

An Archdiocese of Atlanta School, St. Thomas More is also a member of the Georgia Independent School Association and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Southern Association of Independent Private Schools. Our school encompasses Kindergarten through 8th grade with two classes at each grade level. Our current enrollment is 466 children with an average of 25 pupils per class.

#### STUDENT BODY

The majority of our students come from Decatur, Avondale Estates, and eastern Dekalb County. 85% of our students are Catholics affiliated with 25 other parishes in the Atlanta area.

#### FACULTY AND STAFF

- > 53% of our staff have advanced degrees
- > Average teaching experience of our staff is 12 years
- > Ten paraprofessional assistants
- > Media specialist with an assistant
- > Band program with part-time teacher
- > Computer lab with full-time teacher
- > Professional staff of 32
- > Overall student-teacher ratio 13:1
- > Full-time guidance counselor and full-time teachers in the following areas: computer, media specialist, art, music, physical education, and Spanish
- > Student Support program designed to help students whose needs are not fully met by our regular curriculum and is staffed with two full-time and one part-time teacher.

#### EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

Whenever school is in session, extended childcare is available from 7–8:00 am and from afternoon dismissal until 6 pm. Registration is limited to 150 students and usually fills up fast. Families will be billed for usage.

*Application deadline: February 27, 2009.*

*Waiting list: After February 27, 2009.*

Applications will be considered and placed on our waiting list. The waiting list does not carry over from one year to another.

#### *Out of town Catholics with children already in Catholic Schools*

Throughout the school year, we try our best to accommodate Catholic families moving to the Decatur area. Please check with our registrar to see if there is space for your child.

#### Fees, costs, and tuition rates

*Application and testing fee:* \$100 per child

*Upon acceptance, a deposit of \$500 per child is required to hold your child's place. This fee is non-refundable and will be deducted from your annual tuition amount.*

To qualify for the Catholic tuition rate, your parish priest must sign a completed *Parish Verification Form* indicating that your family is practicing their faith at an Archdiocese Catholic Church.

*08-09 Catholic tuition and book bill rates:*

\$6,000 per child

*08-09 Non Catholic rate:* \$8,000 per child

We expect tuition to increase 3 to 5% annually.

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