



SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY
DISCOVER AN EDUCATION TAILORED TO BOYS





Our Mission

– to develop boys into men of character –

is our promise to our students, our families, our community and the world.

We accomplish this through the transformative power of an educational and life experience deeply rooted in Catholic faith and traditions, academic excellence, military leadership, and an all-male environment.



SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY IS A PLACE WHERE BOYS HARNESS THEIR GREATEST INTELLECTUAL, ATHLETIC, SPIRITUAL AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL. HERE, THEY CAN EXPLORE AND BECOME MEN OF CHARACTER. IT'S THE ORIGIN OF A LIFE-CHANGING BOND OF BROTHERHOOD YOUR SON WILL CARRY WITH HIM FOR LIFE.

ALL-BOYS

GRADES 6-12

88-ACRE CAMPUS

STUDENTS FROM
60 ZIP CODES

OVER 49% RECEIVE
TUITION ASSISTANCE

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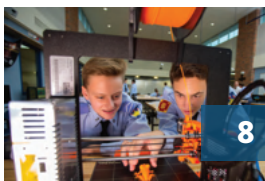
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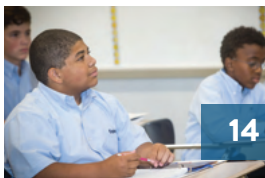
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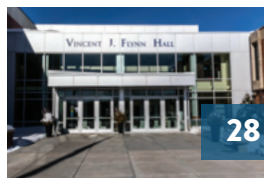
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SCHOOL HISTORY

- 1885**
Archbishop John Ireland has a vision for a renovated building where students could access theological and university studies to prepare for a devout life.
- 1890**
A military program is formed under the name of the Saint Thomas Seminary Military Battalion, from which four institutions would ultimately emerge, including St. Thomas College and Saint Thomas Military Academy.
- 1905**
The school comes under direct supervision of the U.S. Army.
- 1916**
The U.S. Army's ROTC program is established, providing standardized military curriculum to schools across the country.
- 1922**
While still affiliated and co-located with St. Thomas College, Saint Thomas Military Academy is officially established.
- 1965**
Archbishop John Roach's vision for a separate campus for cadets becomes a reality with the move to Mendota Heights. STMA becomes Saint Thomas Academy.
- 1971**
Saint Thomas Academy Middle School is created, composed of grades seven and eight, offering boys small class sizes and individualized instruction.
- 1979**
The current Anderson Commons is constructed, originally as a space for the middle school.
- 2000**
The Middle School facility is built, the first major addition to the Mendota Heights campus.
- 2013**
Vincent J. Flynn Hall opens, offering state-of-the-art athletic and fine art facilities, classrooms and lecture spaces.
- 2015**
Saint Thomas Academy returns to its roots as an independent military institution, separating from the Army's JROTC program, and tailors its military leadership curriculum to prepare students for leadership in college and life.
- 2017**
Saint Thomas Academy Middle School expands to include sixth grade.
- 2021**
Newly renovated Founders Hall classrooms, offices, and lounge spaces as well as the outdoor Quad space for outdoor dining.
- 2024**
Saint Thomas Academy breaks ground on the Michel Family Aquatic Center.

TRADITION



When a school has been around since 1885, it's going to have traditions — plenty of them. These unique, time-honored annual traditions help make your Saint Thomas Academy experience unforgettable.

FOUNDATION



THE 4 PILLARS OF SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

CATHOLIC

We develop each boy's spiritual potential through the teaching and practice of Catholic traditions and values. We foster ethical behavior, humility and respectful relationships with all people. We instill a life-long commitment to the service of others.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY

We develop each boy's intellectual potential through a rigorous curriculum that fosters a life-long respect for knowledge, an abiding spirit of inquiry, analytical thinking, creative expression, effective communication skills and independent study.

MILITARY LEADERSHIP

Our multi-faceted programs (Grades 9-12) instill in each cadet the life-long values of honor, integrity, self-discipline, brotherhood, devotion to our community and the service of others.

ALL-MALE

We have a proven academic, athletic and learning environment that nurtures and builds on the unique manner in which boys develop embracing and fostering opportunities distinctly beneficial to them.



**WHAT WE INSTILL IN OUR SONS WILL BE
THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH THEY
BUILD THEIR FUTURE.**

THE CORE VALUES OF SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

FAITH

Faith is a grounding principle in a young man's life and fosters selflessness and compassion. As such, we encourage boys to explore and develop their faith through our community service, theology coursework and Catholic tenets.

EXCELLENCE

Whether on the field, court or ice, or in the classroom, lab or studio, cadets consistently demonstrate excellence developed through unwavering commitment, practice, teamwork and instruction by the finest coaches and faculty who excel at teaching boys.

INTEGRITY

A character trait that can only be instilled, not taught, integrity defines Saint Thomas Academy cadets.

RESPECT

Unquantifiable on college entrance exams, the development of a deep respect for authority and others is inherent in our military leadership program.

ACADEMICS

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY PROVIDES ONE OF THE STRONGEST COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAMS IN THE TWIN CITIES AREA FOR BOYS IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12.

We believe education should be about applying knowledge, not just learning it. We are here to teach the skills needed to solve real problems in a world that is constantly changing. We prepare boys for college and also for life.

Our faculty makes learning as active as possible because they understand how boys learn best - They are EXPERTS IN EDUCATING BOYS. Our faculty are deeply, personally invested in the success of each boy. On graduation day, you will look back and see how much Saint Thomas Academy has changed your son.



HALLMARKS OF A SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY EDUCATION

Highly individualized attention;
1:7 Faculty-Student ratio

Expertise in how boys learn best

100 academic courses

Experienced and dedicated
College Counseling team

Five-year average ACT score-28

Devoted faculty,
83% hold an advanced degree

100% of graduates accepted to
post-secondary institutions



DUAL ENROLLMENT



Dual Enrollment at Saint Thomas Academy offers Cadets the unique opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school education. Through programs like Advanced Placement (AP), 1818 with Saint Louis University, and PAC with Saint Mary's University, Cadets may elect to take coursework that aligns with college-level standards. This prepares them for the rigors of higher education and also allows students to save time and money on their college journey.

LEADERSHIP PATHWAYS



Leadership Pathways offers a variety of opportunities for students to explore their interests with hands-on experience, mentoring and internship exploration. Through pathways like business and economics, STEM, global competency, public service, and fine/applied arts and design, students apply their knowledge and skills to real-world challenges, culminating with a capstone project.



INNOVATION CENTER

THIS 6,000-SQUARE-FOOT
SPACE INCLUDES:

- 3D Printers
- 3D Scanner/Measuring Equipment
- Computers with CAD Software
- Drill Press
- Hand Tools
- Laser Cutter/Engraver
- Medium CNC Table Mill
- Scroll Saw/Band Saw
- Small CNC Three-Axis Mill
- Vinyl Cutters
- Water Jet Cutter
- AND MORE!

EST. 2017

The Innovation Center is also home to the Experimental Vehicle Team. Saint Thomas Academy's EVT team has a history of success, including a first-place finish at the Shell Eco-Marathon in London and a second-place finish in the high school division of the NASA Rover Challenge. Our team has also earned multiple awards, including Rookie of the Year, Technology Challenge Award - for our student designed and built carbon fiber wheels, STEM Engagement - for community outreach, and the Featherweight Award for the lightest rover.



EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLE TEAM

ENGINEERING IS ALL AROUND US.

Many students don't know or even understand the influence that engineering has on their daily lives. The Cadets on the Experimental Vehicle Team get a unique opportunity to experience the world of engineering by solving real-world problems in this world renowned co-curricular. With over twenty years of building alternative-energy vehicles, our students have engineered one of a kind projects, each one as unique as the contest they were designed for. From cross-country solar cars, to enclosed electric motorcycles, to battery electric urban concept cars to human powered rovers; the engineering design process comes to life in our new Innovation Center.

THE ENGINEERS OF TOMORROW, TODAY.

The goal of our program is to guide students through the possible into the probable. We truly expect Experimental Vehicle Team members to think like scientists and the team to work like engineers. Students must look for new and unique ways to solve problems. We try to show the brightest students that they need to get their hands dirty and the hands-on students the value of time in the library. Identifying and encouraging talented students to discover and pursue an engineering future is the primary purpose of our co-curricular program. It is vitally important to our country for high school engineering programs, such as ours, to play a role in developing a stronger, homegrown, human resource.

WE NEVER CROSS THE FINISH LINE ALONE.

Our program relies not only on the creativity and collaboration of our students and their ability to persist in the face of challenges, but also on the generosity of our sponsors who help make our program come alive.



LEADERSHIP

THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

As an independent military institute, Saint Thomas Academy calls on principles of military structure and training to teach your son important life skills, including teamwork, respect for authority, leadership from the top and within, individual excellence and self-discipline – all of which will serve him well in college and in his career. We believe our military leadership program is essential to a college-prep education and the Saint Thomas Academy experience.

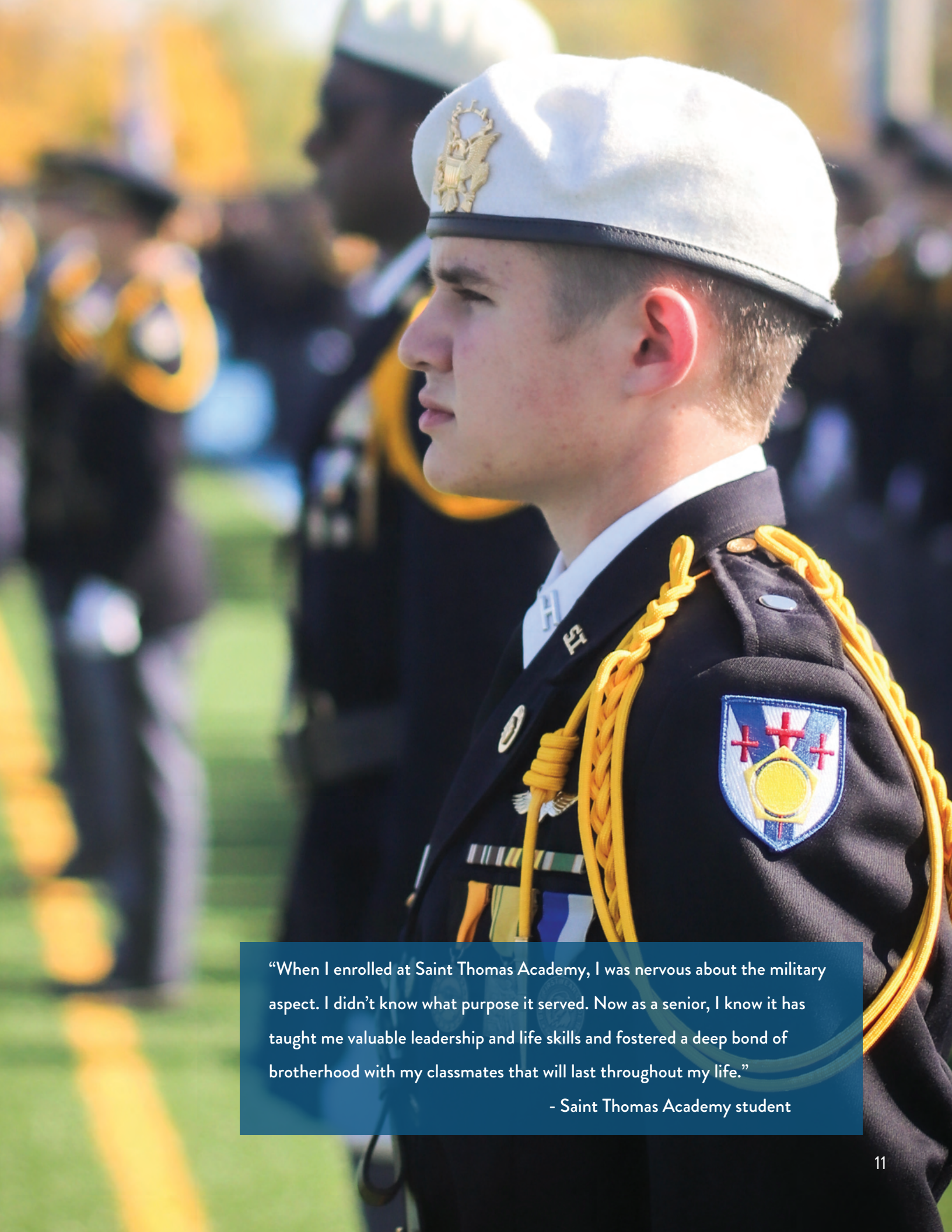


CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Saint Thomas Academy is a place for developing excellence in boys, so they not only do well in their endeavors but they live well in their lives. The complete process of the Academy's education and development is meant to build a boy into a man - a man of character. When boys explore questions of ethics, morality and spirituality, they grow a greater understanding of their own worldview. Young men feel excited about the opportunity to create their own identity and begin to step into the belief that character, respect and integrity will help them achieve their goals.


THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM TEACHES:

- Leadership skills
- Planning and execution of events
- Teamwork
- How to be a good follower
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Goal setting
- Mentorship/counseling
- Self-discipline
- Punctuality
- Appearance standards
- Selfless-service
- Respect for authority
- Character/integrity
- Citizenship and patriotism
- How to be a gentleman



“When I enrolled at Saint Thomas Academy, I was nervous about the military aspect. I didn’t know what purpose it served. Now as a senior, I know it has taught me valuable leadership and life skills and fostered a deep bond of brotherhood with my classmates that will last throughout my life.”

- Saint Thomas Academy student

A priest in a red vestment is shown from the side, holding a golden chalice high in his right hand. He is looking up at the chalice. The background is a wooden wall with a white ceiling. In the foreground, there are several golden plates on a white table.

OUR VALUES ARE ROOTED IN THE
CATHOLIC FAITH- AS WE TEACH
SERVICE TO OTHERS.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Daily Mass
Confession
Grade Level Retreats
Service Projects
Volunteering

St. Thomas Aquinas,
our patron saint,
believes in our power to
know, learn and understand.

FAITH

OUR DISTINCT MARK OF A CATHOLIC
EDUCATION IS THAT FAITH IS AT THE
HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY SURROUNDS
STUDENTS WITH ACTIVE CAMPUS
MINISTRY PROGRAMS, SERVICE
ACTIVITIES, LITURGIES AND RETREAT
EXPERIENCES EVERY YEAR.

A HIGHLIGHT FOR SENIORS IS THE
TWO-WEEK SERVICE PROJECT, A
CAPSTONE TO THEIR

SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY
EDUCATION.

Religious identities of our non-Catholic students
are respected and affirmed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL—A TAILORED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Middle school faculty understand how boys learn and their learning styles to foster growth during middle school by learning how to learn.



Middle school years encompass the most transformative experiences in boys' lives. The differences between a sixth grader and an eighth grader is often several feet and octaves. The Saint Thomas Academy Middle School is geared specifically to know and understand where each boy is at to engage him academically, socially and spiritually.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS:

House Leadership System

Grade Level Retreats

History Day

First Lego League

Quiz Bowl

1:1 MACBOOK AIR PROGRAM



**EXAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR
MS STUDENT:**

Algebra I
Faith In The Church
U.s. History
Spanish
Physical Education
Earth & Space Science
English
Chess Strategies

BROTHERHOOD

A PLACE WHERE BOYS THRIVE

There's no greater experience than belonging to a campus with friends and classmates who feel like brothers. Boys will always find someone to give advice, help with homework, hit the weight room, or just hang out. The cadet brotherhood will also be there to push you, support you and cheer you on, every step of the way. Our connections last a lifetime.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Student Council

Athletic Team Captains

House Captains

Leadership Senior Council

Club Moderators

Campus Ministers



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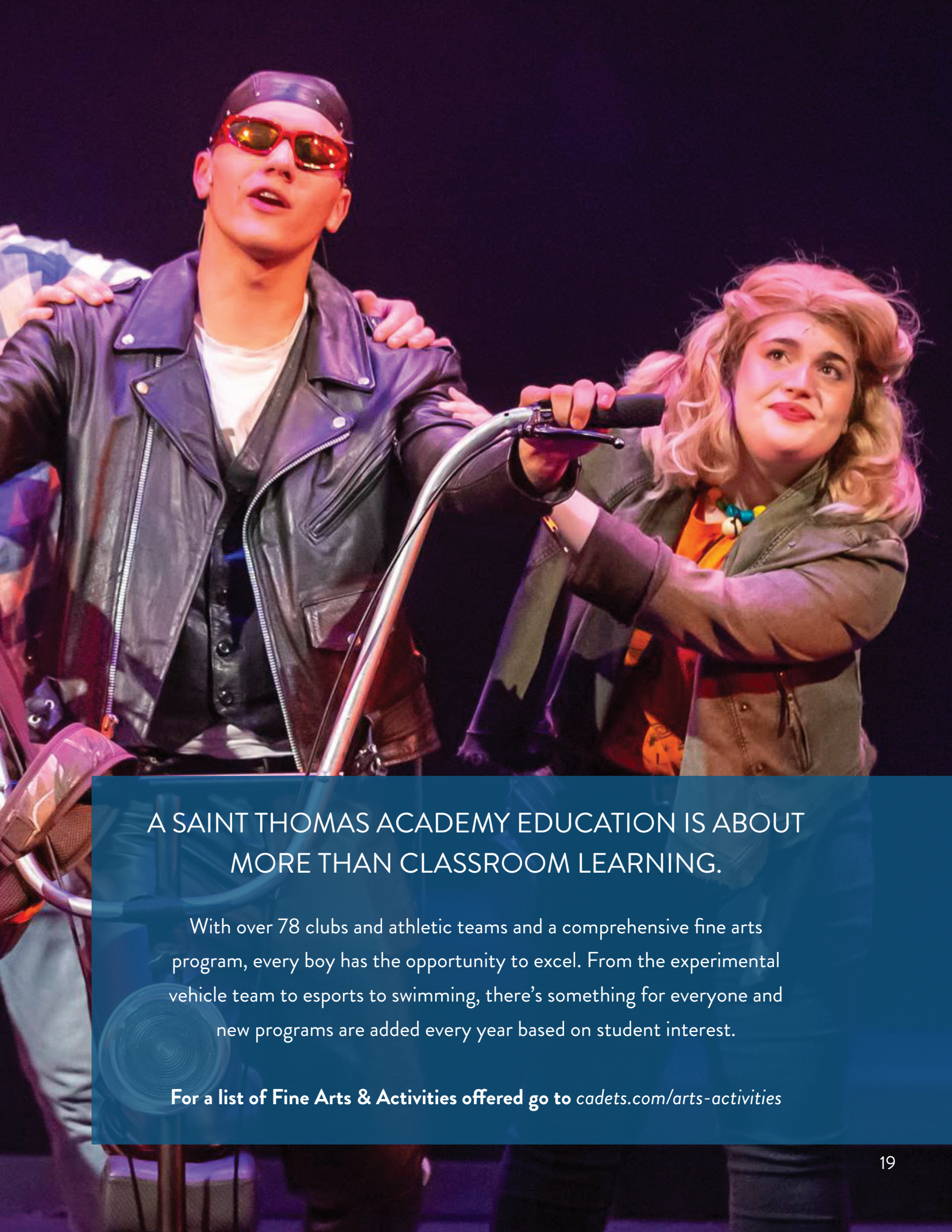
OUR

BROTHERS.

FINE ARTS & ACTIVITIES

In partnership with our sister school, Visitation, we work to instill in our boys an appreciation of the arts. VISTA offers band, orchestra, jazz, vocal music and theater.





A SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY EDUCATION IS ABOUT MORE THAN CLASSROOM LEARNING.

With over 78 clubs and athletic teams and a comprehensive fine arts program, every boy has the opportunity to excel. From the experimental vehicle team to esports to swimming, there's something for everyone and new programs are added every year based on student interest.

For a list of Fine Arts & Activities offered go to cadets.com/arts-activities



ATHLETICS

WE BELIEVE IN PLAYING THE GAME WELL BUT ALSO PLAYING WITH SPORTSMANSHIP AND CHARACTER.

ATHLETICS OFFERED

FALL

Clay Target
Cross Country
Football
Soccer

WINTER

Alpine Skiing
Basketball
Hockey
Nordic Skiing
Rifle Team
Swimming/Diving
Wrestling

SPRING

Baseball
Clay Target
Golf
Lacrosse
Tennis
Track And Field

At Saint Thomas Academy, sports are for everyone. On or off the field, we strive for discipline and teamwork. Sports teach us about success and failure, leadership and sacrifice, and how to find resilience within oneself.



EACH YEAR MORE THAN 100 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
VISIT SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY TO SPEAK WITH OUR STUDENTS,
AND WE ORGANIZE REGULAR PROGRAMMING DESIGNED TO
ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT MAJORS AND CAREERS.

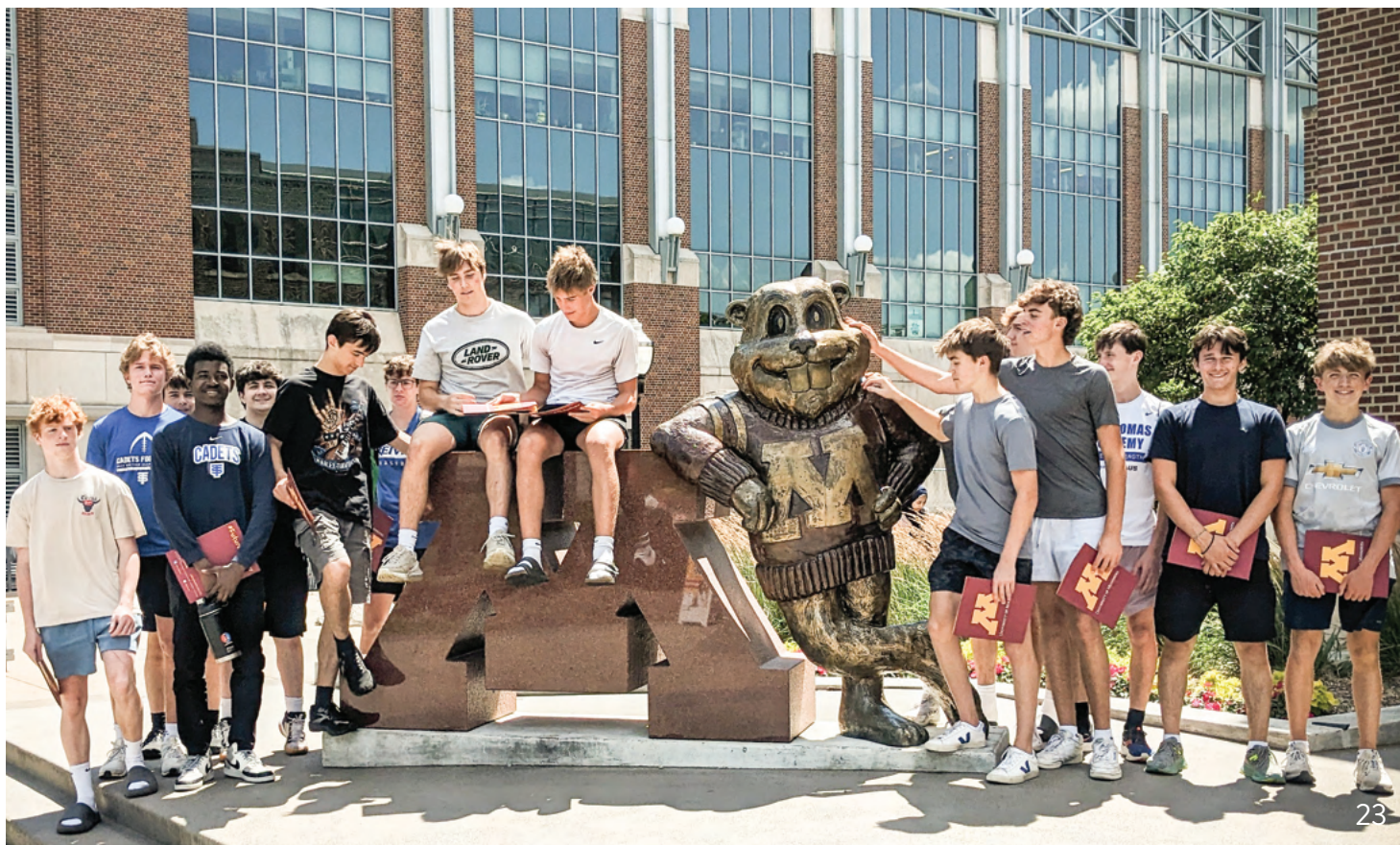
COLLEGE COUNSELING

OUR COLLEGE COUNSELORS HAVE MORE THAN 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
WORKING WITH STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ON THE COLLEGE APPLICATION
AND DECISION MAKING-PROCESS.

100%
GRADUATION RATE



Beginning freshmen year, our college counselors offer group presentations to students and parents. Sophomore year, counselors begin working with the boys in the classroom to guide them as they approach the college process. By the end of junior year, our college counselors have met with each student and parent at least once to discuss the student's college plans.



ADMISSIONS

WE ARE EXPERTS IN EDUCATING BOYS

THE BEST PLACE TO START IS BY SETTING UP A CAMPUS TOUR AND VISIT.

ADMISSIONS SHOWCASES

During our Showcases, you'll hear Saint Thomas Academy students describe their unique journeys, learn what our experienced and talented faculty can offer your son and discover the benefits of a leadership focused, rigorous academic program. In addition, your family can explore the many athletic and co-curricular programs we offer. Admissions Showcases offer an opportunity to receive an exceptional overview of Saint Thomas Academy.

ACE (SHADOW) VISITS

Scheduling an Authentic Cadet Experience (ACE) shadow visit is the best opportunity for your son to experience a day in the life of a Cadet. He will be paired with a Saint Thomas Academy student that shares similar interests. ACE visits offer prospective students an understanding for the typical school day, class content, and our community environment. (An all-you-can-eat lunch is included!)

TUESDAY TOURS

Led by the Admissions Office and Parent Ambassador Team, these campus tours provide prospective families with an exploration of our exceptional 88-acre campus and its preeminent learning facilities, such as our Innovation Center and advanced learning tools. Tours include classroom visits, meeting with faculty and conclude with taking in Formation, a unique daily gathering for the students. Tuesday Tours are typically 90 minutes and cover much of our amazing experience.



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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY CHECKLIST:

Schedule a visit

Register for the CogAT test

Complete the application

Complete the tads
and academic
award applications.

Schedule a virtual interview



ACADEMIC AWARDS:

President Award

Next Chapter - Transfer Student Award

Faith in Action Award

Jack Zahr Teamwork & Community Award

Catholic Schools Award

Unity in Education Public Schools Award

John Ireland Legacy Award

Middle School Award

The Wiltold Pilecki Polish Heritage Award

Valor Award

CHOOSING SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY IS A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR SON'S FUTURE.

Our goal is to make a Saint Thomas Academy education accessible to all qualified students who can best benefit from our long tradition of providing a Catholic, college preparatory, all-male, military leadership education. We are committed to working with you to clarify the financial aid process and explain financing options.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All tuition assistance applicants must complete a Tuition Aid Data Services (TADS) application. TADS is used by all Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to determine a family's tuition need. TADS applications can be filled out online or can be printed and mailed to you from TADS. Completing your TADS application online will expedite the process.

Submitting TADS applications after the deadline may affect a student's financial award, as we have limited funding. Funding cannot be allocated to TADS applicants unless the student has been granted admission to Saint Thomas Academy. TADS may be filed prior to the admission decision, but notification of potential tuition assistance qualification will not be sent until after a student is admitted.

- A non-refundable \$500 enrollment deposit, payable at time of registration, is applied to the tuition amount.

CAMPUS

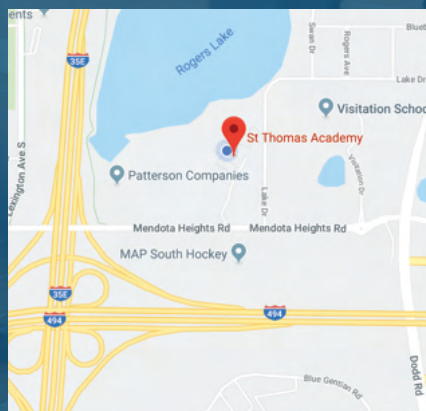
WHERE IS SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY?

Saint Thomas Academy is located conveniently at the intersection of 35E and 494. We offer fee-based bus transportation with our sister school, Visitation. The bus service operates from Saint Paul, and both the East and West Metro Areas. Many students also commute together via carpools. All students drivers have the opportunity to obtain a parking spot.

OUR CAMPUS

The Saint Thomas Academy campus is built on 88 acres in Mendota Heights. Opened in 1965, and being continually expanded upon, our campus gives cadets the opportunity to excel in academics, athletics, and co-curriculars. Highlights of our campus include...

- Newly renovated Founders Hall, outdoor quad, science labs, and more!
- Vincent J. Flynn Hall, which has 3 basketball courts, a state of the art weight room, and a state of the art fine arts center
- 6 full size football/soccer fields including Gerry Brown Stadium
- 2 baseball fields
- Saint Thomas Ice Arena
- Competition Size Swimming Pool





The heart of the school, Founders Hall was recently updated with new classrooms, offices, conference rooms, ventilation, and even a senior lounge!



SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY

AT A GLANCE

CADETS
ACCEPTED AT
150 DIFFERENT COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES
IN 46 STATES




28
5-YEAR AVERAGE
ACT SCORE

78
NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES &
ATHLETICS
OFFERED



GRADES
6-12

 **\$15.8M**
AVERAGE AMOUNT OF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED TO THE SENIOR CLASS


88
ACRES
OF LAND ON
CAMPUS

 MASS
IS
OFFERED
DAILY



65

CHAMPIONSHIPS
& COUNTING

70% OF OUR STUDENTS
ARE CATHOLIC

100: # OF FACULTY & STAFF



FOUNDED IN **1885**

BRAND NEW
AQUATIC
CENTER



M O D E R N
ACADEMIC FACILITIES



INNOVATION
CENTER OPENED IN

2017



 **18**

AVERAGE NUMBER OF
STUDENTS PER CLASS



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VISTA:

COMBINED BAND, THEATRE
AND ORCHESTRA
PROGRAMS WITH OUR
SISTER SCHOOL

Visitation School

BOYS PARTICIPATING IN AT
96% LEAST ONE SPORT
OR ACTIVITY

40: HOURS OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE REQUIRED TO
GRADUATE

VARSITY TEAMS:

- ALPINE SKI
- BASEBALL
- BASKETBALL
- CROSS COUNTRY
- GOLF
- FOOTBALL
- HOCKEY
- LACROSSE
- NORDIC SKI
- RIFLE
- SOCCER
- SWIMMING & DIVING
- TENNIS
- TRACK & FIELD
- WRESTLING



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PREMIER ATHLETIC FACILITIES:

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BRAND NEW TURF FOOTBALL FIELD
BRAND NEW BASEBALL TURF INFIELD
BRAND NEW TRACK
WRESTLING ROOM
FITNESS & WEIGHT ROOM
AQUATIC CENTER
3 GYMNASIUMS
SHOOTING RANGE

EVERY **2** YEARS
THE **VISTA** BAND
TAKES AN
INTERNATIONAL TRIP



THE SUCCESS OF SAINT THOMAS
ACADEMY IN COLLEGE AND IN LIFE
REPRESENTS AN EXTRAORDINARY
RETURN ON YOUR EDUCATION
INVESTMENT.

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