

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS LEARNING COMMONS



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COLLABORATION

Research skills - teach how to create essential question, research questions, how/why to use databases, formatting

Note-taking - model how to use sources for projects

Credible sources/Ethical Use Artificial Intelligence

Presentations - teach skills for real world success

College readiness and creative thinking

Cross collaborate between disciplines - (Art/English)

Gallery walk - create central idea, students expand on ideas of their peers, ask questions

Scavenger hunt to familiarize Learning Commons resources

Musical books for book checkout

RESOURCES

Current Collection

Databases

Periodicals

Wall Street Journal

TurnItIn

Cricut

Poster Paper

MakerSpace

3D printers

AVAILABLE FOR YOU

Use conference rooms for study sessions, practice presentations

Study, read, collaborate

Print wirelessly

Tech troubleshooting

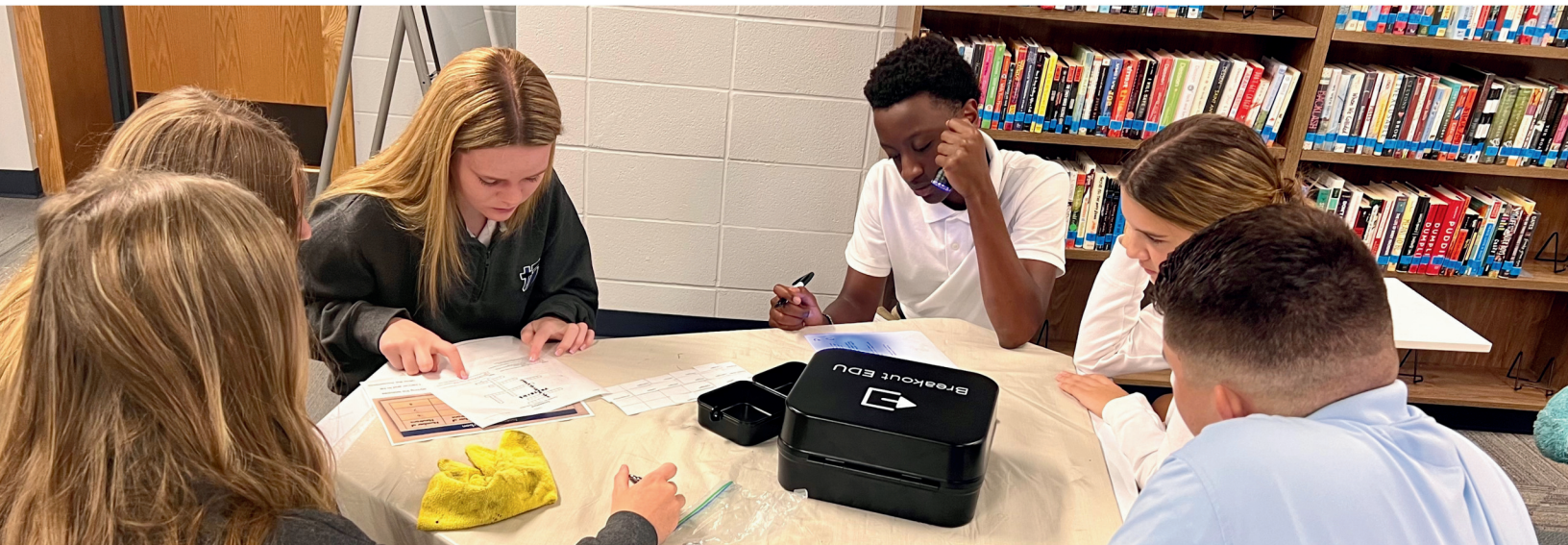
Checkout a device/cord
(if you forget yours:)

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BREAKOUT BOXES



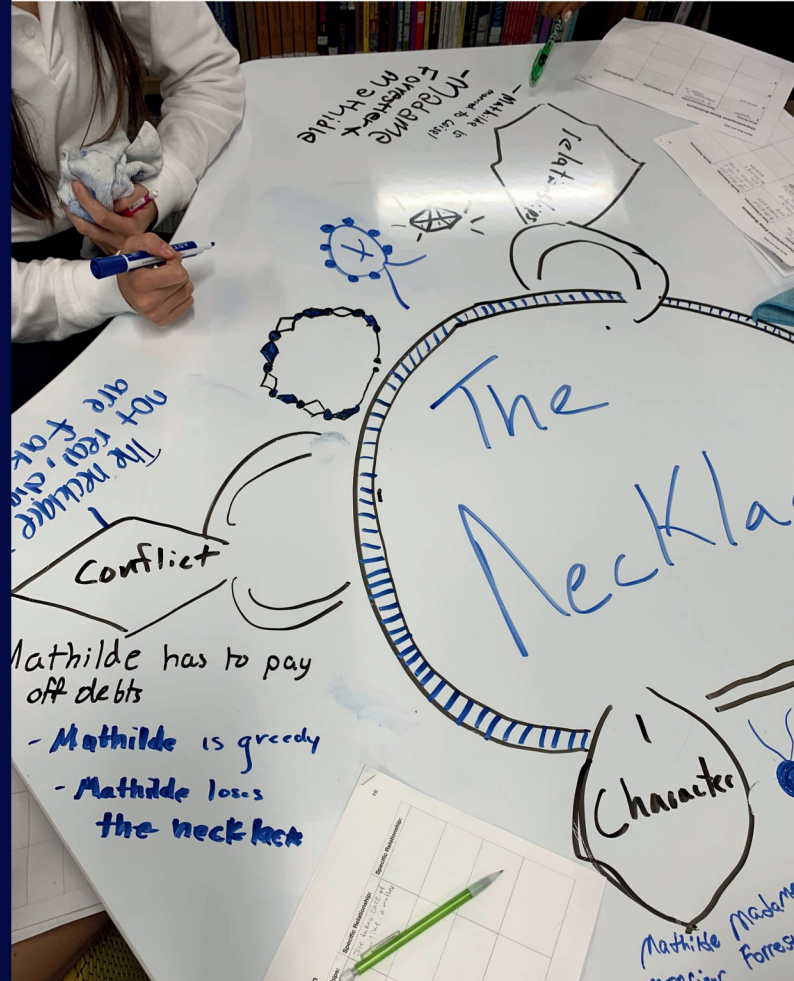
Students solve puzzles based on logic/content building critical thinking, communication, & collaboration skills

MUSICAL BOOKS



Students walk while music plays then peruse a book for 3-4 minutes at the end of 3 times free to checkout any!

GALLERY WALK



Central Idea written on each table, students rotate and branch out Ideas with/without discussion.



WHY STUDENTS LOVE THE LEARNING COMMONS

Collaborative/interactive learning environment, TONS of games for brain breaks, positive, & student-centered.
It's all about creating life-long learners.

WHITEBOARD TABLES & FLEXIBLE SEATING

Teachers use for gallery walks, students use with study groups, and just to doodle!)
Many seating options allow learners to be self-advocates for their current needs.

CURRENT COLLECTION

Constantly updating/adding new titles and give booktalks to foster love for reading.
Circulation increases every school year!

CRICUT

Die Cutting machine - happy to share a Google Doc that gives basic Instruction and login Info to get started. Learning Commons has a supply of card stock to use as well! Students are also more than welcome to use for their projects!

POSTER PAPER

Huge selection for your decorating needs - PLEASE use the scissors on top of the rolls to cut off what you need!)
Welcome to use for student projects too!

3D PRINTING

Free to use!
Create a design then save to a USB.

MAGAZINES

Variety for you to use as you wish! Will take suggestions!



Mrs. Davis is always there to talk and can always relate to whatever you need.

~Nic Sabers, '26



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

TURNITIN/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Plagiarism checker - gives % of paper copied from another source and % written by AI.
Students learn ethical use and strategies to avoid the pitfalls altogether:)

TURNITIN DRAFT COACH

Students have the ability to use an Extension within Google Docs to run a Grammar, Citations, and Similarity (3) Check before an official Turnitin submission. Google Doc might not highlight their grammar/spelling errors!

NOTE-TAKING/PARAPHRASING/SUMMARIZING

Collaborate with teachers on assignments and help with teaching these skills. I teach students how to find credible articles - in databases and online searches; then how to analyze the articles.

CORNELL NOTES

Students learn to incorporate Cornell notes in everyday notes/lectures that is helpful to increase understanding, comprehension, and to prompt questions.

CANVA

Graphic design tool to create presentations, endless possibilities! Collaborative, easily shared with teacher, insert items from Google drive Easy access from the grid In Google account.

DATABASES

We are very fortunate to have access to many databases for all content areas! Contain scholarly journals and authentic, credible sources not available on Google to give college ready skills such as critical thinking and improve ability to evaluate higher level materials.
Students learn search strategies and evaluation methods.

