



The High School of St. Thomas More

School Profile, Fall 2018

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The High School of Saint Thomas More is the only private, Roman Catholic comprehensive, co-educational high school in Champaign Illinois. We opened our doors for the first time in fall of 2000, with an enrollment of eighteen students; current enrollment is 272 students. We are a rigorous high school with a college prep emphasis, one of only two high schools in Champaign County that has earned the *college prep* accreditation.

Population

School.....270
Grade 12 (Class of 2018)..75

Accreditation

STM is accredited by AdvanceEd as a college preparatory high school and is fully recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. The High School of St. Thomas More is a member of the National Catholic Education Association and the Illinois High School Association.

School Year

2 – 18 week semesters

Faculty and Staff

Total teaching staff.....24
Student Services Staff....1
Academic Success Staff..1
Student-Faculty Ratio....12-1

*All Faculty members are college graduates. Over forty percent of the faculty hold an advanced degree.

ACT/CEEB no.: 140599

Curriculum

The standard school day consists of eight periods. Graduates are awarded a high school diploma and may also achieve a college preparatory certificate by satisfying the following minimum requirements.

Graduation Requirements:

Subject	Diploma	Certificate
Theology	4.00	4.00
English	4.00	4.00
Mathematics	3.00	4.00
Science	3.00	4.00
Social Science	3.00	3.00
Foreign Language	0.00	2.00
Fine Arts	0.00	1.00
Physical Education	1.75	1.75
Electives	4.00	4.00 (foreign language & fine art are counted)
Total Credits	22.75	24.75

Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Credit Courses

The Advanced Placement Program gives students the opportunity to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Students may receive advanced placement and/or credit upon entering college for their school on a nation AP exam given in May. Honors courses have extended content and additional workload. Honors and AP courses are weighted when computing GPA. No student is allowed more than five (5) weighted classes per semester without approval from the Principal. STM offers **8 AP** courses, **10 honors** level courses, and **1 dual credit** course.

AP English Literature	H English 10	H Physics I
AP English Language	H Latin IV	H Physics II
AP Studio Art	H Spanish IV	Human Biology- Dual Credit
AP Music Theory	H Spanish V	
AP Calculus (AB)	H Algebra II	
AP Biology	H Pre-Calculus	
AP Chemistry	H Geometry	
AP American History	H Anatomy and Physiology	

Grading Scale

		Unweighted	Weighted
A+	97.50-100	4.00	5.00
A	92.50-97.49	4.00	5.00
A-	90.00-92.49	3.67	4.67
B+	87.50-89.99	3.33	4.33
B	82.50-87.49	3.00	4.00
B-	80.00-82.49	2.67	3.67
C+	77.50-79.99	2.33	3.33
C	72.50-77.49	2.00	3.00
C-	70.00-72.49	1.67	2.67
D	65-69.99	1.00	1.00
F	0.00-64.99	0.00	no credit given

Class Rank

Class rank is not reported on student transcripts and not disclosed to any outside agency. The class valedictorian is the student with the highest cumulative GPA at the end of seven semesters, and the class salutatorian is the student with the second highest GPA.

Average ACT Composite Scores

Ninety-nine percent of STM students have participated in the ACT since the inception of the school. The average ACT score listed below for the class of 2017 is calculated by using the single highest score for each student. The top 25% of STM graduating seniors have consistently averaged an ACT score of 30 the past 5 years.

<u>STM Average</u>	<u>Illinois Average</u>	<u>National Average</u>
24	21	21

National Merit Semi Finalists from 2000-2016.....	2
National Merit Commended Students from 2000-2016....	16
Illinois State Scholars from 2000-2016.....	209

College Bound

Ninety-nine percent of all past STM graduates have attended a post-secondary college or university. The remaining one percent enlisted in military services.

Class Profile- 2017, 60 students

Attending a 4 year academic institution.....66%

Attending a 2 year academic institution.....34%

Merit Scholarships awarded.....\$5.3Million

Service Program

Every student at The High School of St. Thomas More is expected to demonstrate that they have not only learned the truths of the faith, but have also lived up to its demands. Students are required to complete **150 hours of community service** prior to graduation. The ultimate purpose of these hours of service, is to help students realize that their faith should not be confined to the church or chapel, but should permeate every aspect of their lives such that faith becomes the guiding principle of every action. In addition, this program challenges them to learn about their community and fosters in them a sense of responsibility for spreading the Gospel.

Christian Formation

The Catholic-Christian formation of our students is a school wide project resonating through everything that we do. Campus Ministry exists to particularly enhance this formation. Through class retreats, LOGOS retreats, and even our faculty retreats, we strive to form the entire person, body and soul. The school comes together once a month to celebrate Mass and once a month we gather to worship our Lord through prayers and praise. The sacrament of confession is also offered during this time. From prayers after lunch to Adoration of our Eucharistic Lord, everything we do is geared towards developing our students' personal relationships with the Lord.

Organizations & Athletics

The High School of St. Thomas More is proud of its large selection of extra-curricular offerings. The following are outstanding student organizations: **Acapella, Ambassadors, Art Club, Aviation Club, Band, Chorus, Dram, Fall Follies Variety Show, House Leaders, Improvables, Math Team/Club, National Honor Society, Interact Club, Prom Committee, Sabers for Life, Saber Pack, Scholastic Bowl, Science Club, Science Olympiad, Spanish Club, Spanish NHS, Spring Musical, Student Council, and Yearbook Staff.**

Athletics also play a large part in forming our students. We offer: **Baseball, Basketball (boys/girls), Cheerleading, Cross Country (boys/girls), Football, Golf (boys/girls) Soccer (boys/girls), Softball, Swimming and Diving *(boys/girls), Tennis (boys/girls), Track (boys/girls) Volleyball, and Wrestling.**

Personnel

Jason Schreder..... Principal

Tracy Neitzel..... Assistant Principal

Fr. Eric Bolek Chaplain

Mandy Pope Director of Student Services

Sandy Stricklin..... Director of Finance

Josh Hinkley.....Athletic Director

Matt Pope..... Director of Technology

Maria Tucker..... Director of Food Services

Ian Blomberg..... Director of Development