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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

2023-2024 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 550 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 2023 Highest GPA: 4.3; **Average GPA:** 3.6.

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 19 Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chinese Language and Culture, Computer Science, Macro & Micro Economics, English Language, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Comparative Government & Politics, Human, Geography, Physics, Psychology, U.S. Government & Politics, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, United States History and World History. Seventy-four percent of the Class of 2023 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.

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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 AP, Environmental Science, Environmental Science AP, Biology AP	Physics, Physics AP, 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

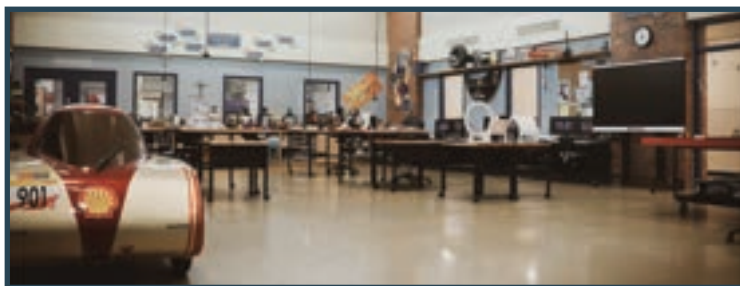
Every senior must have completed 40 hours of community service between the last day of their sophomore year and March 1 of his senior year. At least 30 of these hours are devoted to one approved core agency, church, program or mission trip. During the two weeks prior to graduation, seniors also dedicate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



2019-2023 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University	Gustavus Adolphus College *	Saint John's University (with College of Saint Benedict) *	University of Miami
Arizona State University-Tempe *	Hamline University *	Saint Leo University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor *
Auburn University	Harvard University (Harvard College) *	Saint Louis University *	University of Minnesota-Crookston *
Augsburg University	Hawaii Pacific University	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota *	University of Minnesota-Duluth *
Augustana University	Hennepin Technical College	Saint Norbert College *	University of Minnesota-Morris *
Aurora University	High Point University	Saint Paul College *	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities *
Babson College *	Holy Cross College	Saint Xavier University	University of Mississippi
Bard College	Hood College	Salve Regina University *	University of Missouri-Columbia *
Baylor University *	Howard University	San Diego State University *	University of Nebraska at Omaha *
Bellevue College *	Indiana University-Bloomington *	Santa Clara University *	University of Nebraska-Lincoln *
Belmont Abbey College	Inver Hills Community College *	Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD *	University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
Belmont University	Iowa State University *	Seattle University	University of New Mexico-Main Campus *
Beloit College	Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	Seton Hall University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Bemidji State University *	James Madison University	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	University of North Carolina at Charlotte *
Benedictine College *	John Carroll University	South Dakota State University *	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Benedictine University *	Johns Hopkins University *	Southern Methodist University *	University of North Dakota *
Bentley University	Kansas State University *	Southwest Minnesota State University *	University of Northern Colorado
Bethany Lutheran College	Lafayette College *	Southwestern University	University of Northern Iowa
Bethel University (MN) *	Lake Forest College	St. Cloud Technical and Community College *	University of Notre Dame *
Biola University	Lehigh University	St. Olaf College *	University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus *
Boston College *	Lewis & Clark College	St. Thomas University	University of Oregon *
Boston University *	Lewis University	Stanford University *	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
Bradley University	Liberty University *	Stonehill College	University of Portland
Bryant University	Loras College	Syracuse University *	University of Richmond
Butler University *	Louisiana State University	Tennessee State University	University of Rochester
Carleton College *	Loyola Marymount University *	Texas A & M University-College Station	University of San Diego *
Carroll College	Loyola University Chicago *	Texas Christian University *	University of San Francisco
Carthage College	Loyola University Maryland	The Catholic University of America *	University of Sioux Falls *
Case Western Reserve University	Luther College	The College of Saint Scholastica	University of South Alabama
Central Lakes College-Brainerd	Macalester College	The George Washington University	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Century College	Marist College	The University of Alabama	University of South Dakota *
Chapman University *	Marquette University *	The University of Montana	University of South Florida-Main Campus
Citadel Military College of South Carolina *	Maryville University of Saint Louis *	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (General College)	University of South Florida-St. Petersburg *
Claremont McKenna College *	McPherson College	The University of Tampa *	University of Southern California *
Clarke University *	Mercyhurst University	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville *	University of Southern Mississippi
Clemson University	Miami University, Oxford *	The University of Texas at Arlington	University of St. Thomas (MN) *
Coastal Carolina University	Michigan State University	The University of Texas at Austin *	University of St. Thomas (TX) *
Coe College	Michigan Technological University *	The University of Texas at Dallas	University of the Incarnate Word
Colby College *	Middlebury College	The University of Texas at San Antonio	University of Utah
Colgate University *	Milwaukee School of Engineering *	The University of the South	University of Vermont
College of the Holy Cross *	Minnesota North College	The University of West Florida	University of Virginia-Main Campus
Colorado College *	Minnesota State University Moorhead *	Trinity College	University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Colorado School of Mines *	Minnesota State University-Mankato *	Trinity University	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire *
Colorado State University-Fort Collins *	Montana State University *	Tulane University of Louisiana *	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Colorado State University-Fort Collins *	New Jersey Institute of Technology *	Union College (NY)	University of Wisconsin-Madison *
Columbia College Missouri	New Mexico State University-Main Campus *	United States Air Force Academy *	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee *
Columbia University in the City of New York *	Normandale Community College *	United States Merchant Marine Academy *	University of Wisconsin-River Falls *
Concordia College at Moorhead	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	United States Military Academy *	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point *
Concordia University-Saint Paul *	North Dakota State University *	United States Naval Academy *	University of Wisconsin-Stout *
Connecticut College	North Iowa Area Community College *	Universidad de Navarra *	University of Wisconsin-Superior
Cornell College	Northeastern University *	University of Aberdeen	University of Wyoming
Creighton University *	Northern Arizona University	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Utah State University
Dakota County Technical College	Northern Illinois University	University of Arizona *	Utah Valley University
Dartmouth College	Northwestern College	University of Arkansas	Utica University *
Davidson College	Northwestern State University *	University of California-Berkeley	Valparaiso University
DePaul University	Norwich University *	University of California-Los Angeles	Vanderbilt University *
DePauw University *	Notre Dame College	University of California-San Diego	Villanova University *
Drake University *	Nova Southeastern University *	University of California-Santa Barbara	Virginia Military Institute
Drexel University	Oberlin College *	University of Central Florida	Virginia Tech
Duke University *	Ohio State University-Main Campus	University of Chicago *	Wake Forest University *
Elon University	Ohio University-Main Campus	University of Colorado Boulder *	Walla Walla University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	Oregon State University	University of Colorado Colorado Springs	Washington State University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott	Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus	University of Colorado Denver	Washington University in St. Louis *
Emory University	Pepperdine University	University of Connecticut *	Weber State University
Fairfield University	Pine Technical & Community College	University of Dallas *	Wesleyan University *
Ferris State University (University College)	Pomona College	University of Dayton	Western Michigan University
Fisk University	Providence College *	University of Denver *	Western Texas College *
Florida Atlantic University	Purdue University-Main Campus *	University of Florida *	Wichita State University *
Florida Gulf Coast University	Quinnipiac University	University of Georgia	Winona State University
Florida Institute of Technology *	Reed College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida State University	Regis University *	University of Indianapolis	Xavier University *
Fordham University *	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute *	University of Iowa *	Yale University *
Fort Lewis College *	Rice University *	University of Jamestown	
Franciscan University of Steubenville *	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Kansas *	
Furman University	Rockhurst University *	University of Lynchburg	
Georgetown University *	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology *	University of Maine	
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus *	Rutgers University-Newark	University of Manitoba	
Gonzaga University *	Sacred Heart University	University of Mary *	
Grace College and Theological Seminary	Saint Cloud State University *	University of Massachusetts-Boston	
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus *	Saint Edward's University		
Grand View University			
Grinnell College			

* = Matriculations