



2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Saint Thomas More | A Catholic School in the Jesuit Tradition

LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Our 2023-24 school year was again marked by our pursuit of excellence for and by our students.

A proof of this as an ongoing guiding principle of STM school is the Cognia STEM certification that we applied for and received in 2024. Achieving the

certification required an application, school self-assessments, and finally a rigorous onsite visitation and review by the Cognia Global Commission. We received notice of our certification in late summer 2024.

With accreditation, STM joins the ranks of over 400 institutions in 35 states and across 15 countries assessed and validated by Cognia for the quality, rigor, and substance of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education programs. Our attention to excellence in STEM places our students in good standing not only for high school success, but also far beyond – from college to career.

We're excited to have earned this recognition, symbolizing our commitment to foster innovation, critical thinking, and experiential learning for all of our students.

In addition, our 2023-24 school year marked the beginning of STM Parish and School fundraising for exciting new construction which includes a new K-5 school building, a turf field, and an improved space for Pre-K4 and the school office. I highly encourage you to visit stmga.org/giving/capital-improvements.cfm to learn more about investing in our students' future.

Thank you for your support of our 2023-24 Annual Fund. Your gifts contribute to our ongoing pursuit of excellence at STM. This year's contributions of \$160,403 helped supplement our operating budget by closing the gap between the cost to educate each child and the amount we charge for tuition. In addition, in the spirit of good stewardship and future sustainability, we were able to make a contribution to our tuition assistance endowment fund.

All of us at STM School are grateful for the role your gifts of time, talent and treasure play in strengthening our faith-filled community. Thank you and God bless you!

Shaun Bland, *Principal*



FINANCIALS

Support and Revenue 2023-24

Parent support

Tuition	\$4,835,624
Enrollment Fees	\$53,260
Application Fees.....	\$18,532
Technology Fees.....	\$65,537

Archdiocesan Support

Archdiocesan Block Grant	\$55,000
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Tuition Assistance

GRACE Scholarships.....	\$95,782
Tuition Assistance Awarded	(\$520,674)

Fundraising

Annual Fund.....	\$160,403
PTO Fundraising.....	\$250,631
Donations.....	\$31,477

Other Income

Student Services.....	\$25,776
Interest Income	\$167,066
Miscellaneous Income	\$10,131
Endowment Contributions/Income.....	\$73,177
Gain/Loss on Endowment	\$202,936
Grant Awards.....	\$6,000

Auxiliary Activities

Extended Care Income	\$13,338
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Total Support & Revenue	\$5,543,995
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Expenses 2023-24

Instructional.....	\$3,045,942
Administration & General	\$529,811
Facilities	\$524,875
Advancement.....	\$67,383
Student Services.....	\$201,026
PTO	\$160,419
Technology.....	\$263,437
Capital Expense	\$475,026

Total Expenditures.....	\$5,267,918
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures.....	\$276,077
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Cost to Educate 2024

Cost to Educate.....	\$12,090
Average Tuition	\$11,188
Shortfall*	\$902

**This shortfall is supplemented by the Annual Fund*

**Our 2023-24 Annual Fund
raised \$160,403!**

STM SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

Saint Thomas More Catholic School opened on September 1, 1950 with approximately 140 children in grades one through five. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur staffed the school. Grades six, seven, and eight were added in successive years. In 2016, STM School became the Archdiocese of Atlanta's only parochial primary school in the Jesuit Tradition and was also named a Blue Ribbon School.

Classes range from Pre-K4 through eighth grade with two classes per grade level. We provide a comprehensive curriculum in language arts, mathematics, religion, science, and social studies, as well as art, music, physical education, Spanish, and STREAM.

Our learning in the Jesuit Tradition motto:
Finding God in all things

Class of 2024 High School Matriculation

Marist.....	4
St. Pius	33
Other private schools.....	1
Public schools	3



346
school
families



470
students
enrolled



15
parishes
represented

Thank God and our donors for this year's amazing gifts!

Visionaries

(Gifts of \$10,000 or more)

Ashley and Cason Bufe

Notre Dame de Namur Society

(Gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999)

Mrs. Shaun Bland

Mary Jane and Eugene Brisbane

Alice and Patrick Carroll

Mrs. Sidney Murphey

St. Thomas More Society

(Gifts of \$2,500 - \$4,999)

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In honor of the grandparents of

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Karla and Mike Macaya

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Joy and Gino Miraglia

Kila and Jason Posey

In honor of The Posey's

James Pyron

Elizabeth and Paul Roeser

*In honor of the STM Teachers and
Parent Volunteers*

Pam and Steve Ryan

Jyoti Sharma and Gregory Sale

In memory of Leela Sharma

Malinda and Christopher Sandman

Christy and J.R. Schneller

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More Champions

(Gifts of \$500 - \$999)

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In memory of Jim Eichelberger

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In honor of Sarah, Jackson, Callie,

Ellie, and Olivia

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Patricia and John Musolf

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and Philip Roeser

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Margaret and Billy Winzeler

Judy Yen

Principal's Circle

(Gifts up to \$250 - \$499)

Karolina Abbott

In memory of Isabelle's Papa,

Richard McLean

Kathy Adams

*In memory of Billie Ann Dishongh
and "Sparky" Adams Sr.*

Gillian Hue and Ian Beckford

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In honor of the Scott family

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 Melanie Hesse and Karlos Walkes
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 Julia Liu and Joseph Wong
 Sarah and Calvin Yaeger
 Marianne and Daniel Yee

Blue and Gold Society

(Gifts up to \$249 and gifts of prayer)

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In memory of Liz Bucko
 Hayat Lema and Roberto Arena
In honor of STM
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 Carlton Byrd, STM 1978
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In memory of Nancy Hannah
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 Habtemariam
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In honor of Pela Marie Hammock
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 Kelly and Robbie Harris
 Magali and Joseph Haser
In honor of Avianna Macaya
 Ashley and Christopher Hess
 Lauren and Dallas Hoade
 Louise and Patrick, STM 1990, Hogan
In honor of Celeste Pratt Murphy
 Jonell Jackson
 Margaret Johnson
 Selina Johnson
 Elizabeth and Matt Karwowski
 Meseret Kelati and Haile Kiflemariam
 Kim and Doug Kissell
 Erin and Greg Knab
In memory of Maureen Murphy
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knab
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 Shannon and Michael Kramer
 Sally and Steve Kramer
 Lara Glass and Brian Kubovcik
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 Dorothy and Hank Kühlenbeck
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In memory of Wes Chavis
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 Cristina and Trent Lewis
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 Joshua Martinez
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 McCormack Financial Planning Inc.
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 Heather and Ted McElroy
 Ruth McIntyre
 Quinette McIver-Dossman
 Ashley and William McKeen
 Almaz Tecelu and Isayas Mebrahtu
 Juan Medrano

Josie and Francis Mercante
In honor of Juliana and Francesca Mercante
 Kathryn and Stephen Mettler
 Denise and Lawrence Mielnicki
 Paige and William Mielnicki
 Haben Abraha and Ghebremeskel
 Mihreteab
 Cate Miller
 Mary Claire and Brent Modak
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In honor of Petra and August Molchan
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In honor of Charlie Eddy
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In honor of Pfeiffer Yaeger

Matching Gifts

Total received = \$16,741

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 Tyson Foods

Foundation Gifts

The Conrads Family Education Fund at
 The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia
 Kingery Family Foundation

*Financial gifts listed above were received
 between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.
 If errors or omissions have been made,
 please accept our sincere apology
 and contact Ansley Murphey, Director
 of Advancement, at 404.373.8456 or
 amurphey@stmga.org.*



2024 Grace Donors

**The families and friends of STM in the list that follows
 redirected their tax dollars to our school for a total
 of \$112,932 in scholarship funds to STM School in
 calendar year 2024. Thank you for your support of
 Catholic education!**

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory S. Amoroso
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 Dr. Karen Walson and Mr. John Walson
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Grant & Scholarship Gifts

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Thomas O'Reilly Council Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2023 to provide financial aid to a practicing Catholic student who demonstrates financial need in order to support his/her Catholic education at St. Thomas More School. We are grateful for their continued support.

Catholic Foundation of North Georgia Grant

St. Thomas More Catholic School is pleased to announce that we received a grant award in the amount of \$6,000 from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. These funds were used to purchase new cafeteria tables with attached stools.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund supports our operating budget and enhances the programs and services offered to our students. We also use the funds to maintain and enhance our physical plant in ways that otherwise would not be possible.

BEQUESTS

Please consider leaving a legacy by remembering St. Thomas More School in your will.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Please contact your company's Human Resources department to see if they offer this benefit to *double or even triple your original contribution* to St. Thomas More School.

GEORGIA GOAL SCHOLARSHIP/TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Turn your TAX dollars into TUITION ASSISTANCE for our school. As a Georgia taxpayer, you can make a donation to Georgia GOAL, designate that 100% of your donation be sent to St. Thomas More Catholic School, and in exchange receive a dollar-for-dollar state income tax credit. When you designate St. Thomas More Catholic School as the beneficiary of 100% of your Georgia GOAL donation, then 100% of your donation will be used for tuition assistance for our very own STM School families. This opportunity helps many families afford an STM Catholic education that otherwise would not be possible.

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND

This fund is a tax-deductible opportunity that enables donors to contribute to a fund to help families who may find themselves struggling financially due to job loss, illness, or other unexpected financial burdens.

CLYDE MARABLE McCARTY ENDOWMENT FUND

Celia and David McCarty, STM Class of 1965, made a very generous gift to establish an endowment in memory of his mother, Mrs. Clyde McCarty. The Clyde Marable McCarty Endowment Fund will provide scholarships to STM School families with financial need. Mrs. McCarty taught 5th and 6th grade at STM School in the 1960's and had a passion for teaching children who struggled with reading.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The money raised from our PTO fundraisers is used for curriculum enhancement, field day, computer software and technology, professional development for our faculty, classroom supplies, and much more.

SECURITIES

Gifts of stocks, securities or bonds are an excellent way to support St. Thomas More School and avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated stock or security.

KATIE TROCHECK ABEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Katie Trocheck Abel was a compassionate and selfless member of her community who made a positive impact and loved giving back to St. Thomas More Catholic School. As an alumna and as a proud and involved parent, Katie actively participated in the school community. The establishment of the Katie Trocheck Abel Scholarship Fund by her parents, Tom and Kathy Trocheck, is a wonderful way to honor her memory. This fund will make a meaningful difference in the lives of STM families by providing scholarships to those in need.

STM SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2023-2024

Tom Anderson, *Facilities*
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Fr. Bob Hussey, *Pastor*

ACCREDITATION & AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Saint Thomas More Catholic School is accredited through the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a district-wide model sponsored by Cognia, the parent corporation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Saint Thomas More Catholic School is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.



MISSION

Saint Thomas More Catholic School is a joyful learning community reaching out to the world as the hands of Christ.

