

# The High School of Saint Thomas More

Where We Have Been ...

Who We Are ...

Where We Are Going



# History

- 1992 - A group of parents came together to formulate plans to fulfill a dream and vision for Catholic Education in the C-U Community
- 2000 - STM opened its doors with 52 Freshman and 21 Sophomores
- First class graduated in 2003
- With the Class of 2018, STM will have over 1,000 Alumni and MANY more to come!
- 153,000 + Service Hours
- Historical 25 ACT Average
- Doctors, Lawyers, Teachers, Business Owners, Engineers, etc. = all Disciples of Christ

# Where STM is Today...2017-2018

**#MoreCourage:** “I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD, your God, is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

**SportsLeader** “The Catholic school is committed thus to the development of the whole man, since in Christ, the perfect man, all human values find their fulfillment and unity.”

**Family System** “Education is also a community issue. For a Christian, the value of his or her own person is found in the growing body of Christ, in the mystery of Christ present within his Church.”

**Academic Excellence** “We Believe that The High School of Saint Thomas More must foster engaged learners who will accept the responsibility to achieve their greatest academic potential.”

# The High School of Saint Thomas More Strategic Plan for the Future

## **Catholic Identity**

- We will place Christ at the center of everything we do as a Catholic High School by creating cohesion across all teaching departments, infusing Christ-centered teaching and curriculum in all content areas.
- We will form students, staff, and families into disciples of Christ.
- We will increase student familiarity and participation in the Catholic Culture of the school through traditions and practices.

## **Academic Excellence**

- We will improve our students' reading comprehension skills.
- We will improve our students' ability to deeply analyze universal and natural truths.

## **Enrollment Management (Student Recruitment & Retention)**

- We will increase the overall enrollment of the school by 5-10 students per year for the next five years.
- We will increase the percentage of students who continue on the tradition of Catholic education through 12th grade. By 2018-19 School year, we will be able to consistently draw above 65% of the students enrolled in our partner schools.
- Retain 90-95% of those students that enroll as Freshman at STM through Senior Year.

## **Marketing**

- We will create a comprehensive and focused marketing strategy that is based on the needs of partner school families, Catholic families not attending partner schools, and Latino families.

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## Development

- We will increase the percentage of budget financed by fundraising efforts from 10.5% to 15% by 2018-2019.
- We will increase the percentage of alumni donating to the school from 6% to 15% by 2018-2019.

## Facilities

- We will develop the infrastructure to fully support and integrate 1:1 instruction by 2018.
- We will create and implement a schedule for short- and long-term maintenance projects.

## Finances

- We will balance the budget every year.
- We will establish and grow a contingency fund for long-term capital expenditures.

**It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed.”**

**-Deuteronomy 31:8**

# The Great Mission of STM

**The High School of Saint Thomas More exists to assist parents in forming students spiritually, morally, intellectually and physically in a Christ centered atmosphere of love, respect and reverence consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, sending them forth to fulfill their baptismal call as His disciples in the world.**

**“STM Students Today...Community Leaders Tomorrow...Christ’s Disciples Forever”**

# Partners in the Mission

**“Adolescent catechesis is one stage of embracing the Catholic Way of Life that forms young apostles by empowering them to know and follow Christ in their daily lives, thus becoming leaven for the Kingdom of God in the world” (National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis).**

**The Catholic Church teaches that it is the parents who have the first responsibility for the education of their children that begins in the home in forming a life of virtue, prayer, and community to help them discover their vocation as children of God (CCC 2223 & 2226).**

# Partners in the Mission

**In line with the mission of the Church, STM exists to assist our families in this great mission of Catholic Education by forming your students to become the saints God created them to be. It truly is a team effort, as it takes a pack to raise a Saber. We are honored that you have chosen the High School of Saint Thomas More to join you in this great mission of helping your sons or daughters become saints.**

**Supporting Student(s)... in their walk of Faith...Ownership & Responsibility for their education...growth in virtue through extracurriculars**

**Supporting STM with Time, Talent, & Treasure w/ Fundraising - Annual Fund & Saber Raffle, Athletics - & Enrollment**



# Families as Partners in the Mission

## Communication

- [www.hs-stm.org](http://www.hs-stm.org)
  - Calendar, RSVP's, Student and Family Information, Living the Faith, Forms, etc.
- <https://www.facebook.com/TheHighSchoolOfStThomasMore/>
- Various Twitter Accounts
- Phone Message Reminder
- <https://stmsaberleader.blogspot.com/>
- The Saber Way
  - Weekly Newsletter
  - Student Handbook
  - “Unofficial Parent Handbook”



# Prayer of St. Thomas More

**“Give us, Lord, a humble, quiet, peaceable, patient, tender and charitable mind, and in all our thoughts, words and deeds a taste of the Holy Spirit. Give us, Lord, a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of You. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer. Give us fervour and delight in thinking of You and Your grace, Your tender compassion towards me. The things that we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labour for: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Thomas More...Pray for us!”**