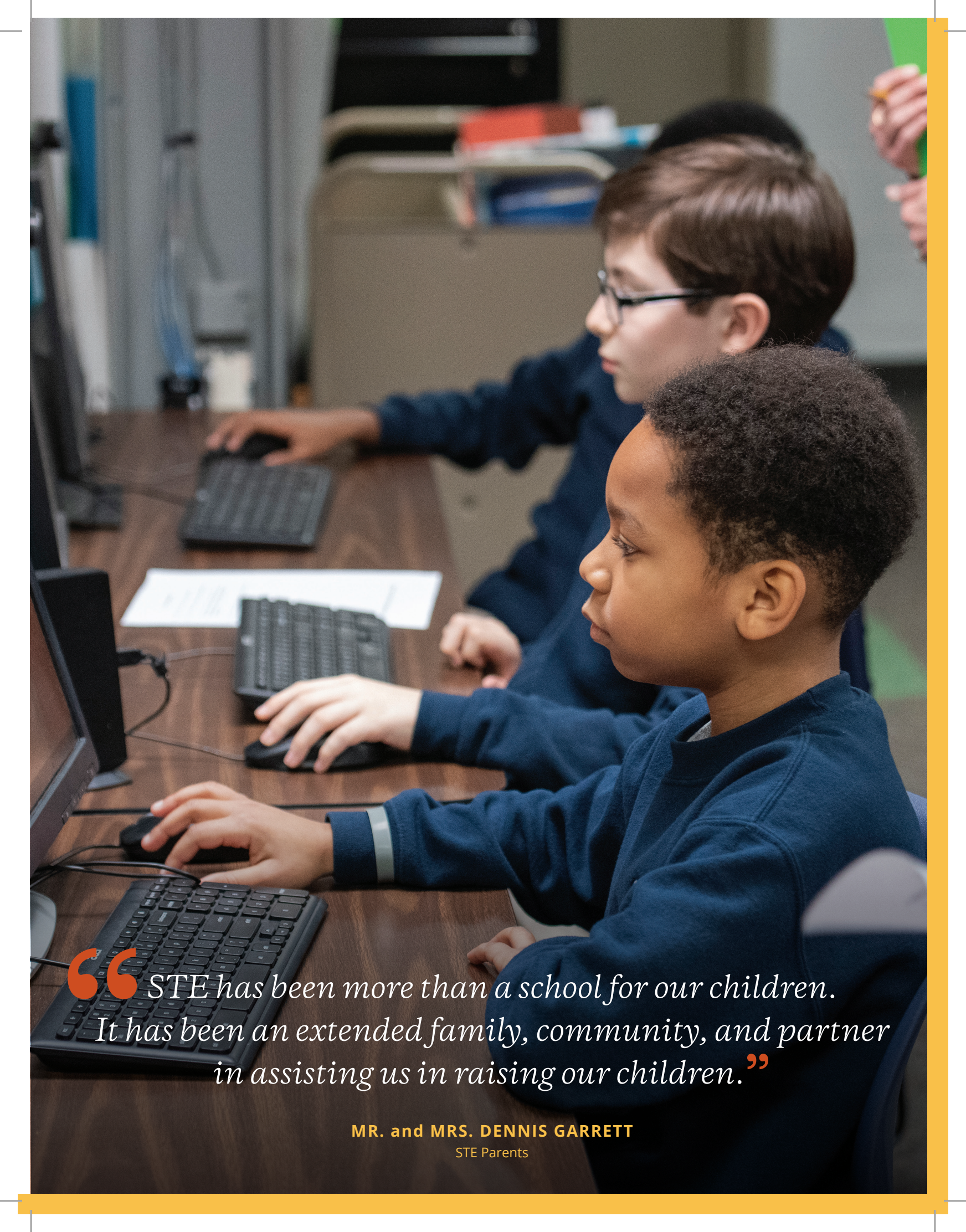
Grades 4-5

In the 4th and 5th grades, we continue to build on the basic foundation that has been laid, while preparing students for the accelerated liberal arts curriculum in Middle and Upper Schools. In preparation for this, we teach students that with greater independence and opportunities comes greater responsibilities. For instance, in 4th and 5th grade, students learn to manage materials and instruction from four different academic core teachers and transition between classrooms.

Also starting in 4th grade, students with excellent academic achievement and conduct for each marking period are recognized in Chapel and included on the Dean's List or Honor Roll.

By 5th grade, students develop their organizational skills by employing note-taking techniques and outlines for study and recall.

Grades 4-5 Curriculum	Reading/Vocabulary	Mathematics	Spelling (4)	Sacred Studies
	Grammar/Composition	Science	Spanish (4) / Latin (5)	Oral Presentation
	Library	History/Geography	Recess	Music
	Dance	Art	Physical Education	Keyboarding (4)
Electives	Pipe Band			

A photograph of two young boys in a classroom setting, both wearing dark blue long-sleeved shirts. They are seated at a wooden desk, focused on their computer work. The boy in the foreground is a young Black male with short, dark, curly hair, looking intently at a computer monitor. His hands are on a black mouse and keyboard. Behind him, another boy with brown hair and glasses is also working on a computer. The background shows a typical classroom environment with shelves and other students. The image is framed by a yellow border on the right and bottom.

*“STE has been more than a school for our children.
It has been an extended family, community, and partner
in assisting us in raising our children.”*

MR. and MRS. DENNIS GARRETT
STE Parents

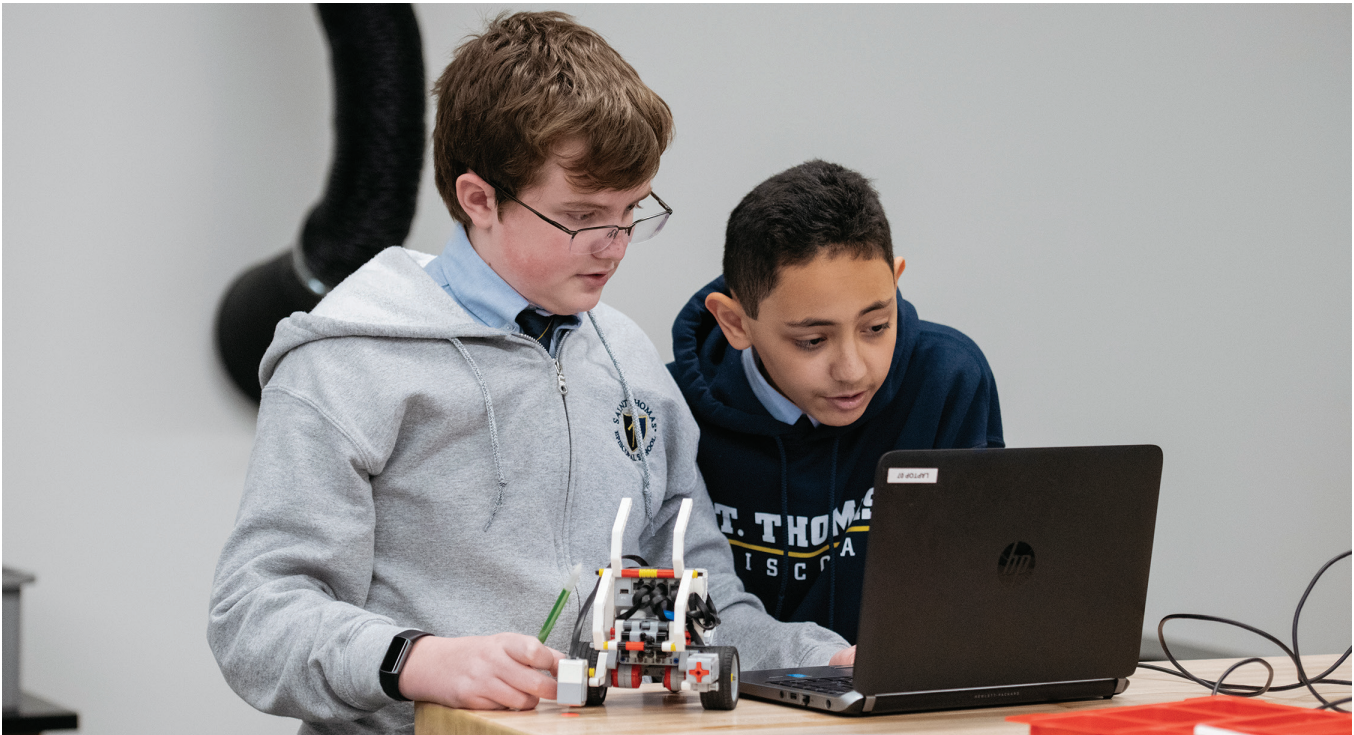
Middle School Curriculum

Saint Thomas' Episcopal Middle School curriculum prepares students for the challenges of high school and beyond. Beginning in sixth grade, Saint Thomas' exposes students to the classical education model by introducing Latin, science, English, history, and mathematics as the core curriculum. Students also gain the opportunity to select elective courses from a variety of choices that best fit their personal interests,

including foreign languages, physical education, robotics, computer programming, and fine arts. Sixth grade students start their academic experience in the Middle School attending an academic skills course during one of their elective periods to introduce them to the Middle School environment and to give them tools to manage the academic rigor of our Middle School model.

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
English	English 6*	English 7*	English 8*
Math	Math 6	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I or Accelerated Algebra I
Science	Earth Science	Life Science	Physical Science
Foreign Language	Latin 6	Latin 7	Chinese I, Latin II, or Spanish I
History	Ancient Biblical History	World History and Geography	U.S. History
Class Trip	Camp Olympia	Texas History	American Heritage, Washington, D.C.

** Our English program develops students who can write with understanding and grace, who can read and understand what they have read, and who have begun to understand the lessons of life to be learned through acquaintance with the great characters of literature. Our goal is understanding, which cannot be rushed or quickly produced. To that end, we have divided our program into four parts: the studies of grammar, vocabulary, writing, and literature.*





MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

English

Grammar
Vocabulary
Writing
Literature

Mathematics

Math 6
Pre-Algebra
Algebra I or Accelerated Algebra I

Science

Earth Science
Life Science
Physical Science

History

Ancient Biblical History
World History & Geography
United States History

Latin

Latin 6
Latin 7 (Seventh Grade)
Latin II (Eighth Grade)
Latin I*

Class Trips

Camp Olympia (Sixth Grade)
Texas History (Seventh Grade)
American Heritage, Washington, D.C.
(Eighth Grade)

Electives

Art
Bagpipe Band - Drumming and Piping
Choir
Cryptography
Highland Dance
Oral Presentation
Physical Education

Introduction to Programming I
(Seventh and Eighth Grade)
Introduction to Programming II
(Eighth Grade)
Journalism
Logic and Debate (Sixth Grade)
Logic and Argumentation (Seventh
Grade)
Logic / Pre-Rhetoric (Eighth Grade)
Spanish I (Eighth Grade)
Chinese I (Eighth Grade)

*New incoming seventh/eighth graders will take Latin I during their incoming school year.

Upper School Curriculum

Saint Thomas' Episcopal School offers Upper School students a challenging liberal arts curriculum that embraces a detailed treatment of mathematics, languages, history, science, and religion. We offer 22 Advanced Placement (AP) courses beginning in the sophomore year; students with the most rigorous course schedules could take between eight and 12 AP courses during their Upper School career. Our selection of AP courses is one of the largest among private schools in the Houston area.

As a part of STE's classical Christian identity, students read numerous books from the Western canon of literature in Upper School. These works include but are not limited to, *The Odyssey*, *Beowulf*, *Divine Comedy*, *The Iliad*, *The Aeneid*, *Hamlet*, and *Gulliver's Travels*.

Required Offerings by Grade

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English	English 9	English 10	English Language and Composition or AP English Language and Composition	Literature and Composition or AP Literature and Composition
Math	Geometry or Geometry with Proofs	Algebra II or Algebra II with Trigonometry	Precalculus, Finite Math, Logic, Calculus AB, or AP Calculus AB	Calculus AB, Introduction to College Algebra, Finite Math, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, or Advanced Topics in Mathematics
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Environmental Science, Geology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Anatomy and Physiology
Foreign Language	Chinese, Latin, Spanish	Chinese, Latin, Spanish	Chinese, Latin, Spanish	AP Comparative Government & Politics/ AP Microeconomics
Social Studies	European History	U.S. History or AP United States History	U.S. Government/ Economics or AP U.S. Government & Politics/ AP Macroeconomics	AP Human Geography
Sacred Studies	Old Testament	New Testament	Theology	Western Philosophy

UPPER SCHOOL OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

English

English 9 - Epic Literature
English 10 - American Literature
English 11 - Language and
Composition
AP English Language and
Composition
English 12 - Literature and
Composition
AP English Literature and
Composition
Creative Writing

Mathematics

Geometry
Geometry with Proofs
Algebra II
Algebra II with Trigonometry
Precalculus
Finite Math
Logic
Calculus AB
Introduction to College Algebra
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
Advanced Topics in Mathematics

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Anatomy and Physiology
Environmental Science
Geology
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Physics C: Electricity
and Magnetism

Social Studies

European History
U.S. History
AP United States History
U.S. Government/Economics
AP U.S. Government & Politics/
AP Macroeconomics
Western Philosophy
Ten Pillars of Economics
AP Comparative Government &
Politics/AP Microeconomics
AP Human Geography
AP European History
AP Psychology

Foreign Language

Latin I, II, III, IV
AP Latin
Advanced Latin Topics
Spanish I, II, III, IV
AP Spanish
Chinese I, II, III, IV
AP Chinese

Computer Science

Introduction to Computer Science
AP Computer Science A
Introduction to Programming
Advanced Computer Topics

Sacred Studies

Old Testament
New Testament
Theology
Western Philosophy

Performing And Visual Arts

Band (Great Highland bagpipe,
Scottish snare, tenor or bass drum)
Choir
Highland Dancing
Speech and Debate
Studio Art
AP Studio Art
Elective Art
Theatre
Yearbook

Non-Credit Electives


Study Hall
Teacher's Aide



“My experience at STE provided me with not only a stellar education, but also the social skills that allow me to thrive in University, the workplace, and beyond.”

MEGGI SEITZ

STE Class of 2023, The University of Edinburgh



“STE prepared me for college by giving me a strong classical education and the ability to critically analyze text and defend my argument. The teachers were experts in their subject matter and excelled in stretching me academically.”

MARY-ELLEN ABSHIRE
STE Class of 2022, Baylor University

Tuition and Fees 2023-2024

A classical education puts a student on a path of lifelong learning. We believe the cost of tuition should not deter a student from pursuing a classical education at Saint Thomas' Episcopal School, and we are committed to offering need-based financial assistance.

Tuition*

(Does not include lunch, uniforms, activities, sports, or schedule-specific costs)

Lower School
(Kindergarten - Grade 5)

\$21,900

Middle School
(Grades 6 - 8)

\$24,550

Upper School
(Grades 9 - 12)

\$27,275

Fee Schedule

New Student Fee

New Student, Domestic: \$600
New Student, International: \$1,600

Tuition Insurance

*Required for families who choose the Semi-Annual or 10-month Payment Plan.

1.91% of Tuition

Financing Fee

*For 10-month Payment Plan

2% of Tuition

Textbook & Supplemental Book & Course Fees

Billing includes standard and schedule-specific book, course, and elective fees.

Sports, Music, Band & Clubs Fees

Students electing to participate in these extracurricular activities will incur a fee.

Payment Options

Tuition for Saint Thomas' Episcopal School may be paid annually, semi-annually, or in 10 monthly installments. All payment options will be collected via ACH or credit card through FACTS. All tuition payments begin in June. STE also uses FACTS to bill for sports and other fees.

Financial Aid

Recognizing the costs associated with private education, we make every effort to help families with a demonstrated need. The entire financial aid process, including any amounts awarded, is strictly confidential. Families interested in being considered for financial assistance may apply online at [stes.org>admissions>tuition & financial aid](https://stes.org/admissions/tuition&financialaid).

Sibling Discount

STE offers a five percent (5%) sibling discount.

International Students

Tuition differs for International students requiring an I-20 issued by STE. For the first year of enrollment, \$10,000 is assessed **in addition to domestic tuition**. Each year thereafter, \$3,000 is assessed **in addition to domestic tuition**.

SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, who is committed to thy Holy Church the care and nurture of thy children. Enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn that rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth we may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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