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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

2024-2025 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 2024 Highest GPA: 4.4; 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/ DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Saint Thomas Academy offers a rigorous academic program with 20 Advanced Placement (AP) courses available to students. Our AP courses allow students to engage in college-level coursework and develop the skills necessary for post-secondary success. In addition to our AP offerings, Saint Thomas Academy has partnered with Saint Louis University through their 1818 Program and the University of Saint Mary's (MN) to provide dual enrollment opportunities.

Through these partnerships, students can earn college credit while benefiting from the unique Cadet experience that defines Saint Thomas Academy. Our esteemed faculty teaches these programs, ensuring that students receive high-quality instruction that meets high school and collegiate standards. Our dual enrollment faculty meet Higher Learning Commission standards; each hold a master's degree and at least 18 graduate credits in the content area.

Saint Thomas Academy students excel in these challenging courses, with 78% of the Class of 2024 achieving a score of 3 or higher on their AP exams, reflecting their readiness for higher education and commitment to academic excellence.





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

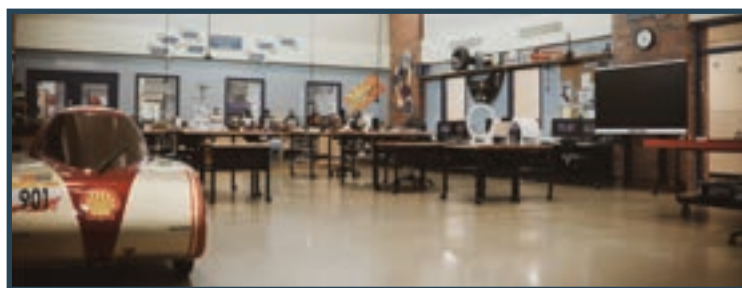
Every senior must have completed 40 hours of community service between the last day of their sophomore year and March 1 of his senior year. At least 30 of these hours are devoted to one approved core agency, church, program or mission trip. During the two weeks prior to graduation, seniors also dedicate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



2020-2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Albright College
 American University
 Appalachian State University
 Arizona State University-Tempe *
 Auburn University
 Augsburg University
 Augustana University
 Aurora University
 Babson College
 Baylor University *
 Bellevue College *
 Belmont Abbey College
 Belmont University
 Bemidji State University *
 Benedictine College *
 Benedictine University *
 Bentley University
 Bethany Lutheran College
 Bethel University (MN) *
 Biola University
 Boston College *
 Boston University *
 Bowling Green State University-Main Campus
 Bradley University
 Bryant University
 Butler University *
 Carleton College *
 Carthage College
 Case Western Reserve University *
 Central Lakes College-Brainerd
 Century College
 Chapman University *
 Citadel Military College of South Carolina
 Clemson University
 Coastal Carolina University
 Coe College
 Colby College *
 Colgate University *
 College of the Holy Cross *
 Colorado College *
 Colorado School of Mines *
 Colorado State University-Fort Collins *
 Columbia College
 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
 DePaul University
 DePauw University *
 Dominican University
 Drake University *
 Drexel University
 Duke University *
 Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
 Emory University
 Evangel University
 Fairfield University
 Ferris State University
 Fisk University
 Florida Atlantic University
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida Institute of Technology *
 Florida International University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University *
 Furman University
 Georgetown University *
 Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus
 Gonzaga University *
 Grace College and Theological Seminary
 Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus *
 Grinnell College
 Gustavus Adolphus College *
 Hamline University
 Hampden-Sydney College *
 Hawaii Pacific University
 High Point University

Hood College
 Howard University
 Indiana State University
 Indiana University Indianapolis
 Indiana University-Bloomington *
 Iowa State University *
 Jacksonville University *
 James Madison University
 Johns Hopkins University *
 Kansas State University
 Kent State University at Kent
 Kyushu University
 Lafayette College
 Lake Forest College
 Lawrence University
 Lewis & Clark College
 Lewis University
 Liberty University
 Lipscomb University *
 Loras College
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University *
 Loyola University Chicago *
 Loyola University Maryland
 Luther College
 Macalester College
 Marist College
 Marquette University *
 McPherson College
 Miami University-Oxford *
 Michigan State University
 Michigan Technological University *
 Middlebury College
 Milwaukee School of Engineering *
 Minnesota North College
 Minnesota State University Moorhead *
 Minnesota State University-Mankato *
 Mississippi State University
 Montana State University *
 New Jersey Institute of Technology *
 New Mexico State University-Main Campus *
 New York University *
 Norfolk State University
 Normandale Community College *
 North Dakota State University *
 North Iowa Area Community College *
 Northeastern University *
 Northern Arizona University
 Northwestern College - Current & Former
 Traditional Undergraduates
 Northwestern University *
 Norwich University
 Notre Dame College
 Oberlin College *
 Ohio State University-Main Campus
 Ohio University-Main Campus
 Oklahoma State University-Main Campus
 Oral Roberts University
 Oregon State University
 Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main
 Campus *
 Pepperdine University
 Pine Technical & Community College
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Pomona College
 Providence College *
 Purdue University-Main Campus *
 Quinnipiac University
 Regis University *
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute *
 Rice University *
 Rockhurst University *
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Rutgers University-Newark
 Sacred Heart University
 Saint Cloud State University
 Saint John's University (with College of Saint
 Benedict) *
 Saint Joseph's University
 Saint Louis University *
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota *

Saint Norbert College *
 Saint Xavier University
 San Diego State University *
 Santa Clara University *
 Seattle University
 Seton Hall University
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
 South Dakota State University *
 Southeastern University
 Southern Methodist University *
 Southwestern University
 St. Olaf College *
 St. Edward's University
 St. Mary's University
 St. Thomas University
 Stanford University *
 Stonehill College
 Stony Brook University
 Syracuse University *
 Tennessee State University
 Texas A & M University-College Station *
 Texas Christian University *
 Texas State University
 Texas Tech University
 The Catholic University of America *
 The College of Saint Scholastica
 The University of Alabama *
 The University of Montana *
 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 Dallas
 The University of Texas at San Antonio
 The University of the South
 The University of West Florida
 Trinity College
 Trinity University
 United States Air Force Academy *
 United States Merchant Marine Academy *
 United States Military Academy *
 United States Naval Academy *
 Universidad de Navarra *
 University of Arizona *
 University of Arkansas
 University of California-Berkeley *
 University of California-San Diego
 University of California-Santa Barbara
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago *
 University of Cincinnati-Main Campus
 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 Dubuque
 University of Florida *
 University of Georgia
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Indianapolis
 University of Iowa *
 University of Kansas *
 University of Kentucky
 University of Maine
 University of Manitoba
 University of Mary *
 University of Miami *
 University of Michigan-Ann Arbor *
 University of Minnesota-Crookston *
 University of Minnesota-Duluth *
 University of Minnesota-Morris *
 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities *
 University of Mississippi *
 University of Missouri-Columbia *
 University of Nebraska at Omaha *
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln *
 University of New Mexico-Main Campus *
 University of North Carolina at Asheville

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte *
 University of North Carolina-Wilmington
 University of North Dakota *
 University of Northern Colorado
 University of Northwestern-St Paul
 University of Notre Dame *
 University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus *
 University of Oregon
 University of Portland
 University of Richmond
 University of Rochester
 University of San Diego *
 University of San Francisco
 University of Sioux Falls
 University of South Carolina-Columbia
 University of South Dakota *
 University of South Florida-Main Campus
 University of South Florida-St Petersburg *
 University of Southern California
 University of St Thomas *
 University of the Incarnate Word
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
 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-Platteville *
 University of Wisconsin-River Falls *
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 University of Wisconsin-Stout *
 University of Wisconsin-Superior
 University of Wyoming
 Utah State University
 Utah Valley University
 Valparaiso University
 Vanderbilt University *
 Villanova University *
 Virginia Military Institute
 Virginia Tech
 Viterbo University
 Wabash College
 Wake Forest University *
 Walla Walla University
 Washington State University
 Washington University in St Louis
 Weber State University
 Western Michigan University
 Western Texas College *
 Wichita State University *
 Winona State University
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Xavier University *
 Yale University *

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