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LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Prospective Family,

Thank you for your interest in St. Thomas More Catholic School! Our amazing little school has been a bright light in the West Hills of Portland, Oregon, for nearly 76 years.



I am the very proud principal of our Pre-K-8 school. I attended St. Thomas More Catholic School, I married my husband in our beautiful church, and my daughters are graduates of STM. This place really is my home and I do think of our community as family. There is no place I would rather be.

Our teachers are role models who share their passion, experience, and faith with their students. We are supported by parents who are dedicated to making our school thrive and are confident that their children will receive a rigorous, faith-based curriculum delivered in a caring, creative, and accepting atmosphere. Our students graduate with an understanding of the roots of their values and their responsibilities as global citizens. It is a wonderful gift and privilege to watch our students develop as independent learners.

Enrollment is open now for the 2026-27 school year. To learn more about our mission and to see for yourself what makes STM so extraordinary, we hope you will visit our school and learn about our dynamic programming.

- All interested parents and students are encouraged to attend our Open House. Visit our [website](#) for upcoming dates.
- To schedule a personal visit and tour, email me at ksmith@stmpdx.org or call the school at 503-222-6105.
- We are also happy to connect you with parents from our School Advisory Council or PTO who can answer any questions you may have from the parent perspective.

We hope you will join our Bulldog Family!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katy Smith
Principal, St. Thomas More Catholic School



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ABOUT US

MISSION

St. Thomas More School is a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade parish school committed to strengthening Catholic identity and Gospel values, practicing Christian virtues, serving others, and promoting academic excellence with the idea that we do everything in love.

The Schoolwide Learning Expectations define the academic, social, emotional and spiritual characteristics that a student of St. Thomas More Catholic School will work to attain throughout their time here.

A Graduate of St. Thomas More Catholic School...



SERVES RESPONSIBLY

- exhibits awareness of global issues
- appreciates diversity of others
- demonstrates a collaborative spirit
- accepts responsibility for actions and responds appropriately to feedback
- participates actively in liturgies, prayers and Christian service

TREATS OTHERS IN A CHRISTIAN MANNER

- respects self and others
- applies Christ's teachings
- answers the Church's call to social justice
- resolves conflicts peacefully
- demonstrates familiarity with scripture and Catholic Social Teaching



MAKES LEARNING A LIFE-LONG ENDEAVOR

- demonstrates a strong foundation in all subjects
- problem solves and transfers knowledge to new situations
- sets goals and monitors progress
- communicates effectively
- uses technology to research, create, and curate

ACCREDITATION

St. Thomas More Catholic School is fully accredited by Western Catholic Education Association.

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FIND YOUR PLACE. BUILD THEIR FUTURE.

START WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION. BUILD A BRIGHT FUTURE.

At St. Thomas More Catholic School, learning begins with connection, care, and excellence. For 76 years, STM has helped students discover their gifts, grow in confidence, and build a foundation for lifelong success.



EXPERIENCED

Loyal teachers with over 380+ years of combined classroom experience nurture curiosity, faith, and a lifelong love of learning.

380

100%

DEDICATED

Our passionate faculty set the standard for excellence — 100% of full-time teachers hold advanced degrees and model lifelong learning.



PERSONALIZED

With small class sizes averaging 25 students, every child is seen, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

25

11:1

PARTNERED

An 11:1 student-to-teacher ratio allows for personalized instruction and meaningful relationships that empower every learner.



PREPARED

100% of STM graduates attend and thrive in the high school of their choice, ready to lead with knowledge, confidence, and faith.

100%

76

PROVEN

For 76 years, STM has built bright futures — one child, one family, one community at a time.



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WHAT SETS STM APART

1. Community: Supportive families are the heart of STM — organizing events, volunteering, and showing up for one another. From Parish picnics to classroom celebrations, our families create lasting friendships and lifelong connections. At STM, community isn't just something we talk about — it's something we live every day. We are family.

2. Faith & Parish Connection

Rooted in Gospel values and Catholic tradition, STM works in close partnership with St. Thomas More Catholic Church to nurture each child's faith and sense of purpose. Students live what they learn—growing in character and confidence through service, prayer, and acts of compassion.

3. Rigorous Academics: A dynamic and engaging curriculum that challenges students to think critically, ask questions, and discover their gifts. STM teachers inspire curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning.

4. Small Class Sizes: With an 11:1 student-to-teacher ratio, STM ensures that every child is seen, heard, and supported. Not all great minds think alike — and we celebrate that.

5. Personalized Learning & Early Literacy Support: At STM, every child's learning journey is unique — and supported every step of the way. Our **Learning Resource Program** and comprehensive literacy instruction help students reach their full potential. All kindergarteners and new students receive benchmark assessments and individualized support as needed — ensuring every learner has what they need to succeed. From day one, STM nurtures a love of reading through a science-based approach that builds strong skills, confidence, and a lifelong joy for learning.

6. Enrichment & Experiential Learning: Learning at STM extends far beyond the classroom. From STEAM Club and drama to outdoor adventures, Washington, D.C. trips, and service projects, students explore their passions and live their faith through hands-on experiences that inspire curiosity and growth. Middle school enrichment classes—such as coding, photography, ceramics, crafts for a cause, weight lifting, and math—give students opportunities to discover new skills, build confidence, and connect learning with real-world experiences.

7. Technology & Innovation: Every student (K–8) receives a personal Apple iPad, encouraging creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Supported by a full-time tech specialist, STM helps students become confident, responsible digital citizens ready to thrive in an AI-driven world. As a cell phone-free campus, STM fosters focus, real connection, and authentic learning in every classroom.

8. Project HOPE: Faith in action comes to life through Project HOPE, where STM students engage in hands-on volunteer experiences with teacher-selected local nonprofits and community organizations—building compassion, empathy, and a lifelong commitment to service.

9. Enriched Curriculum: Beyond core academics, students flourish through specialist-taught classes in Art, Music, PE, Spanish, Technology, and Library. STM also offers accredited after-school care and a nutritious hot lunch program served five days a week, prepared fresh in our on-site commercial kitchen.



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MORECARE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

SAFE. SUPPORTIVE. FAITH-FILLED.

At St. Thomas More Catholic School, care doesn't end when the bell rings. Our MoreCare Program provides a safe, respectful, and loving environment for STM students ages 4–12 from dismissal until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

What Families Love About MoreCare

- **Licensed & Trusted:** Nonprofit program licensed by the Oregon Child Care Division, led by Principal Katy Smith and Director Ms. Louise Carruth.
- **Convenient:** Students go directly from their classrooms to the Parish Hall; Pre-K and Kindergarteners are escorted.
- **Balanced Routine:** Snack, prayer, homework help, and supervised playtime—indoors and outdoors.
- **Engaging Activities:** Board games, crafts, Legos, books, dramatic play, and more.
- **Positive Environment:** Rooted in STM's philosophy of respect and encouragement, students earn "stars" for responsibility and kindness, redeemable in the MoreCare Store.

Program Details

- **Location:** STM Parish Hall & Playground
- **Schedule:** Open on school days only (closed on holidays, vacations, and noon dismissals)
- **Monthly Sign-Ups:** Available on STM's website the 1st – 25th of each month for the following month.
- **Fees:** \$50 per-family registration + \$15 per child, per day. Billed monthly through FACTS.
- **Late Pick-Up:** \$10 after 5:35 p.m.; \$1 per minute after 5:45 p.m.
- **Snacks:** Nut-free program—please pack two healthy snacks and a water bottle; fresh fruit and cheese also provided.
- **Health & Safety:** Follows STM and state health guidelines. All staff are first-aid trained.

Why Families Choose MoreCare

MoreCare extends STM's mission of faith, learning, and community into the after-school hours—giving students a place to complete homework, play, and grow surrounded by caring adults and friends they know.





ADMISSION

Families interested in the upcoming school year are invited to attend an event, Schedule a Tour, or apply online.



OPEN ENROLLMENT — NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Discover what makes St. Thomas More Catholic School a special place where faith, learning, and community come together.

<https://bit.ly/stmadmission>



STM HOLIDAY STORY TIME & PARENT COFFEE

WINTER & SPRING

For prospective Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade families: enjoy story time with our teachers and coffee with STM parents. Visit our website for upcoming dates.



OPEN HOUSE & TOURS

Meet our teachers, explore classrooms, and experience the STM community. STM's Open House is held each January. Visit our website to register. Private tours are available year-round. Schedule a tour today. Email: stmschool@stmpdx.org to schedule an appointment.



STUDENT ASSESSMENTS

- Kindergarten: Late January
 - Transfer Students: Assessments are scheduled individually.
- Email: stmschool@stmpdx.org to schedule an appointment.



SHADOW DAY

Prospective 1st–8th grade students are invited to experience “Bulldog life.” Email: stmschool@stmpdx.org to schedule an appointment.



ADMISSIONS NOTIFICATION

In early February, families will receive a personal update on their child's admission status.

We can't wait to welcome you to Bulldog life — where students grow in faith, find their place, and join the STM family.



TUITION & FEES

2026–2027 School Year

At St. Thomas More Catholic School, tuition reflects the true cost of delivering a high-quality, faith-centered education while remaining competitive with other Portland-area schools. Our approach prioritizes strong academics, exceptional educators, and a supportive, values-driven community.

Tuition Rates

- In-Parish Tuition: \$11,150
- Out-of-Parish Tuition: \$13,650

Financial Aid & Tuition Assistance

STM is committed to welcoming families from a wide range of financial backgrounds.

- Tuition assistance is available through the [FACTS application](#)
- Aid is supported in partnership with the Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation
- Families with special circumstances are encouraged to speak with the pastor
- Financial aid details and application links are available on the [STM Admissions webpage](#)

In-Parish Tuition Benefit | Active Parishioner Scholarship

STM offers a reduced tuition rate for active parishioners.

To qualify, families must:

- Be registered members of St. Thomas More Catholic Church
- Attend weekend Mass regularly
- Provide verifiable parish support (\$1,040 annually / \$20 weekly)
- Participate in at least one parish ministry

Family Volunteer Commitment

Each family completes 20 volunteer units per school year in areas such as classrooms, events, athletics, Project HOPE, or parish activities.

- Volunteer hours are tracked through FACTS
- Unfulfilled units are billed at \$50 per unit (up to \$1,000)
- Credit is given for CYO coaches and field-trip chaperones

Fundraising at STM

Fundraising is voluntary, not mandatory. Contributions support:

- Experiential learning and enrichment
- Classroom and campus enhancements
- Tuition assistance

The annual STM Auction remains a cornerstone community event.

Supporting STM Beyond Tuition

Families support STM by being ambassadors, welcoming new families, and contributing—if they choose—to areas meaningful to them, including tuition assistance, the Bulldog Fund, and campus improvements. Every gift strengthens our school community

For additional details on tuition and fees, please refer to the FACTS online application, where all current tuition information and fee schedules are provided.



READY TO APPLY

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Start your STM journey today — where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to grow. Be a Bulldog.

Apply Online

St. Thomas More Catholic School uses the FACTS Management system for admissions and enrollment. Applying online is simple, secure, and allows families to track their child's application every step of the way.

(Application Fee: \$127)

How to Apply

1. Create an Account through FACTS Management.
2. Verify your email using the link sent to you.
3. Log in and complete a New Student Application for your child.
4. Submit the non-refundable \$127 application fee.
5. Track your status, upload documents, and manage your application anytime through your FACTS account.

Start Your Application

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/stmadmission>



Need Help?

We're happy to guide you through the process.

📞 Call: 503-222-6105 ✉ Email: enrollment@stmpdx.org

Non-Discrimination Policy

St. Thomas More Catholic School admits students of any race, color, national, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. STM does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational, admissions, scholarship, or athletic programs.