



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

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ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION 2017-2018

IMPORTANT DATES: JANUARY 2017

Open House: Jan. 11th at 6:30pm | Application Deadline: Jan. 17th | Grade 8 Placement Test: Jan. 24th at 1:00pm

The School

St. Thomas More Collegiate is a coeducational institution with students in grades 8 to 12. As a Catholic school, students are expected to participate in all aspects of school life, including the liturgical and prayer life of the school.

Faith and Community

The faith life of the school is fostered through daily prayer and religious education classes. The Campus Ministry Office oversees all masses, school prayer services and retreat programs for all grade levels. There is an active social justice dimension to the school. Students are encouraged to participate in the Justice & Life club, outreach programs, missions trips and fundraising initiatives designed to raise funds for those people in need in the greater local and global community.

Community Events

St. Thomas More Collegiate prides itself on its sense of community which includes our students, staff, parents and alumni. In order to engage all segments of the school population we offer numerous events throughout the year like our Academic Night, Walkathon, Christmas Craft Fair, Plant a Row—Grow a Row, Fine Arts evenings, basketball tournaments, drama productions, Speech Night, Career Fair, Alumni Golf and Basketball Tournaments, Chancellor Music Festival, Night of the Knights Awards Ceremony, and the annual Graduation Ceremonies and Dinner-Dance.

Academics

St. Thomas More Collegiate's courses are primarily year-long and follow the BC curriculum. We offer a well-rounded university/college preparatory program featuring courses in all disciplines including Arts, Sciences, and Athletics. We pride ourselves on our consistently high academic ranking as measured by the Fraser Institute (#1 in Burnaby). Each year all our Knights graduate and 95% further their education at the post-secondary level at local, national and international institutions.

Extracurricular Activities

The extra-curricular activities at St. Thomas More Collegiate include sports, clubs, and other events:

Fall Sports Teams

Grade 8, Junior, and Varsity boys' football and girls' volleyball, and boys' and girls' open swimming and cross-country.

Winter Sports Teams

Boys' and girls' Grade 8, Junior, and Varsity basketball and boys' and girls' open wrestling, curling, and field lacrosse.

Spring Sports Teams

Track and field, tennis, golf, ultimate frisbee, and girls' soccer.

Clubs and Other Events

Blessed Edmund Rice Team, book club, green team, Mary Rice team, debate club, pep club, poster club, student council, justice & life club, coding club, peer-tutoring, dance team, game development club, outdoor club, improv club, astronomy club and dinner club.

Supporting STMC

Inspired by a vision for Catholic education based on the Essential Elements of the Blessed Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education, STMC has been a shining example of a secondary school that fosters a living faith, sense of family and community and excellence in all endeavours. From our humble beginnings in 1960, STMC has grown into a model for *what is possible* when a community understands the importance of supporting our school with their time, talent, and treasure. For STMC to develop and grow to meet the needs of present and future generations of Knights, STMC asks all families in our community to help continue our strong tradition of giving by considering making a gift to St. Thomas More Collegiate Foundation. Every gift, regardless of amount, makes a difference on the lives of our students. To discuss your philanthropic interests for the benefit of our Knights, please contact the Advancement Office at:

604-521-1801 ext 131 or advancement@stmc.bc.ca.

Admission Policies

The St. Thomas More Collegiate Admission Policy gives preference to acceptance into Grade 8 as follows:

- (1) Siblings of St. Thomas More Collegiate students and a limited number of children of St. Thomas More Collegiate and Marian High School Alumni;
- (2) Catholic students in good standing at the three feeder elementary schools (Our Lady of Mercy, St Francis de Sales, and St Michael's);
- (3) Catholic students from the five feeder parishes (those listed above plus Holy Spirit and St Peter's) with a letter from the pastor confirming active membership in the parish;
- (4) Catholic students from non-feeder Catholic schools and parishes; and
- (5) *Non-Catholic students from either feeder or non-feeder schools.

*With the initial acceptance into Grade 8, the Administration reserves the right to admit a limited number of Grade 8 students from category 5 for the common good of the St. Thomas More Collegiate community.

To be classified as Catholic, the student and the family must be active and practicing Catholics within their parish as determined by the parish priest.

Acceptance into grades 9-12 is at the discretion of the administrative team.

Fees

\$100 per student application fee (non-refundable)
\$175 per student registration fee (non-refundable)

Tuition

Canadian Resident: \$665 per month (\$6,650)
Non-Canadian Resident: \$19,150 (payable in full in advance)

Grade Fees (non-refundable)*

Grade 8-10 \$195/student
Grade 11-12 \$225/student
Grade 12 Graduation Fee payable to PAC \$250

*Grade Fees cover textbooks, workbooks, yearbook, class field trips, and grade level retreats and are payable on registration. Athletic teams, band, choir, school trips, AP, guitar making, woodworking and other activities are subject to additional incidental fees.

Please contact your parish directly to learn if your parish offers a subsidy for students attending Catholic schools.

[Tuition Fees FAQ](#)

Payment Methods

Tuition fees for Canadian residents may be paid monthly commencing August 1 by electronic funds transfer. Tuition fees may be paid in full on or before August 1 by credit card or by electronic funds transfer.

Blessed Edmund Rice Bursary

St. Thomas More Collegiate is committed to providing accessible Catholic-based education to all families as envisioned by our founder, Blessed Edmund Rice. The Blessed Edmund Rice Bursary Program provides tuition assistance to those families with demonstrated need for financial assistance based on a formal bursary application and review process. For more information, please contact the Business Office, on a confidential basis, at:

604-521-1801 ext.112 or susan.silveira@stmc.bc.ca

Blessed Edmund Rice Scholarship

The Edmund Rice Scholarships are offered every year, to a maximum of five, with a value of \$500 each, which are renewable annually. To be considered, candidates must do the following:

1. Enter St. Thomas More Collegiate at the start of the school year following the successful completion of Grade 7.
2. Write the St. Thomas More Collegiate Grade 8 Placement Test.
3. Submit letters written by the student explaining why the student should receive Edmund Rice Scholarships, why the student wishes to attend St. Thomas More Collegiate, and what the student believes he/she can offer St. Thomas More Collegiate.
4. Submit letters of reference from non-school sources, such as coaches, Scout leaders, dance instructors, volunteer activities etc.
5. Submit all necessary papers by **February 24, 2017**.

To renew a scholarship, the student must maintain an average of at least 86% and participate in at least two school activities each year following admission.

Parent Participation

Parent involvement is strongly encouraged through the Parents' Association (PA) and other activities. Involvement on the part of our students and our parents is what sets our school apart and adds to the richness of our sense of community.