

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School

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*“Teach the children in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it.” ~Proverbs 22:6*

## Welcome to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School!

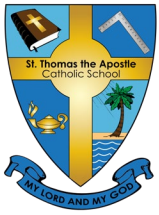
Our beloved St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School (STA) is accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference and the National Council for Private Schools. Moreover, this year, we were one of six schools in the state of Florida awarded the coveted National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence title for the 2020 school year. Located in the heart of South Miami, St. Thomas opened its doors in September of 1964 to students in kindergarten through 4th grade. Since, it has grown exponentially to meet the needs of the growing community and currently educates students from pre-K2 through 8th grade. The school prides and distinguishes itself through stellar academics and a beloved faith-based community.

We thank you for considering our school for your child's education and are delighted you have chosen to take our virtual open house. Our mission, here at STA, is to foster a community of life-long learners, led by the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church, through a transdisciplinary-approach to learning, initiated by inquiry in which the students will think globally and display acts of compassion through service. This is the driving force behind all of our spiritual and academic goals for our students and our community.

St. Thomas the Apostle students can begin their educational journey as early as age two. Students experience the joys of learning through play and exploration. Encouraging creativity and individuality, their early childhood teachers introduce readiness skills, and the friendly and nurturing environment enhances each child's self-esteem and

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love for learning. In kindergarten through 5th grade, the curriculum focuses on the development of the whole child as an investigator and problem solver of their world. Teachers' transdisciplinary model of learning uses knowledge and skills to teach globally aware students. The middle school program provides a framework of learning, which encourages students to become creative, critical, and reflective thinkers. It emphasizes intellectual challenge, encouraging students to make connections between their studies in traditional subjects and the world around them. The curriculum in all grade levels includes the core academic subjects (English language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and social studies). In addition, all students are provided with instruction in music, art, technology, Spanish, physical education, and religion.

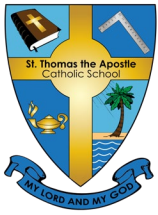
To meet the needs of the general student body, STA implements multiple forms of differentiated instruction. In addition to the general education program, STA offers specialized services and instruction to meet the needs of gifted learners and students with Specific Learning Disability, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and other exceptionalities.

In 2017, to further incorporate 21st century learning and prepare students for the future, STA began working towards Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STREAM) accreditation through the Florida Catholic Conference. The STREAM approach encourages teachers and students to use an interdisciplinary method to enhance authentic and deep learning, while encouraging students to create, problem solve, engineer, and collaborate.

At the heart of STA, there exists a deep level of commitment to advance students' Catholic identity; the integration of the "religion"

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component referenced in STREAM is cross-curricular and visible in all core subjects. Students actively participate in many service projects to help those less fortunate. Further, our Tornado students participate in many student-initiated, led, and produced service projects. In addition to service learning projects and direct instruction in the Catholic religion, students' faith formation is further enhanced through prayer and weekly liturgy, as well as integrated throughout the teaching and learning process

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School is proud to share our beautiful learning environment with you.

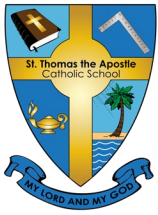
Attached for your convenience is the Schedule of Tuition and Fees for a New Parishioner and Schedule of Tuition and Fees for Active Parishioners. Please feel free to contact us for further information at the School Office 305-661-8591. For additional information, we invite you to visit our website at [www.stamiami.org](http://www.stamiami.org). Thank you once again for your interest in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School and May God Bless you.

In Christ,

Mrs. Lisa M. Figueredo '89  
Principal

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Dear Parents,

The fundamental goal of religious education at St. Thomas the Apostle is to instill in your child the personal love God has for him or her. We arrive at this goal through study, prayer, sacraments, and service. A sacrament is a sacred sign and cause of grace instituted by Christ in the Church to continue the saving action of God through the Holy Spirit. The sacraments will be a part of your child's spiritual formation.

In the event your child has not completed his or her sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation) we will assist you with religious formation so that we can facilitate the inception of the sacraments. This will be done through their daily religion classes and, if necessary, additional classes. Generally, First Holy Communion is received in the 2nd Grade and Confirmation is received in the 7th Grade.

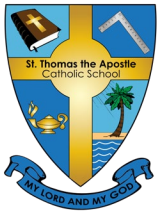
Thank you for considering St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School for the spiritual formation of your child. I look forward to working with you as we nurture in our students a sincere faith and love for Jesus and his teachings.

In Christ,

Mrs. Tania Gonzalez  
Director of Religious Education

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## Commitment Letter School Year 2021 -2022

I am fully aware of the following commitments as a parent of a student(s) of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School:

1. My family will attend weekly Sunday Mass.
2. We will contribute twenty hours of volunteer service for school events, two of which are at the festival.
3. We understand that all families are required to use the FACTS payment system for Tuition, Development Fund, and Incidentals. I will follow the payment guidelines and all regulations provided by FACTS, for example, regards to late payments and NSF.
4. We are aware that all financial responsibilities must be current before any report cards, Portals and/or other school records are released.
5. We are aware that all students new to St. Thomas the Apostle School in any grade level will be considered probationary for the first ninety school days.
6. Families that have been Active Parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church for at least 24 months prior to enrollment at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School will pay the Active Family Tuition rates and fees. An "Active Parishioner" is a family that is registered at St. Thomas the Apostle and meets the established Mass attendance requirements for the previous 24 month period.
7. Families that are New Parishioners for the 24 month period prior to enrollment will pay the New Parishioner Tuition rates and fees for the first academic year.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Family Number \_\_\_\_\_

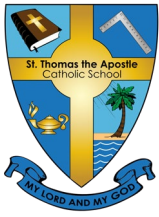
Student/s Names \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Grade/s for the school term of 2021 – 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## New Families

Pre-Application: \$150.00 per child.

Contract Fees due upon acceptance.

New Family Registration Fee	950.00	Per Family
Raffle Ticket	215.00	Per Family
Materials / Book/Insurance/Supplies for PK3 to 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	990.00	Per Child
Materials / Book/Insurance/Supplies for PK2	325.00	

Rates for PK3 to 8<sup>th</sup>

	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	4 <sup>th</sup> Child	5 <sup>th</sup> Child
Family Discount on Tuition	0%	15%	25%	25%	30%
Tuition	9,289.00	7,895.65	7,431.20	6,966.75	6,502.30
Student Fees	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Family Fees	1,800.00				
Lunch Included					
	Per 1 Child	Per 2 Children	Per 3 Children	Per 4 Children	Per 5 Children
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,689.00</b>	<b>\$22,184.65</b>	<b>\$31,215.85</b>	<b>\$39,782.60</b>	<b>\$47,884.90</b>

Rate for PK2

Tuition	9,289.00
Student Fees	1,000.00
Family Fees	1,800.00
Lunch Included	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,089.00</b>

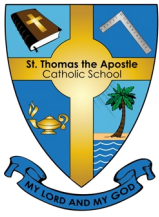
Kinder Graduation Fee: \$125.00  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Fee: \$300.00

**Fees are nonrefundable**

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## Returning Families

Registration Fee / Letter of Intent: \$625.00 per family, due on **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**.

Contract Fees due **March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

Raffle Ticket	\$215.00	Per Family
Materials / Book/Insurance/Supplies for PK3 to 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$990.00	Per Child
Materials / Book/Insurance/Supplies for PK2	\$325.00	

Rates for PK3 to 8<sup>th</sup>

	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	4 <sup>th</sup> Child	5 <sup>th</sup> Child
Family Discount on Tuition	0%	15%	25%	25%	30%
Tuition	7,945.00	6,753.25	6,356.00	5,958.75	5,561.50
Student Fees	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Family Fees	1,800.00				
Lunch Included					
	Per 1 Child	Per 2 Children	Per 3 Children	Per 4 Children	Per 5 Children
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,345.00</b>	<b>\$19,698.25</b>	<b>\$27,654.25</b>	<b>\$35,213.00</b>	<b>\$42,374.50</b>

Rate for PK2

Tuition	7,945.00
Student Fees	1,000.00
Family Fees	1,800.00
Lunch Included	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,745.00</b>

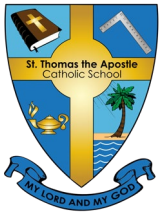
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Attach 4x6 Family Picture Here

Application Due Date – 12/11/2020

(Screening /Testing fee of \$150.00 payable to: St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School is due with the Application)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entering Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

### Student Information

Student Last Name	First	Middle	Month/Day/Year of Birth	Place of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student Street Address	City	Zip Code	Student Home Phone	Student Religion
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

### Family Information

Father's /Guardian's Last Name	First	Middle	Mother's / Guardian's Last Name	First	Middle
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Father's /Guardian's Street Address	City	Zip Code	Mother's / Guardian's Street Address	City	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Father's /Guardian's Place of Birth	Religion		Mother's / Guardian's Place of Birth	Religion	
_____	_____		_____	_____	
Father's / Guardian's Occupation	Work Phone		Mother's / Guardian's Occupation	Work Phone	
_____	_____		_____	_____	
Father's / Guardian's E-mail	Cell Phone		Mother's / Guardian's E-mail	Cell Phone	
_____	_____		_____	_____	

### Parish Information

Registered in this Parish?  Yes  No      **Saint Thomas the Apostle Church Envelope Number** \_\_\_\_\_

If no, Parish Registered In \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Sacramental Information

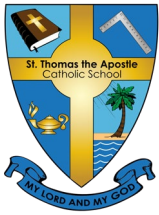
Baptism	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Church	_____
		Name	_____
		City	_____
First Communion	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Church	_____
		Name	_____
		City	_____
Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Church	_____
		Name	_____
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## Transfer School Information

Name of last school attended _____		Grade _____	
Street Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____
Name of person responsible for tuition and fees _____			

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**Family Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **(for office use only)**

**Student Information:** School Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Religion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Date of Birth:** Mo. Day Yr. \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is the student a citizen of the United States? **Yes / No**  
If the answer is No, please give Immigration status of the student: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this student Hispanic/Latino? **Yes / No**

What is the student's race?  
American Indian/Alaska Native \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_  
Asia \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_  
Black or African American \_\_\_\_\_

Student Lives With: \_\_\_ Both Parents \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_ Mother/Stepfather \_\_\_ Father/Stepmother

*If custodial rights of children are subject to any legally imposed requirements/schedules, the applicable court order and/or any other documentation setting forth these requirements must be attached to and submitted with this form along with completed HIPAA/FERPA form. This includes any determination of parental and/or custodial rights related to any child as a result of any proceedings whatsoever.*

Name of Person(s) with whom student lives: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student received the following sacraments?

Baptism: **Yes / No** Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Communion: **Yes / No** Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation: **Yes / No** Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**What parish does the student's family attend?** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Last School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Language Spoken at Home \_\_\_\_\_

Has this child undergone a Neurological, Psychological (Neuropsychological and/or Psycho Educational) evaluation, IQ, Speech and Language evaluation, and/or Occupational therapy evaluation. **Yes / No**

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## MATERNAL INFORMATION

Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation (please specify if self-employed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student's mother received the following sacraments?

Baptism **Yes / No** First Communion **Yes / No** Confirmation **Yes / No**

Marital Status of Mother (please check one)

Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

If married, year and place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

If married, in the Catholic Church? **Yes / No** Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

### Please fill in if applicable:

Name of Stepfather \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (please specify if self-employed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## PATERNAL INFORMATION

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (please specify if self-employed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student's father received the following sacraments?

Baptism **Yes / No** First Communion **Yes / No** Confirmation **Yes / No**

Marital Status of Father (please check one)

Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

If married, year and place of marriage

If married, in the Catholic Church? **Yes / No** Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please fill in if applicable:**

Name of Stepmother \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (please specify if self-employed) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Siblings:**

Name	Age	School Attending
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**If the student has or has had relatives in our school, please list:**

Name of Relative	Relationship	Years Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

To whom shall school correspondence be sent?

\_\_\_\_\_ Father and Mother    \_\_\_\_\_ Father only    \_\_\_\_\_ Mother only

To whom should bills be sent?

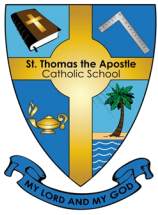
\_\_\_\_\_ Father and Mother    \_\_\_\_\_ Father only    \_\_\_\_\_ Mother only

**I / We hereby acknowledge that the information provided in this form is true and accurate furthermore I / We acknowledge that I / We have read, understand and agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth in the Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School handbook as may be amended from time to time.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature and Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature and Date

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## Pastoral Questionnaire (to be completed only if you are not a current parish family)

### Parent(s) / Guardian(s) please complete this section

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children and grades for which applying:

1. (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade) \_\_\_\_\_ 2. (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade) \_\_\_\_\_

3. (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade) \_\_\_\_\_ 4. (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade) \_\_\_\_\_

5. (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade) \_\_\_\_\_ 6. (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade) \_\_\_\_\_

### Pastor/Church Leader complete this section

The above family has applied to our Catholic School. It is our desire to develop a supportive relationship between home, school, and church. Please assist us by answering the brief questionnaire below. In this way we will gain more insight into the family and you in turn might be able to use any updated material which appears above on our form. Kindly return this form directly to the school within 7 days to aid in the application process. You are free to make a copy of the questionnaire and share its contents with the family if you so desire.

1. Do you personally know the family? For how long?

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2. How long has the family been in attendance at your church?

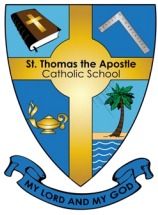
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3. Beyond attendance, how involved is this family in your church's other ministries/programs?

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4. Describe their worship service attendance.

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5. Describe Sunday school attendance, if applicable.

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6. Are members of the family active in the work of the church? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If "yes" please explain.

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7. Based on your personal knowledge of this family, would you recommend that we accept this family into our school? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Why?

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8. Please feel free to add further comments or suggestions on how we may improve this step of our application process:

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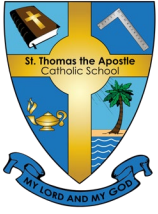
Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Academic Year 2021/2022

Dear Parents,

We are very excited about the upcoming year. Please note that our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders participate in a Tablet Program. Once your child has been accepted you will receive additional correspondence in regards to the tablet program – such as Open Box Day, the mandatory meeting in which your child will receive their tablet, costs (lease – year 1 \$700, year 2 \$425, year 3 \$425), and additional training. New 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be able to rent the tablet as year 1 for \$700.

We look forward to seeing you in the next academic year.

In Christ,

Mrs. Lisa M. Figueredo  
Principal

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