

Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation.

- Pope Francis

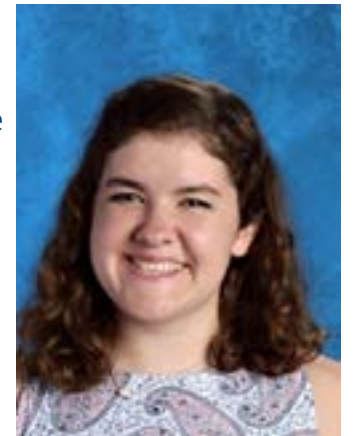
EXCELLENCE

Excellence is something that the students and faculty of Saint Thomas Aquinas strive for in every aspect of their lives. If you walk into our gym, you will find banners upon banners (99 to be exact) representing the hard work and dedication of hundreds of students to become the best athletes they can possibly be. If you walk through the hallways, you see students and teachers working together to create intelligent, successful individuals. And if you walk into the commons during our canned food drive, well...I think the number of cans would say enough. Every aspect of Saint Thomas Aquinas is rooted in the pursuit of excellence, and it is part of the reason why Saint Thomas Aquinas is such an amazing school.



Andrew Cunningham
Class of 2018

In my opinion, 'Excellence' is the most significant value Aquinas holds, as it applies to everything from academics and athletics, to faith and service. For example, our boys soccer team has won two national championships, the girls basketball team has been to state 23 times in a row, our choirs receive outstanding ratings at contests, our musicals often receive at least one Blue Star nomination, and dozens of students each year receive the Presidential Service Award for completing 100 hours of service. Each student at Saint Thomas Aquinas strives to go above and beyond, and that speaks for itself through the many regional and state plaques in the athletic hallway, the numerous state championship banners covering our gym walls, and the hundreds of pictures of past graduating classes near the theater, each one more spectacular than the last. The Saints community is a competitive one, but competitive in a way that pushes students to achieve greatness.



Molly Killilea
Class of 2018



Most people believe that you can only get a good education OR grow in your faith. I am going to tell you right now that this statement is far from the truth. I have been religious ever since I was a kid and my faith has always been important to me. At Saint Thomas Aquinas, I can focus on my academics AND fall

more in love with my faith. Faith at Aquinas is not confined to a classroom; it is a living, breathing, phenomena, that is found around our whole campus. Faith is in Aquinas, and if you let it, it can make your four years in high school way more memorable!

Kristen Malir
Class of 2018

Faith is at the very center of what we do at Saint Thomas Aquinas. From all school masses to theology classes to mission trips, there are plenty of opportunities to grow in your faith. We also get to display our faith outside of the classroom through service projects. There is no better feeling than celebrating the Eucharist with 900 of your closest friends every month during mass. I personally have gotten the opportunity to go on two mission trips, and I feel like I have grown significantly in my relationship with God during those experiences.



Landon Wirt
Class of 2018



Wonder is the desire for knowledge.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

FAITH

CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

- Emphasis on putting Catholic values and principles in action through words and deeds, in and out of the classroom, on and off the field/stage at all times.
- A school-wide focus on respect for the individual person and his or her talents
- Daily morning Mass
- Daily afternoon rosary
- Class retreats
- Spring break mission trips
- Regular all-school Masses
- Individual class liturgies
- Penance Services
- Morning and afternoon prayer
- Private prayer in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception
- Stewardship Program that requires 20 hours of service to the community for freshmen and sophomores and 30 hours for juniors and seniors. Learning about stewardship is considered a significant part of a student's education at Saint Thomas Aquinas.

HONORS CLASSES

- In addition to regular classes, honors classes are offered in the following subjects: English, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics and Computers, Foreign Language and Theology.
- Dual enrollment and college credit options are also available
- Advanced placement – in the spring students may participate in AP testing. Most frequently, students at Saint Thomas Aquinas take AP tests in English Literature, English Language and Calculus.



CLASS OF 2017

- 212 graduates
- 211 College Bound
- 1 entered the Armed Forces
- Over 65% of the class received academic scholarships and awards totaling \$11,689,918.
- 14 seniors offered athletic scholarships
- Three National Merit Finalists
- Four National Merit Commended Scholars
- 57 Kansas State Scholars
- 43 seniors taking the ACT had composite scores of 30 and above.
- Members of the Class of 2017 were accepted to 129 different colleges and universities.
- Three Governor's Scholars
- 95% attend a four-year institution.

OUR STUDENTS

- 91% Catholic
- 85% involved in athletics and activities
- Typically our students rank above the national average on standardized tests
- 100% graduation rate
- 99% college bound
- 2017 freshman class is comprised of students from 49 different elementary schools.
- 99 State Championships Since 1988
(Boys Soccer were National Champions in 1994 and 2010!)

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Information Nights

**Tuesday, October 17 or
Monday, October 30 or
Wednesday, November 15**
7:00 pm - School Library

Eighth Grade Placement/Scholarship Test

December 2 or January 6 - 8:30 am.
Test fee is waived if student is enrolled

Saint for a Day

Shadow program - Eighth grade students are encouraged to visit us for a day

Enrollment for the Class of 2022 is Open

www.stasaints.net home page click on the Online Enrollment banner

To register for any event go to www.stasaints.net/admissions



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SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS



OPEN HOUSE

Monday, October 23, 2017
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School annual Open House will be held on Monday, October 23rd from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. All students and their parents who are interested in an outstanding Catholic high school education are invited to tour the school and learn about our excellent academic programs and activities.

4 CORE VALUES: FAITH EXCELLENCE SERVICE COMMUNITY

FAITH & EXCELLENCE