

# Application for Admission

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## SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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### MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Thomas More School strives to pass on the values and vision of our Catholic faith and tradition to develop a mature Christian person who understands how to relate to God and others, how to choose wisely, and how to learn.

#### Our Staff Believes:

- The imparting of Catholic beliefs is of great importance, together with the integration of daily living with the Gospel message, to develop a spirit of prayer and worship.
- Our students have a responsibility to serve and to witness God to the wider community.
- God blesses our students with the ability to learn, achieve, create, and succeed on their fullest potential.
- Our students should practice self-control and respect in their interactions with others.
- Education is a life-long process, which begins at home and is fostered in our school, and should continue throughout life.
- A sound curriculum, integrated with current technology and effective teaching prepares our students to relate to God and others and learn how to choose wisely.
- Cultural diversity within our school facilities interactions with and opens doors to an interdependent world.
- Our students have a learning environment that is clean, safe and secure.

St. Thomas More School is a Catholic school located in Decatur, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta. St. Thomas More blends academic excellence with spiritually in the context of a strong community to provide our students an ideal environment for growing and learning. We believe that all children are God-gifted with ability to learn, achieve, and succeed at their own level. The life-long process of education is fostered at St. Thomas More School through the use of a sound curriculum and effective teaching.

Founded in 1950, and initially staffed by the Sisters of Notre de Namur, St. Thomas More School has grown from eight classrooms to five buildings. In the tradition of Catholic education, spiritual leadership, respect and self-discipline, and a strong emphasis on academics, and services to the wider community are key components of what makes St. Thomas More special.

The school climate is very positive and caring. The Faculty and staff believe that caring personal relationships begin in the home and are carried into the school. St. Thomas More is a unique community nourishing the mutual respect of people. The school population is a reflection of ethnic differences and diverse world cultures. Each student is welcomed and respected, and young people come to understand and accept one another. True community is lived at St. Thomas More in the lives of the students, faculty, staff, and parents.

Education is highly valued by the families who choose St. Thomas More School for their kindergarten to eighth grade children. St. Thomas More School has maintained consistently high standards of achievement in recent years.

## HISTORY

In 1948, the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta purchased land for a new parish on West Ponce de Leon Avenue in Decatur, Georgia. A convent, school, church, and rectory were constructed. St. Thomas More School opened on September 1, 1950 with approximately 150 children in grades 1-5. Grades 6, 7, and 8 were added in successive years. In 1955, the lower school building was constructed. This facility relieved some overcrowding and provided space for a kindergarten. Even so, classes averaged 50-60 children until the opening of two additional Catholic schools in the 1960's and 1970's that subsequently reduced our enrollment for a period. By the end of the 1980's, the number of students again created a need for expanded facilities.

Trailers were rented until the construction was complete. Mulhern Hall provided additional space along with four new classrooms. In addition, new administrative offices were added and two classrooms remodeled into computer labs.

Our latest improvement phase included the addition of a multi-purpose activity facility. It is a large building that includes a full size basketball court and houses our physical education program. It also features a generous, raised stage for dramatic and musical productions. Band, Music, and Art classrooms are also included in this building. The Administrative offices were improved and expanded along with a new focal entry and secure portal to the school.

## SCHOOL STRUCTURE

St. Thomas More has two sections of each grade, K-8. To facilitate instructional and curriculum planning as well as for administrative purposes, the student body is grouped in three levels:

Primary level: Grades K-2

Intermediate level: Grades 3-5

Middle School: Grades 6-8

Educational psychologists agree that it is easier for children to adapt to the culture of a school when behavioral and academic expectations are consistent throughout the school. Routines and procedures, which are consistent from room to room, help make a child feel comfortable, secure in the knowledge "that this is how things are done in the school." Each level at STM has a coordinator who works with the instructional team on the level to develop practices and policies, which are age and developmentally appropriate.

As a parish school in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, St. Thomas More is guided by the rules, regulations, and policies set by the Archdiocese. On the local level, the St. Thomas More Parish Board of Education oversees the general direction of the school. This Board meets monthly.

Date filed \_\_\_\_\_

Entering grade \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only

Student Information

Full legal name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ County of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic background (for census information only) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Name the child goes by \_\_\_\_\_

Sacramental Information

	Date	Church	Location
Baptism	_____	_____	_____
First Communion	_____	_____	_____
Penance	_____	_____	_____
Confirmation	_____	_____	_____

Parent / Guardian Information

Married together    Married separated    Divorced    Other

Who has legal custody?    Both    Father    Mother    Other

Resides with:    Both    Father    Mother    Other

Mail report cards to:    Both    Father    Mother    Other

Send bills to:    Both    Father    Mother    Other

Father's full name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen:  Yes    No

Education:    Elementary    High School    College    Advanced

If different from applicant's:

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pager \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother's full name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No

Education:  Elementary  High School  College  Advanced

If different from Applicant's:

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Pager \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Guardian's full name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No

Education:  Elementary  High School  College  Advanced

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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer's address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Applicant's Educational History

Previous school attended \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Independent  Parochial  Public

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other schools attended:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child been home schooled?  Yes  No

Which program did you follow? \_\_\_\_\_

Educational/psychological evaluations?  Yes  No

Has the student ever received an educational/psychological evaluation? If so, please give date \_\_\_\_\_.

All educational/psychological evaluations should be submitted with the application.

Learning disability?  Yes  No

Has the applicant been diagnosed with any of the following?  ADD  ADHD

Other Please explain.

Socialization or behavioral problems?  Yes  No

Has the applicant had any previous unusual socialization or behavioral problems with other children?

If yes, please explain. Please provide any other information regarding the child's educational background or social development that the school should know in order to evaluate its ability to serve the child's needs.

Medical conditions?  Yes  No

Does the applicant have any medical conditions that would prevent him/her from active participation in the school's physical education program or field trips? Has there been a need for any unusual medical care?

If yes, please explain. Is student currently on any type of medication? If yes, please explain.

### Parents' Goals and Assessments

In order for the admissions committee to evaluate your child and his/her needs in regard to the programs offered, please answer the following questions.

#### *Type of educational program and environment sought for your child*

Realizing that "education" is not an exact science and that there are many variables involved in the educational process, please explain the type of educational program and environment that you desire for your child.

What goals or objectives would you like for the teacher to emphasize regarding your child?

#### *Specific talents, interests, travel*

If your child is at an age where there are specific talents and interests that you have noted, please elaborate.

If your child takes music, art, dance, fitness, or other types of private lessons or has traveled extensively, please elaborate.

Also include any athletic teams, fine arts groups, clubs, or other organizations in which your child participates.

#### *Additional information*

Please provide any additional information regarding your family (adoption, divorce, separation, changes in school, deaths of relatives/friends) or child (fears, social problems, etc.) that would help us know and understand his/her educational or personal needs.

**The School as community***School publications*

Yes  No I hereby give permission for my child and or myself to have our photographs and or names appear in school publications and promotional materials approved by the school.

*Family Participation*

As a school community, Saint Thomas More School has various functions to which immediate family members, grandparents, and friends are invited. Please provide the following information:

*Siblings*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

*Paternal grandparents*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Maternal grandparents*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please read and sign*

I have read and understood this application, and I further certify that the information I have submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

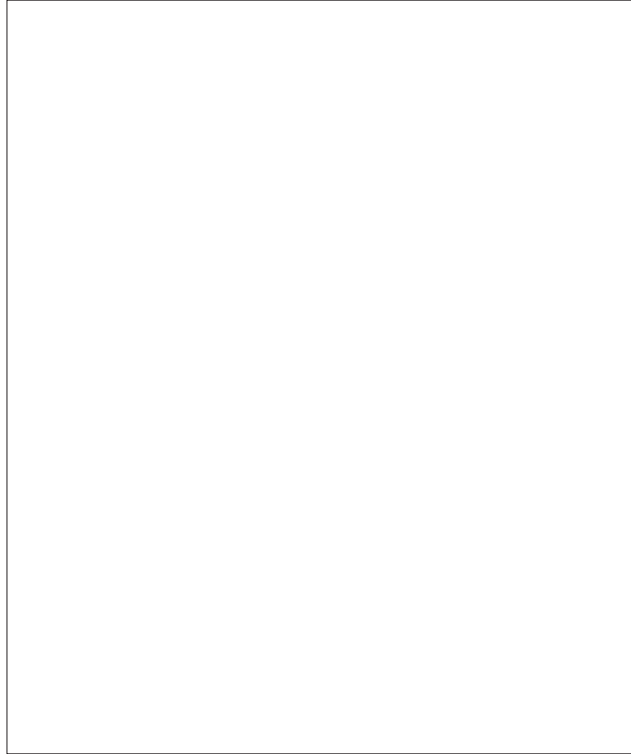
I agree to communicate in writing to the Principal any changes contained herein even if said changes occur after my child has been enrolled.

I understand that upon discovery of substantial inaccuracy of any information herein, or omission of information requested herein, Saint Thomas More School reserves the right to revoke admission to the School.

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a recent photograph of the applicant.*



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

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