

The High School of St. Thomas More Finals

“Survival Guide”



“Instruct the wise, and they become still wiser; teach the just,
and they advance in learning.

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the LORD,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Proverbs 9:9-10

Fall 2017 Final Exams Schedule

- Teachers will provide guidance for final exams at some point during the week of December 11.
- Exam dates are December 18, 19, 20, & 21.
 - On the 19th, 20th, and 21st students may dress down (following dress down day guidelines) for \$1 a day with the proceeds going towards Pendo, STM's "sister" student in Africa to support her tuition. The money will be collected during the first exam of the day (if students have a study hall the first exam of the day they will pay in the office when they arrive to school).
- The school will open at 7:00 daily. Teachers will be available starting at 7:30.
- Students will report to exam rooms promptly at the scheduled time.
- There are two 70-minute exams per day. If extra time is needed on an exam, students will be provided this time after the second exam. Extra time will not be granted for students arriving late.
- Students will be excused from the exam room when the exam time is over.
- The cafeteria will be open during all class period exam times for students to have a quiet place to study. Please note:
 - Students with study halls scheduled during period 1, 3, 5 or 7 may choose to arrive only for their scheduled exam. **No parent permission for late arrival is needed in those circumstances.**
 - Students with study halls scheduled during period 2, 4, 6 or 8 may choose to leave after the first exam period scheduled that day. **Parent permission is required for early dismissal. A signed note or parent phone call is accepted. Students must sign out in the office.**

Requests for any pre-arrangements for early exams must be made directly through Mrs. Neitzel by December 9th. Documentation for these requests may be required. Any student who needs to take any exams early will take all exams that will be missed on Saturday, December 16th starting at 7:00 a.m. in the school library.

Monday, December 18th will be a full day of school per diocesan regulation. In the morning, students will follow bell schedule #4 for a final opportunity to meet with their teachers. A pizza lunch will be served from 11:30 until 12:00 in House. In the afternoon, students will take periods 1 and 2 finals. Exam 1 will run from 12:10-1:30 and Exam 2 will run from 1:40-3:00. The schedule for the next 3 days follows:

STM Finals Schedule	Tuesday, Dec. 19	Wednesday, Dec. 20	Thursday, Dec. 21
7:00	Building Opens	Building Opens	Building Opens
7:45	Teachers available for assistance	Teachers available for assistance	Teachers available for assistance
8:00	Daily Morning Mass	Daily Morning Mass	Daily Morning Mass
8:40-8:50	Report to Period 3 Prayer and Pledge Housekeeping	Report to Period 5 Prayer and Pledge Housekeeping	Report to Period 7 Prayer and Pledge Housekeeping
8:50-10:00	Period 3 Semester Test	Period 5 Semester Test	Period 7 Semester Test
10:00-10:10	Brain Break	Brain Break	Brain Break
10:10-10:20	Report to Period 4 Housekeeping	Report to Period 6 Housekeeping	Report to Period 8 Housekeeping
10:20-11:30	Period 4 Semester Test	Period 6 Semester Test	Period 8 Semester Test
11:30	Dismissal	Dismissal	Have a Merry Christmas!!

Final Exams Success

~ December 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Peer Tutoring Sessions Begin!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 1/2 Day with 1st & 2nd Hour Finals	19 Final 3 Final 4	20 Final 5 Final 6	21 Final 7 Final 8	22 HAVE A BLESSED & MERRY CHRISTMAS! Semester grades posted	

After we come back from Thanksgiving break, you have three weeks of classes prior to your final exams. You will have a 70 minute test in each class that is worth 20% of your semester grade!

What does that mean? This exam can make or break you! Do you have an A in a class and want to keep it? You have to do well (A or high B) on your final! Do you have a B+ in a class and want to raise it to the A range? You have to get an A on your final!

How do you know how well you need to do? Here's an example: Amy has an 89% average for the semester. She wants to know what she needs to earn on the final to get an A or A- for the semester! Let's let x be the grade she needs to earn in order to get an A- (the lowest percentage of that is 90%).



$89 \cdot 8 + 2x = 900$ This is an equation that you can use so that you aren't messing with decimals
 $712 + 2x = 900$
 $2x = 188$
 $x = 94$ As you can see, she should get to work!

Peer Tutoring Study Sessions

Library 3:00 - 4:00

December 1 - December 15

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
World History US History APUSH Sociology Government	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Pre-Calculus AP Calculus Statistics Consumer's Math	Spanish I Spanish II Spanish III Honors Spanish IV Latin I Latin II Latin III Latin IV Latin V	Biology I AP Biology Chemistry I AP Chemistry Physics I Physics II Anatomy Earth Science Integrated Science	Theology 9 Theology 10 Theology 11 Theology 12

Student's Prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding.

Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance.

Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer Before Exams to St. Joseph of Cupertino

O St. Joseph of Cupertino who by your prayer obtained from God to be asked at your

examination, the only preposition you knew.

Grant that I may like you succeed in the (here mention the name of Examination)

examination.

In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

O St. Joseph of Cupertino pray for me

O Holy Ghost enlighten me

Our Lady of Good Studies pray for me

Sacred Head of Jesus, Seat of divine wisdom, enlighten me.

Amen.

Finals Studying Checklist

- ❑ Talk to your teachers about whether or not they will be giving you a study guide. Study guides are only guides of main concepts—make sure you study notes, quizzes, tests and other assignments.
- ❑ Talk to your teachers about the format of the exam—will it be multiple choice? True/False? Essay? Short answer? A mixture of these?
- ❑ Prioritize your exams. Some will require more studying than others. Evaluate all the factors. For example, what do you need to earn on the exam to keep or raise your semester grade? What is the format of the exam? What classes have you needed more study time for throughout the semester?
- ❑ Once you've prioritized your exams, create a schedule for studying. Starting the day before the final is not going to be enough for all or most classes, so aim to start at least the week before.
- ❑ Get organized! Look through all of your old papers and determine which papers will be helpful for studying. When in doubt, ask your teacher!
- ❑ Flashcards are great for memorizing vocabulary words. So is Quizlet!
- ❑ Outlines are great for studying for essay and short answer questions. Focus on creating small outlines to reinforce your understanding of concepts.
- ❑ When you are studying, don't spend valuable time quizzing yourself on concepts you already know. Focus most of your time and energy to the concepts that you have difficulty remembering or understanding.
- ❑ As you are studying, make a list of questions for your teacher. Ask those questions when you review together as a class—or earlier!
- ❑ Sleep well the night before. You won't do as well if you are tired!
- ❑ Get good nutrition! Your body needs fuel to cope with the stress of this week. Breakfast that day is most important.
- ❑ RELAX! Your teachers want you to do well on your exams—but that doesn't mean they will make tests easy. You will have to work for strong grades, but you have the ability to do it. You'll make it to the finish line!



“Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win.”
1 Corinthians 9:24

STM Final Exam Planner

Class	Week Before	Weekend	Day Before	Exam Day!
Period 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!
Period 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Study Guide • Format of exam understood • I'm organized! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards & outlines made • List of questions started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions for teacher asked • Review difficult concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got a good night's sleep & breakfast! • I'm relaxed and ready!

Good Luck on your Finals!