



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nascantur in Admiratione
"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

St. Thomas the Apostle School 2021-2022 Annual Report

The 2021-2022 school year saw St. Thomas take some significant steps forward in defining and growing our community of classical Catholic education. Assembling a team of key stakeholders across the community, the school mission statement was revised along with the establishment of key virtues that define our student, faculty and parent school cultures. We are very proud to present and embrace our new Mission Statement as:

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School exists to form disciples of Jesus Christ. Educating in the Eucharistic culture and classical intellectual tradition of the Catholic Church, students are led to encounters with the transcendental Good, True, and Beautiful. In wonder, confidence, and virtue, students are prepared to engage our broken world for the glory of God, the good of others, and for their own sanctification.

The virtues which define our identity as a community have been adopted as follow:

Student Cultural Virtues

Joy
Reverence
Dignity
Kindness
Leadership
Truth
Wonder

Faculty Cultural Virtues

Faithful
Truth-Seeking
Committed
Authentic
Vibrant
Ordered
Communal

Parent Cultural Virtues

Respect for Life
Sacramental Life
Integrity
Charity
Service
Humility
Spiritual Growth

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: St. Thomas students studying under the classical curriculum are attaining extremely high scores on our nationally standardized, NWEA Measures of Academic Progress assessment, conducted in the fall, winter and spring. St. Thomas student academic achievements, summarized below in Mathematics (left) and Reading (right) compare fall class percentile achievement levels to those of the spring. In Mathematics, 7 of 9 classes improved their national percentile ranking. In Reading, 6 of 9 classes improved their national percentile ranking. The **average schoolwide percentile achievement score** in mathematics was 91.7 in the fall and 92.0 in the spring, and in Reading was 94.2 in the fall and 93.4 in the spring.

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Math: Math K-12

Grade (Spring 2022)	Total Number of Growth Events‡	Comparison Periods					
		Fall 2021			Spring 2022		
		Mean RIT Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Mean RIT Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile
K	16	148.1	12.8	97	168.9	11.5	99
1	13	170.6	12.2	98	190.4	10.2	99
2	14	182.2	11.6	93	195.0	11.2	90
3	11	193.5	9.8	85	203.7	9.1	76
4	10	213.3	6.9	99	224.8	9.4	99
5	10	219.6	8.9	94	229.5	9.9	94
6	5	233.4	11.9	99	239.0	19.6	98
7	8	230.8	13.6	90	239.0	14.0	93
8	8	229.6	18.4	70	237.9	18.2	80

Language Arts:
Reading

Grade (Spring 2022)	Total Number of Growth Events‡	Comparison Periods					
		Fall 2021			Spring 2022		
		Mean RIT Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile	Mean RIT Score	Standard Deviation	Achievement Percentile
K	16	145.1	14.4	97	163.4	11.6	99
1	13	167.7	11.8	99	186.4	10.5	99
2	14	181.4	18.7	95	192.9	15.9	90
3	10	196.8	9.5	94	206.6	5.5	93
4	10	218.6	12.3	99	219.3	8.6	98
5	10	217.3	6.1	97	221.8	6.8	95
6	5	231.8	11.5	99	234.4	10.1	99
7	8	220.6	12.4	83	223.8	13.7	79
8	8	225.9	13.3	85	230.9	15.4	89

ENROLLMENT: St. Thomas School, after seven consecutive years of shrinking enrollment, has now had increasing enrollment for the past four consecutive years. **Presently we expect a 2022-2023 enrollment of 113 students, an increase of 11 students over last year, or a 14% increase.** This is after an increase of 14 students or a 20% increase over the 2021-2022 school year, preceded by a 17% or 10 student increase over the 2020-2021 school year. Our strong Catholic identity, rich classical curriculum, and our caring, competent faculty are providing our regional Catholic community a strong culture of learning that is attracting more and more children and families to St. Thomas.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION: The impact of St. Thomas School on students and families have led to parents requesting and the diocese approving the expansion of St. Thomas to a Preschool through 12th grade classical Catholic school. The addition of a 9th grade will begin this upcoming 2022-2023 school year, with an additional grade being added for the next three years.

