ST. THOMAS MORE is a Catholic, coeducational high school that inspires students to embrace the values of our patron saint by becoming men and women for all seasons. Rooted in Christ and the Catholic tradition, the school community embodies the principles of Christian discipleship, service to others, and academic excellence.
WHAT HAPPENS IN BETWEEN IS WHY WE EXIST.

The first day you walk into St. Thomas More High School you start on a journey that doesn’t end until you walk out as a new graduate. What happens in between can be life changing, inspiring, even fun. Most enter a bit unsure of what life will be like in this unknown environment. But soon they realize that the St. Thomas More community is devoted to helping them find the way to their future. In light of St. Thomas More’s life and example, we provide a college preparatory education that puts God first in all things while instilling Catholic values into our young men and women. We aim to create a community of graduates who strive for excellence in all their endeavors through continual scholarship, authentic Christian discipleship, responsible citizenship, and being men and women for all seasons. To get them from here to there, we offer more of what matters.
St. Thomas More studied the classics, languages, history, mathematics, and law during his time at university. He continually gave lectures and wrote letters on legal and religious topics. St. Thomas More graduates work to follow More’s scholarly example, understanding that learning is a lifelong process in all its facets.

**ST. THOMAS MORE GRADUATES:**

- Explore opportunities to grow in mind, body, and spirit.
- Remain intellectually curious.
- Seek truth throughout their lifetime, think critically, and solve problems creatively and analytically.
- Integrate their personal, social, academic, and spiritual lives with maturity, honesty, intentionality, and responsibility.
- Strive to excel in their academics while utilizing their knowledge to understand the complexities of the modern world.
- Demonstrate a mastery of the academic requirements for success in higher education, vocational work, and life beyond high school.
Led by dedicated faculty and ambitious administrators, St. Thomas More High School provides a rigorous and innovative college preparatory education that emphasizes student engagement, intellectual curiosity, and personal growth. After four years at STM, students are prepared for lasting success at both the collegiate and professional levels.

21st Century Skills
Moving beyond textbooks and “drill-and-kill” instruction, STM’s Project-based Learning curriculum provides students with the experience of identifying and solving real-world problems. With an emphasis on collaboration, STM’s participatory approach necessitates small class sizes. Partially because of these small classes, when compared to traditional, lecture-based instruction, Project-based Learning better equips students with the soft, “21st Century” skills, such as critical thinking, resiliency, and communication, that are most valued—and, according to professors and employers, most underrepresented—at the collegiate and professional levels. Project-based Learning improves long-term knowledge retention, student engagement, and self-confidence while leading to fewer dropouts and higher rates of college enrollment.

STEMM
Our Project-based Learning takes many different forms. For students interested in science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine (STEMM), STM offers our award-winning Project Lead the Way program, a research-driven curriculum of engineering, biomedical science, and computer science. In addition to teaching students foundational principles and theories, these courses often incorporate mentors from the professional world, including engineers, business owners, researchers, and doctors, who help students with organization, scope, and planning of their project while providing unique insight into the everyday life of their occupation.

Humanities
STM also utilizes a project-based approach in English, social studies, theology, and the arts. Teachers challenge students to move beyond basic comprehension, learning how to evaluate texts critically, identify common themes and influences, and place the subject into broader context. STM teachers guide students as they put what they have learned into practice, expressing themselves through original compositions, research projects, and artwork. As a college preparatory school, STM places a special focus on writing, a skill important in all college and career fields.

Academic Support
STM strives to provide every student with the resources and individual attention needed to make the post-secondary decision that best matches the student’s goals, interests, and strengths. Managed by a full-time counselor, the STM College and Career Center provides personalized guidance for students as they research universities, submit college applications, pursue financial aid, prepare for college entrance exams, and consider possible career paths.

For students needing additional instruction outside the classroom, STM offers its MORE Enrichment program, giving students more structured time with their teachers before and after school to strengthen their educational foundation before learning more advanced topics.

Technology
At STM, technology is an important tool that expands students’ knowledge and creativity while connecting them to professionals and mentors from across the world. All STM students are provided with their own laptop, and many of our classrooms are equipped with interactive Smart Boards, allowing teachers to increase student engagement. With the use of technology growing in nearly every field, STM aims to develop students’ imagination and flexibility, preparing them to take full advantage of future technological advances during their collegiate and professional careers.

“Amy classes provided the knowledge and confidence needed to prepare me for the challenges of tackling an engineering degree.”

Louis Missurelli (STM ’12)
St. Thomas More was devoted to his Catholic faith and lived as a Professed Secular Franciscan, dedicating himself, like St. Francis, to a life of simplicity, poverty, and fraternity with everyone and all of creation. With a pervasive sense of joy in the Lord, he devoted himself to prayer and to sharing the good news of the Gospel to all who would hear it.

**Christian Discipleship**

**ST. THOMAS MORE GRADUATES:**

- Develop a fuller understanding and respect for Catholicism while respecting the religions of others.
- Love, serve, and forgive others while promoting peace and solidarity.
- Imitate Christ by being open to God’s will in their lives.
- Cultivate an interior life of penance through consistent, honest self-reflection and prayer.
- Grow in knowledge of the Catholic Faith and participate in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church.
Welcoming Environment

At STM, we know that everyone experiences God’s love differently. Many teenagers need more of a personal connection than a traditional Mass can provide. STM’s Campus Ministry room provides students with a safe, welcoming place to reflect, relax, and rejuvenate with their classmates. This relaxed atmosphere fosters mutual respect between students and facilitates stimulating discussions of faith and spirituality that help students connect the Church’s teachings to their own lives. Because of this family-like environment, STM students develop a shared sense of pride and comradery, forming deeper, more meaningful relationships with their classmates and teachers and making STM a more inclusive place to learn and grow together.

Retreats

STM offers students many opportunities to get out of the classroom and expand their faith through experiential retreats. In addition to the events sponsored by our Center for Servant Leadership & Civic Engagement, STM students can participate in nationally recognized retreats, including Kairos, helping them grow into their faith and learn from the perspectives and experiences of their peers outside of the STM community. Campus Ministry and other student organizations also sponsor international retreat and mission opportunities, including our popular pilgrimage to Italy.

“STM is far more than a school; it is a family. Through loving one another and our mutual love for Christ, we create the familial atmosphere for which the STM community is known.”

Gabrielle Kennedy
(STM ’18)
St. Thomas More became a loyal servant to the king and community, serving as a Member of Parliament and eventually as the Chancellor of England. His fair and pragmatic practice of upholding the law without attacking the person made More one of the Court’s most respected judges. In addition, he never sacrificed his beliefs to benefit or advance the plans of others or his own. As a result, More, like St. Francis, became a citizen servant, acting for others before himself.

**ST. THOMAS MORE GRADUATES:**

Lead by serving others spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Commit humbly to social justice, including serving the poor, sick, and elderly.

Dedicate their efforts towards being active, responsible citizens who build and participate in a thriving community.

Respect and learn from all individuals in today’s diverse, global community.

**citizenship**
As servant leaders, each year, STM students perform over 16,000 hours of community service at over 100 locations across Metropolitan Milwaukee.

Collaborative Learning
To help our students mature into responsible, open-minded, and courageous citizens, STM exposes students to many different subjects and ideas, while instilling them with the values of morality, civility, and community. Strengthened by our diversity and multiculturalism, STM students are challenged with perspectives different than their own, helping them cultivate a more comprehensive understanding of complex, societal issues. This collaborative learning environment helps students find their passion while teaching them to remain respectful to others. After four years at STM, students are ready to become active participants in their community and their democracy.

STM’s Center for Servant Leadership & Civic Engagement
Build on the ideas of Robert K. Greenleaf, the founder of modern servant leadership theory, the Center’s four-year, tiered curriculum utilizes guest speakers, professional mentoring, service opportunities, retreats, and group discussions to provide students with diverse perspectives and opportunities to leave their comfort zone as they explore their role as a servant leader.

The Center helps students:
1. Understand their unique calling to serve others;
2. Gain a global perspective while placing their own lives into a broader context;
3. Advocate for the voiceless and marginalized; and
4. Lead and inspire others to use their skills and talents to improve their community.

St. Thomas More is positioning itself to create great community leaders. This school has the vision and developmental programs to provide the right tools to build great leaders for tomorrow.”

Johnny Gardetto (TM ’80)

To better understand and appreciate God’s love, we must put our faith into action. For students to grow spiritually, they must break out of their comfort zone and allow others to challenge their closely held beliefs. STM believes that this growth and maturation happens through service to others and spontaneous, sometimes sensitive, discussions with people of different backgrounds and experiences.

STM’S DIVERSE STUDENT BODY INCLUDES...
– Graduates from more than 60 different grade schools
– About 50% students of color
– Students from over 25 Milwaukee-area zip codes
ST. THOMAS MORE GRADUATES:

Depend upon God for all things.
Maintain solidarity with whom they interact in today’s diverse, global community.
Display fortitude in times of personal and social strife and challenges.
Uphold favorable qualities such as loyalty, trustworthiness, cheerfulness, and friendship.

Live lives of integrity, never sacrificing their identity for the benefit of others.
Sustain a balance of humility and confidence in all their endeavors.

St. Thomas More’s good friend and teacher, Robert Whittington, called More “a man for all seasons,” for his ability to be flexible and adapt to all sorts of company without sacrificing his own identity. As a result, More was a man “suited to all hours, times, and occasions” because of his intelligence and cheery disposition.
STM molds students who are prepared for anything God throws at them. When faced with adversity, STM students are resilient and flexible without sacrificing their identity or values.

Offering more than 20 sports and 25 clubs, STM teaches students to express themselves while harnessing the unique power of their Spirit, Body, and Mind. Because of the size of our student body, STM students have more opportunities to stand out and test their abilities in a wide range of activities, increasing their engagement in school and cultivating skills they can utilize throughout their lives.

“St. Thomas More believes that athletics, in conjunction with rigorous academics and spiritual development, can help our students develop leadership skills that will dramatically increase their chances of success in the next stage of their lives.”

John Hoch (TM ’87)
STM Athletic Director
Faculty & staff

Our dedicated teachers go the extra mile for our students, compassionately guiding them through the most formative years of their lives. STM teachers are experts in their subject matter, and many have earned advanced degrees and hold significant professional experience outside the classroom. Setting a tone for constant improvement, administrators develop ambitious goals for academic excellence through collaboration with teachers, parents, and students, creating a school climate that is both rigorous and diverse.

AWARDS/EXPERIENCE

12:1
STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO

17
AVERAGE ACADEMIC CLASS SIZE

175:1
STUDENT-COUNSELOR RATIO

• Winner, 2017 & 2018 Wisconsin Art Educator of the Year

• Winner, 2018 Early Career Educator Award

• Winner, MSOE VIP Excellence in Teaching

• Winner, Kohl Teacher Fellowship (5 teachers)

• Nominee, 2017 Gilder-Lehrman Institute National History Teacher of the Year

• Master Teacher, Project Lead the Way biomedical science

• Fellows, University of Wisconsin Center for the Study of the American Constitution (2 teachers)

“Our faculty arrives each day ready to bring our mission to life. At STM, our teachers know our students as individuals and are committed to working and helping them reach their optimal potential. Our faculty empowers our students to develop academically and encourages them to rise to the challenges brought before them.”

Nic Kelly
STM Principal
Graduation requirements

All students graduating from STM must have a total of 26 Carnegie credits. Below is a general outline of the requirements for each subject:

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College prep courses

For students looking to get a jump-start on college, STM offers three types of courses that provide the opportunity to earn college credit.

1. **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

   Consisting of 13 courses across multiple subjects, STM’s Advanced Placement (AP) Program is a rigorous academic program built on the commitment, passion, and hard work of students and educators. These courses challenge students to advance their analytical and critical thinking skills, writing abilities, and knowledge in fundamental subject areas. The credits will transfer to most colleges and universities in the country.

   **Current AP courses:**
   - Language & Composition
   - Literature & Composition
   - Studio Art
   - Calculus
   - Statistics
   - Computer Science
   - Biology
   - Physics
   - US History
   - US Government & Politics
   - Microeconomics
   - Psychology
   - Spanish Language & Culture

2. **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

   In partnership with Cardinal Stritch University, the Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) allows STM students to take college-level courses while receiving both college and high school credit. Students can enroll in these courses at a substantially reduced rate, approximately 85 percent less than the fee charged by Cardinal Stritch. These concurrent enrollment credits will transfer to most colleges and universities in the country.

   **Current CEP courses:**
   - American Popular Music
   - Web Page Creation
   - Christian Bioethics
   - Spanish Composition & Conversation
   - World Religions
   - Irish Literature
   - Accounting
In addition to public and private universities in the state of Wisconsin, recent STM alumni have attended:

- Brown University
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- Emory University
- University of Southern California
- St. John’s University
- Fordham University
- Wells College
- Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama (United Kingdom)
- Columbia College Chicago
- Loyola University Chicago
- DePaul University
- Xavier University
- Butler University
- Saint Louis University
- Syracuse University
- Suffolk University
- Loras University
- Drake University
- Bradley University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- California Institute of Technology

**Disciplines/Skills**

PLTW Engineering and Biomedical Science at STM utilizes project-based instruction, allowing students to learn through experience rather than reading textbooks, listening to lectures, and performing unrealistic case studies. Students in PLTW identify and address common problems in the community, developing important professional skills such as problem solving, time management, data collection, statistical analysis, teamwork, leadership, and public speaking.

**Collaboration**

Collaboration is an important part of PLTW at STM. To help with the organization, planning, and scope of their projects, students meet with mentors from local businesses throughout the semester. In recent STM PLTW courses, students have worked with mentors from Rockwell Automation, Chevron, Badger Meter, Concordia University, the Milwaukee Admirals, and many more businesses and organizations.

**PROJECT LEAD THE WAY**

In 2018, STM received the prestigious PLTW Distinguished High School designation for excellence in STEM education.
Admissions checklist

- Schedule Campus Visit
  Visit tmore.org/admissions to schedule

- Attend Open House
  October 21: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
  October 22: 5 - 7:30 p.m.

- Submit application for admission
  Priority Deadline: October 31

- Complete financial aid application
  Priority Deadline: October 31

- Request files from current school
  Request online using the STM Admissions Portal

- Take entrance exam
  November 2 (at STM)

- Register for classes
  January - March 2018

- Sign Enrollment Contract and pay deposit
  Due July 1
TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT DATES

September
- Shadow Visits begin

October 21-22
- STM Open House

October 31
- Priority deadline for admission and financial aid applications

November 2
- Entrance exam at STM

December
- STM begins mailing admission decision and financial aid letters

February 1
- Applications available for Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs

February 20
- Milwaukee Parental Choice Program application window closes

April 22
- Wisconsin Parental Choice Program application window closes

July 1
- Enrollment Contract and tuition payment due

Follow STM on social media to receive important updates and reminders throughout the admissions process!
Along with participation in the Milwaukee and Wisconsin Parental Choice Programs, STM offers a robust portfolio of scholarship and grant assistance. Most of this financial aid is renewable for all four years at STM. To be considered for grants and scholarships, families must complete the financial aid application found at tmore.org/tuition. Some scholarships also require additional submissions and documentation. We recommend completing the financial aid application at the same time as your application for admission.

Leonard Gigowski (SF ‘43) Scholarship
Created through the generosity of an alumnus, the Gigowski Scholarship provides financial support to families through a limited number of highly competitive half-tuition scholarships. One-third-tuition Gigowski Scholarships are also available for qualifying STM students. In total, this scholarship fund awards over $100,000 in scholarships to incoming STM freshmen each year. These scholarships are renewable for all four years of attendance at STM.

Selection Criteria
1. A continuous pursuit for academic excellence and growth;
2. Strong character traits, including courage, responsibility, and humility;
3. Significant community involvement; and
4. A need for financial assistance.

STM Grant Fund
Providing partial-tuition grants to families with demonstrable economic need, the STM Grant Fund is a great option for families who want their children to benefit from a rigorous, college preparatory education but require additional financial assistance to afford four years of STM. With annual recertification of family income, students can renew these grants for all four years at STM.

Honors Scholarship
STM offers Honors Scholarships to students who earn the highest score on the entrance exam. To qualify for an Honors Scholarship, students must take the entrance exam on site at STM on November 2. With continued academic success, students can renew this scholarship for all four years of attendance at STM.
Fine Arts Scholarship
To promote involvement in fine arts, STM offers scholarships to students interested in visual arts, performing arts, and music. STM will hold auditions for this scholarship in early 2019. With continued participation in the fine arts program, students can renew this scholarship for all four years at STM.

Gail Guszkowski Memorial Scholarship
The Gail Guszkowski Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students who display persistence and determination when faced with significant personal adversity or familial hardship. This scholarship is renewable for all four years of attendance at STM.

Jennie Ramus Scholarship
The Jennie Ramus Scholarship provides need-based financial assistance to active members of the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club. With continued participation in SADD and an annual recertification application, students can renew this scholarship for all four years at STM.

Legacy Scholarship
Students with a relative who graduated from Don Bosco, Pio Nono, St. Francis Minor Seminary, St. Mary’s Academy, or Thomas More can also apply for our Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is renewable for all four years of attendance at STM.

View all available scholarships and their specific requirements at tmore.org/scholarships