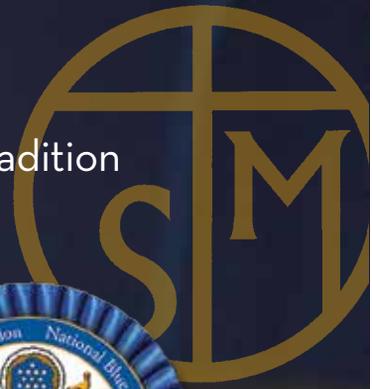


Saint Thomas More | A Catholic School in the Jesuit Tradition

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Letter from Our Principal

Every year is a blue ribbon year at St. Thomas More School. Our pursuit of educational excellence is constant, as is our dedication to the spiritual development of our students. Our teachers and staff are genuinely committed to our students' success. Add to the aforesaid our amazingly supportive parish, school parents, friends and volunteers, and our *strive for excellence* translates – year after year – into *thrive in excellence*.

So what made last year more of a blue ribbon year than any other? In a word: acknowledgement.

Soon after the beginning of the academic year that this report celebrates, we received word that the U.S. Department of Education had named our school a *National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*. No small honor, this the award places STM in the top 10-15% of all schools in the United States. That fact is even more significant when viewed in context with our private school cohort. St. Thomas More School was one of only 50 private schools in the nation named as a Blue Ribbon School in 2016.

Since the announcement last September, we have acknowledged teachers, staff, students, parents and volunteers whose dedication helped us attain official recognition as a *National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*. It is fitting that we should share our gratitude again as we mark our first full academic year sporting our government's official badge of educational excellence. And it is equally fitting to remind our community that the honor brings with it an obligation for us to continue to provide an exceptional education to our students.

The \$148,696 raised in support of our 2016-17 Annual Campaign will help us do just that. How? Annual campaign funds allow us to go above and beyond our operating budget. If you know anything about STM, you will know that our community is big on above and beyond. Just look at all those who give so generously of their time and talent – many giving those things in addition to their financial support.

Together, all who contribute time, talent and treasure to STM School make up the fabric of our blue ribbon. You all are a blessing to St. Thomas More School, and because of that, to our students. We are tremendously grateful.

Jerry Raymond
Principal



St. Thomas More Catholic School opened on September 1, 1950, with approximately 140 children in grades one through five. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur staffed the school. Grades six, seven, and eight were added in successive years.

Today, classes range from kindergarten through eighth grade with two classes per grade level. A comprehensive curriculum is provided in mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, as well as religion, foreign language, computer technology, music/band/chorus, art, and physical education.

What separates
one blue ribbon
year from the rest?



Mission:

St. Thomas More Catholic School is a joyful learning community reaching out to the world as the hands of Christ.

Financials

Support and Revenue 2016-2017

Parent support

Tuition.....	\$3,859,639
Enrollment Fees.....	\$55,881
Technology Fees.....	\$29,575

Archdiocesan Support

Archdiocesan Block Grant.....	\$157,500
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Tuition Assistance

GRACE Scholarships.....	\$88,832
Tuition Assistance Awarded.....	(\$464,212)

Fundraising

Annual Fund.....	\$148,546
PTO Fundraising.....	\$147,917

Other Income

Student Services.....	\$295,112
Interest/Investment, Net.....	\$67,953
Scholarship Awards.....	\$15,000
Miscellaneous Income.....	\$7,353
Endowment Contributions.....	\$27,558
Endowment Distributions.....	(\$23,273)
Gain/Loss on Endowment.....	\$127,600

Total Support & Revenue..... \$4,540,980

Expenses 2016-2017

Instructional.....	\$2,455,963
Administration & General.....	\$557,951
Facilities.....	\$432,696
Student Services.....	\$273,821
PTO.....	\$127,834
Technology.....	\$272,218
Capital Expense.....	\$45,000

Total Expenditures..... \$4,165,483

Net Revenue

After Expenditures..... \$375,498

By the Numbers

Enrollment.....	482
Number of families.....	359
Parishes represented.....	21
Number of faculty/staff.....	54
Average years teaching experience.....	15
Faculty & staff with advanced degrees.....	54%

2016-17 Annual Fund Results

The Annual Fund enables us to afford upgrades and make purchases throughout the school that are not included in our budget. This year we upgraded our sound systems in the gym and cafeteria, purchased water fountain/water bottle filling stations for all areas of the school, as well as instructional books and materials with an emphasis on new social studies materials in grades 3-6 and geography kits for grades K-5. We were also able to allocate a portion of the funds raised towards our own local tuition assistance fund to help those families who need financial support.

Contributions..... \$148,696

Family Participation..... 72%

Special Thanks

Grant Awards

St. Thomas More School is pleased to announce that we have received a grant award in the amount of \$3,000 from The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. These funds are being used to create a MakerSpace for the students in order to enhance our STREAM curriculum. A MakerSpace is any space that students can create using tools that range from very simple tools (cardboard and rivets) to high tech tools (3D printers and pens).



Class of 2017 / High School Matriculation

Marist School.....	8
Our Lady of Mercy.....	1
St. Pius X.....	32
Other private schools.....	4
Public high schools.....	6

Thank you to all our supporters!

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Special Thanks

Gift from STM Class of 2017

On Wednesday, May 10, STM School had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the 8th grade gift to the school. Their gift was the newly remodeled outdoor classroom located to the right of the driveway entering the school parking lot. It has been renamed The Buddy Garden. It will serve as a place for 8th graders and their Kindergarten buddies to gather. It will also be available as an outdoor classroom for the rest of the school community.



Giving Opportunities

ANNUAL FUND

Money raised through the Annual Fund is used to enhance the programs and services offered to our students as well as maintain and enhance our physical plant that otherwise would not be possible. It is also used to cover the school's portion of the annual loan payment on our multi-purpose building.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The money raised from the PTO fundraisers is used for our annual artist in residence, curriculum enhancement, field day, computer software and technology, professional development for our faculty, classroom supplies, and much more.

BEQUESTS

Please consider leaving a legacy by remembering St. Thomas More School in your will.

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND

This fund is a tax-deductible opportunity that enables donors to help families who may find themselves struggling financially due to job loss, illness, or other unexpected financial burdens.

GRACE SCHOLARS

The GRACE Scholars program helps families afford a Catholic education who otherwise could not afford Catholic school tuition. GRACE is funded by Georgia taxpayers who choose to redirect part of their Georgia state income tax to GRACE. Donors receive a 100% state income tax credit for that amount of their gift, and in addition their gift qualifies as a charitable contribution on their federal tax return.

Donors are also able to designate that 100% of their GRACE contribution be directed to STM School.

St. Thomas More Catholic School is accredited through the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a district-wide model sponsored by AdvanceEd, the parent corporation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

What does it mean to be a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence?

Designation as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence indicates a school where students perform at the very highest levels. The Blue Ribbon award is one of the highest honors schools in the U.S. can achieve.

National Blue Ribbon Schools excel in several areas:

- exceptional academic achievement (based on the Iowa Assessments)
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- use of best practices
- engagement with parents and the community
- strength of curriculum
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