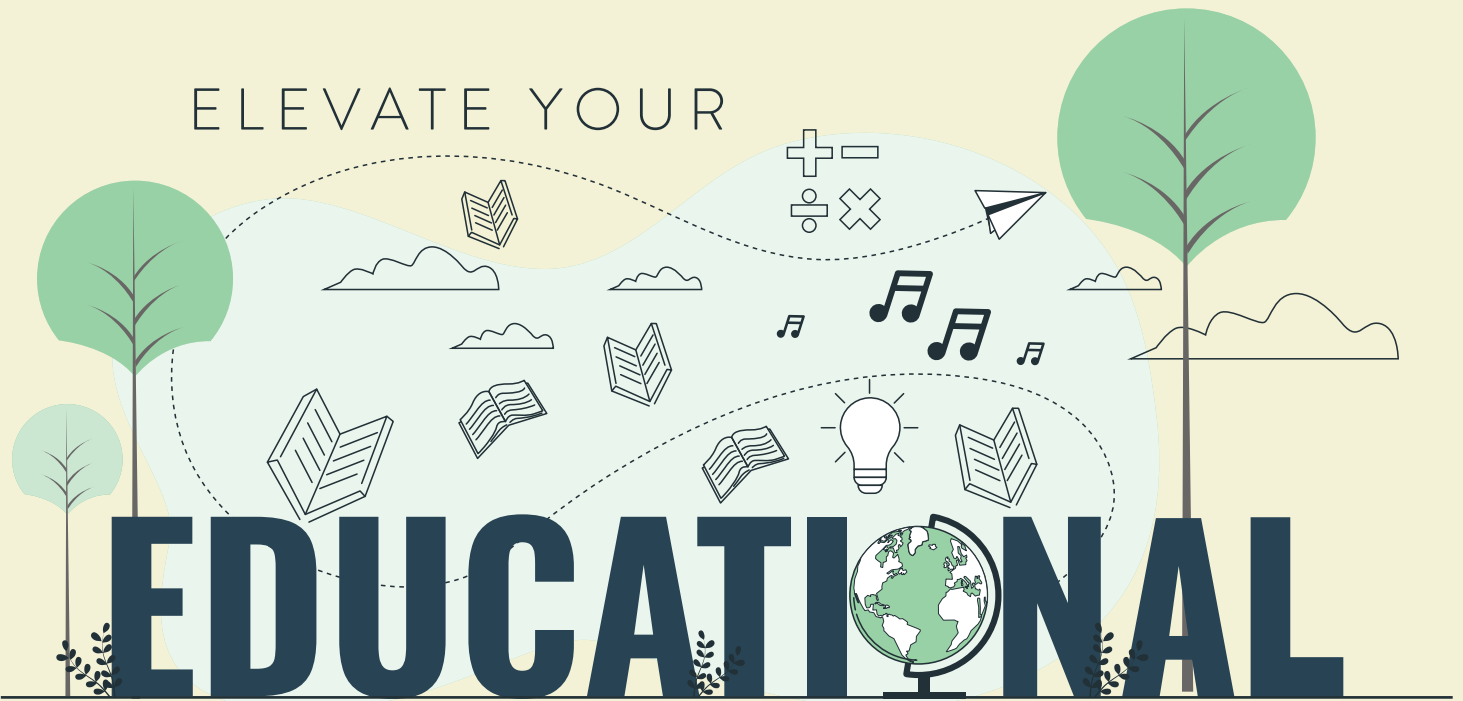


# SUMMER

# Prep

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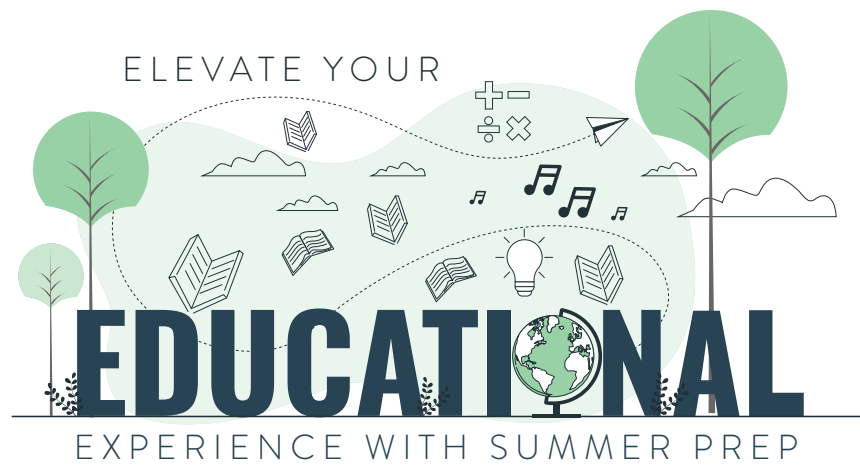


# EDUCATIONAL

EXPERIENCE WITH SUMMER PREP  
AT SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY & VISITATION SCHOOL



2026-2027 CATALOG



### **Tailored Excellence for Middle and High School Learners**

Saint Thomas Academy invites boys & girls entering grades 6-12 to join an enriching summer program designed to unlock their academic potential. This immersive 4-to-8 week experience offers a valuable opportunity to explore challenging coursework.



### **Transcribed Credits for Future Success**

Potentially earn high school and even college credits. Students will gain a significant head start on their academic journey, preparing them for future success.



### **Inspired Teaching, Dedicated Faculty**

The courses are taught by full-time Saint Thomas Academy faculty members. The goal is to inspire students while being supported by experience educators who are committed to cultivating their intellectual curiosity and fostering the skills essential for high school and beyond.

## **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- **Reinforce & Strengthen:** Whether you want to solidify your math or world language skills, Summer Prep offers expert instruction and a supportive environment to boost your confidence and understanding in the subject matter.
- **Advance & Excel:** Want to take advanced coursework in high school but worried about your current placement? Our programs help you climb the academic ladder and get ahead in math or world languages.
- **Engaging Opportunities for All:** Parents, we've got you covered too! Summer Prep is the ultimate destination for keeping your kids engaged this summer with academic opportunities that spark curiosity and fuel growth.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary chance to empower your education and future. Enroll in Summer Prep today and experience the difference!

# COURSEWORK

## COLLEGE PREP

### Language Lab

**Age group:** Recommended for students entering grades 9-12

**Prerequisite(s):** None. Preference given to students with a proclivity for language and those seeking language support.

**Duration:** 4 weeks (session 2) July 6-31

**Class notes:** Course size limited to 8 total students. It is offered in the afternoon from 1:00-3:45 p.m.

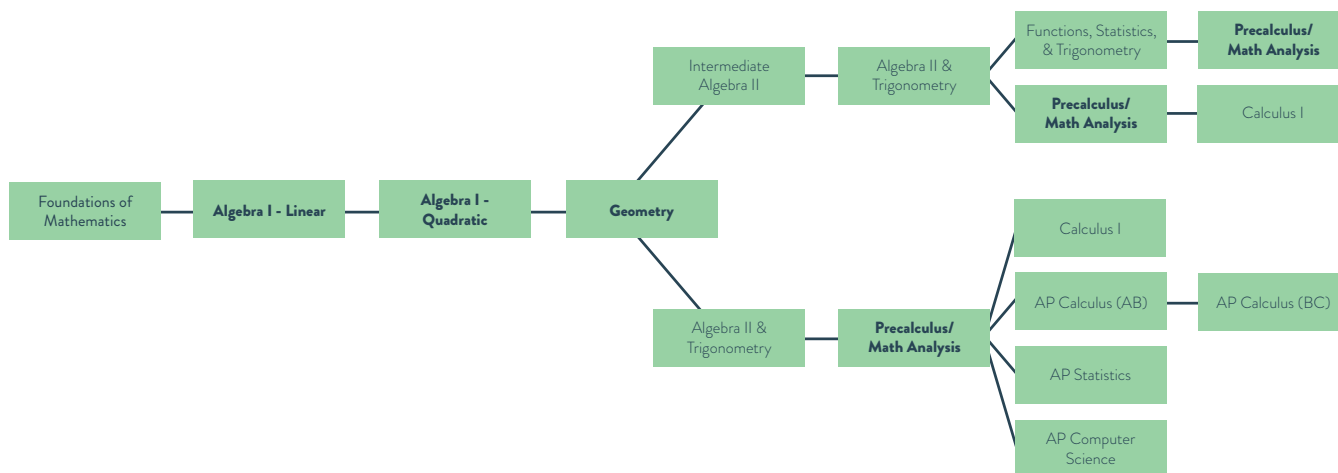
Interested in honing your craft as a writer, reader, or orator? Wish to produce high-quality writing for your other classes? Want to submit a creative piece to the literary journal? Looking to craft the perfect senior speech? Join this semester-based language lab! In this course, you will receive personalized instruction on your verbal communication skills including to the written and spoken work. With limited spots available, this intentionally limited course will give you the one-on-one attention needed to upgrade your skills and separate you from the crowd!



# MATHEMATICS

## Introduction

Our mathematics course series is carefully crafted to help students strengthen their mathematical skills and open up new opportunities in high school math. Beginning with Foundations of Mathematics and progressing through Algebra I - Quadratic, Geometry, and Precalculus, our courses provide a solid foundation and prepare students for advanced studies in high school, regardless of your current math placement.



\*Courses offered during Summer Prep are in **bold**.

Please see the Director/Principal at the student's home institution to confirm course equivalency.

## Algebra I - Linear

**Age group:** Recommended for students entering grades 7 through 8

**Prerequisite(s):** None

**Duration:** 4 weeks (session 1) June 9-30

**Class notes:** This course prepares students for Algebra I - Quadratic. It is offered in the morning from 9:00-11:45 a.m.

Begin your exploration of Algebra I with our engaging course that brings the real number system to life! Dive into the beauty of algebraic symbols as you unravel the secrets of first-degree equations and graphs. Discover the power of problem-solving through systems of first-degree equations and embark on an exciting journey into the realm of exponents and square roots.

## Algebra I - Quadratic

**Age group:** Recommended for students entering grades 7 through 9

**Prerequisite(s):** Algebra I - Linear or its equivalent

**Duration:** 4 weeks (session 2) July 6-31

**Class notes:** This course prepares students for Geometry. Students need to successfully complete Linear and Quadratic Algebra I to qualify for Geometry. It is offered in the morning from 9:00-11:45 a.m.

Continue your exploration of Algebra I in Quadratic, where we delve into the intricacies of the real number system, algebraic symbols, and linear functions as a solid foundation. Accelerate your understanding as we swiftly progress into the captivating realm of second-degree equations and graphs. Engage with expanded systems of first-degree equations, unravel the mysteries of factoring second-degree functions, and master the art of using the quadratic formula. Elevate your mathematical prowess with a comprehensive study of exponents and square roots.

## Geometry

**Age group:** Recommended for students entering grades 8 or 10

**Prerequisite(s):** Algebra I/Grade 9 Algebra – Quadratic or Algebraic

**Duration:** 8 weeks (sessions 1 & 2) June 6-July 31

**Class notes:** This course prepares students for Intermediate Algebra II or Algebra II & Trigonometry, depending on the student's academic performance in the course. It is offered in the afternoon from 1:00-3:45 p.m.

Embark on a captivating journey through Geometry as we lay the groundwork for understanding this fascinating branch of mathematics. Our course begins by equipping students with essential tools such as methods of reasoning, the coordinate plane, and various types of measurement. As we delve deeper, the spotlight turns to the exploration of the intriguing properties and practical applications of lines, triangles, quadrilaterals, similarity, right triangle trigonometry, circles, and transformations. Join us in building a strong geometric foundation that not only enhances problem-solving skills but also cultivates a profound appreciation for the beauty and practicality of geometry in the world around us.

## Precalculus/Math Analysis\*

**Age group:** Recommended for students entering grade 10 or 11

**Prerequisite(s):** Algebra II/Trigonometry

**Duration:** 8 weeks (sessions 1 & 2) June 6-July 31

**Class notes:** This course accelerates a student's placement in the Calculus sequence, preparing them for upper division coursework in Calculus I, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, and/or AP Computer Science. It is offered in the morning from 9:00-11:45 a.m.\* Visitation students who complete this course over the summer are eligible for (Honors) Math Analysis during the school year pending their performance.

Prepare for Calculus success with our Precalculus course! Explore number systems, polynomial, exponential, rational, and logarithmic functions, alongside sequences and series. Dive into trigonometry, anchored in the unit circle, periodic functions, and identities. This course is your key to mastering foundational concepts for a seamless transition to Calculus.

# WORLD LANGUAGES

## Introduction

While some individuals acquire a new language through immersion in another country, the majority of us embark on our language learning journey within a classroom setting, guided by dedicated teachers and alongside fellow classmates. A robust foundation in foreign language skills can offer students a multitude of opportunities, both in the short term and the long term.

In the short term, successful completion of a Level 1 foreign language course equips students with the linguistic groundwork necessary to progress to Level 2 their first year of high school. In the long term, students' foreign language proficiency will reach its pinnacle with enrollment in the AP course, which represents the highest level attainable for high school students.

The process of learning a new language fundamentally reshapes one's thought patterns and perspective on the world. When combined with exposure to diverse cultures, it fosters sensitivity and awareness in interpersonal interactions. This transformation is a crucial step towards becoming a global citizen in our rapidly diversifying world.

## High School Spanish I

**Age group:** Recommended for students entering grade 9

**Prerequisite(s):** None

**Duration:** 8 weeks (sessions 1 & 2) June 6-July 31

**Class notes:** This course is equivalent to Spanish I at Saint Thomas Academy.

It is offered in the afternoon from 1:00-3:45 p.m.



# INSPIRIT AI

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### Introduction

Join us this summer for a hands-on dive into Artificial Intelligence. Led by expert practitioners from Stanford and MIT, students will transition from AI consumers to AI creators. Through Python programming and project-based learning, students will explore how AI powers self-driving cars, fights pandemics, and fuels generative tools like ChatGPT. Whether your student is a total beginner or an advanced coder, they will gain the skills to build their own AI applications for social good. Separate middle and high school sections ensure an age-appropriate, collaborative experience for all.

### Inspirat AI

**Age group:** Recommended for students entering grades 6-12

**Prerequisite(s):** None

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Dates:** June 15-26, weekdays only (No Class June 19)

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$1,400 if you register before March 1, \$1,500 after March 1

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The STA/VIS Summer Term runs from Tuesday, June 9 - Friday, July 31.

## SESSIONS:

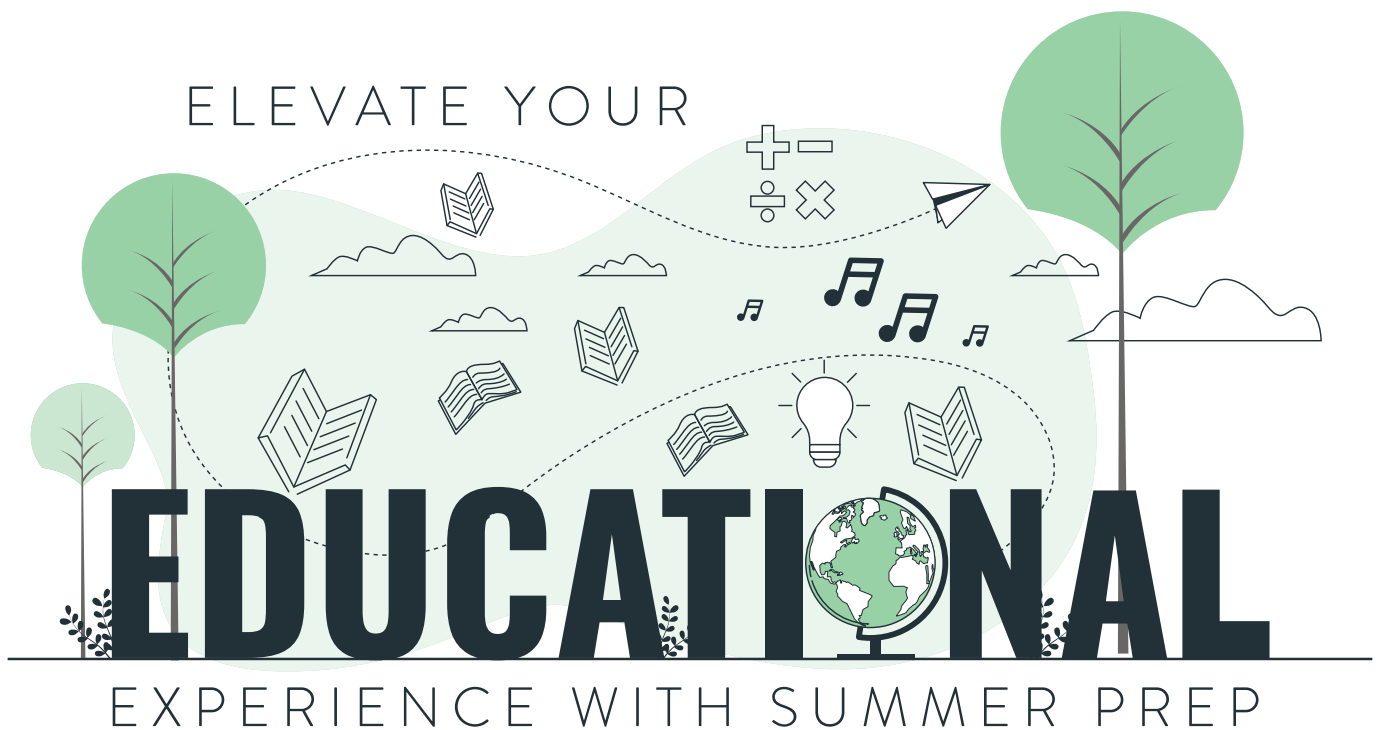
- **Start of summer term / start of session 1:** Tuesday, June 9
- **Midterm / end of session 1:** Tuesday, June 30
- **Classes resume / start of session 2:** Monday, July 6
- **Last day of classes / end of session 2:** Thursday, July 30
- **Final exams:** Friday, July 31
- **Inspirit AI:** June 15-26, weekdays only (No Class June 19) 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## HOLIDAYS:

- **Juneteenth:** Friday, June 19
- **Fourth of July & Mid Term Break:** Wednesday, July 1 - Friday, July 3

## TUITION

- **\$1,250 per class, per session (\$2,500 per two-session course)**
- **Inspirit AI: \$1,400/\$1,500**



# SUMMER CAMPS

Looking for a summer that's as productive as it is fun? Saint Thomas Academy welcomes both boys and girls to our premier summer programs. We offer a unique mix of competitive sports, academic growth, and pure creative play. Whatever your student's interests, they'll find a community designed to help them thrive and a summer they'll never forget.

## Strength & Conditioning

Join Coach Steve Rosga for the Saint Thomas Academy High School Cadets Strength and Conditioning Program, the ultimate summer training experience designed to build faster, stronger, and more resilient athletes. This isn't just a workout; it is a structured, high-performance curriculum focusing on explosive power, cardiovascular endurance, and elite agility. Whether you are gearing up for a championship season or simply looking to hit a new personal best, this is where the work happens.

The program runs from June 8 through August 6, with sessions held Monday through Thursday for rising 9th through 12th grade Cadets. Each sixty-minute session focuses on intensive foundational training, and for those who want to go the extra mile, we offer daily optional thirty-minute Speed and Burn running sessions.

***Sign ups begin in April.***

## Class Of 2027 College Application Boot Camp (Rising Seniors)

Get a jump start on the college application process this summer! Our College Application Completion Boot Camp, held in early August, will help students begin their college applications and start drafting essays, with guidance from college counseling staff and guest speakers. More details will be shared by the end of the school year.

***Reminder: The College Counseling Office is open all summer for questions and individual meetings.***

## Drivers Ed

Safeway Driving School offers teen driver education for Saint Thomas Academy and Visitation students. The Teen Package includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training, all designed to fit a busy summer schedule. Students will gain the skills and confidence needed to become safe, responsible drivers in a supportive environment.

**See details and sign up for these classes online at [cadets.com/summer](https://cadets.com/summer)**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ***Is Summer Prep coeducational?***

Yes. Although Saint Thomas Academy is an all-boys school during the regular academic year, Summer Prep is coeducational and welcomes all students who meet the course requirements.

## ***Are summer classes remedial?***

No. While Saint Thomas Academy students have the option to retake coursework during the summer with permission (see your school's policy handbook for more information on credit recovery), it's important to note that these summer classes are not intended for remediation.

Summer Prep coursework is accelerated and aligned with Saint Thomas Academy's core curriculum as well as that of many schools.

## ***I am or will be a high school student at Saint Thomas Academy or elsewhere. How will Summer Prep coursework be used?***

If you are currently enrolled or plan to enroll at Saint Thomas Academy, participating in Summer Prep coursework can serve as a means to advance your placement in mathematics and/or world languages.

Students who enroll in college courses are eligible to receive college credit through Saint Mary's University's (MN) Program for Advanced College Credit (PACC), and may register for the AP exam the following spring, if desired.

For high school students, performance in these classes will potentially be factored into their GPA or fulfill graduation requirements, depending on the policies of their home school.

## ***I am or will be a high school student at Saint Thomas Academy or elsewhere. Will my Summer Prep GPA be factored into the previous or upcoming academic year?***

At Saint Thomas Academy, coursework completed during the summer term is included in the upcoming school year's GPA calculation. Then, for other schools, inclusion of summer term coursework as part of the GPA calculation is at the discretion of the school director. Saint Thomas Academy students may elect to take a course Pass/No Pass (P/NP), where pass indicates satisfactory completion of the course and a no pass indicates unsatisfactory performance. Requests to opt in to P/NP grading must be received by the 9th day of each session to the registrar.

## ***I am or will be a high school student at Saint Thomas Academy or elsewhere. Will I be able to use these credits to graduate early or take more study halls?***

No. Students must maintain continuous enrollment for four years in order to graduate from Saint Thomas Academy.

Although Summer Prep allows students to potentially fulfill graduation requirements, the expectation is that they use this credit to take more advanced coursework in the field or pursue elective credits

***I am not a high school student at Saint Thomas Academy or elsewhere. How do I request my transcript to be sent to my home institution?***

Saint Thomas Academy offers the option to transcribe Summer Prep coursework and send the transcript to a student's home institution upon request. To make such a request or to inquire for additional information, please contact the Saint Thomas Academy Registrar, Stephanie Nonnemacher, at [snonnemacher@cadets.com](mailto:snonnemacher@cadets.com).

We strongly recommend that students from other institutions contact their school's administration to verify whether they will accept Summer Prep credits before enrolling in Summer Prep coursework.

For students at Visitation School enrolled in Summer Prep, there is no need to request a separate transcript from Saint Thomas Academy.

***Is there an attendance requirement?***

Yes. Due to the accelerated nature of Summer Prep's curriculum, regular attendance is mandatory. Students who are absent for more than four class meetings are ineligible to receive credit for the course. Students who are missing more than 4 days of class may appeal to the instructor to remain in the course. Appeal approval is at the instructor's discretion.

***What learning materials will I need to provide?***

Your student's teacher will communicate school supplies prior to the start of the term. In terms of technology, Summer Prep is "bring your own device" (BYOD).

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