

Seeing is Believing...



Welcome to Saint Thomas the Apostle School. In the following pages, as in our halls and classrooms, you will see examples of how our motto, *Seeing is Believing*, came to be. You will come to *believe* in Saint Thomas as much as we do. Whether it's our well-grounded, generous students, our loving, certified faculty, our high-tech classrooms, our values-based Catholic curriculum, or our impressive New York State test scores, you will soon understand how we came to *believe* in the words of our patron saint.



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"FAITH IS THE FIRST FACTOR IN A LIFE
DEVOTED TO SERVICE, WITHOUT IT, NOTHING
IS POSSIBLE. WITH IT, NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE." —MARY McLEOD BETHUNE

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Our Philosophy

The philosophy of St. Thomas the Apostle School is determined by a firm belief that every child can learn and fulfill his/her potential. Rooted in our belief that Christ is our center, we instill in the students that God loves us, accepts us always, and forgives completely. As Christian educators we commit ourselves to live in the spirit of the Gospel and create an environment where students are inspired to grow spiritually, morally, intellectually, personally, and socially.

Our Mission

To form students in the Catholic Faith and to have them acquire the knowledge, skills, and values to mature into responsible Christians serving God and Community.

Our Curriculum

Our goal is to assist students in developing at their own pace through the use of basic skills as a foundation, so that they may fulfill their potential. Teachers emphasize the talents, strengths, and positive attributes of each pupil. They are encouraged to develop higher-level thinking skills as a path to becoming responsible Christian adults who are conscious of their rights and duties as citizens and followers of Christ.

Our Nursery/Pre-K Program

Our Early Childhood Program is designed around the understanding that an effective education begins with a solid foundation. Our Nursery Program highlights socialization and motor skills development. Our Pre-K curriculum includes Reading-readiness & Math skills. Our full day Pre-K sessions provide for the time necessary to meet all social and academic objectives.

Early Drop-off and After School Programs

Academics

At St. Thomas we teach the basic New York State Department of Education Standard Curriculum with the following additions:

Computer skills	Spanish
Library skills	Keyboarding
Art	Music
IEP & Title I Accommodations	English Language Learner

Additionally, we offer a variety of hands-on learning centers throughout our buildings, including:

- Science Lab
- 2 Computer Labs (Primary & Junior High School)
- Art Studio
- Early Childhood Center & Outdoor Playground
- State of the art Library and Language Center
- Regulation-size Gymnasium

Recognizing that the school day does not end when the teaching is finished, St. Thomas also offers a wide variety of After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities:

Jewelry Making Club	Junior Choir
Spanish Dancing Club	CYO Basketball & Baseball
Arts and Crafts Club	School Band
Sports & Fitness Club	Art Club
Badminton Club	Reading Club
Sidewalk Games Club	Games Club
Science Club	Service Super Stars

Parents

At St. Thomas, family time is as important as study time. Our Home School Association sponsors a wide variety of social events including

Family Halloween Party	Hang-Out Nights
Breakfast with Santa	Spring Play Date
Mothers' Day Plant Sale	Santa Store
Easter Bunny Breakfast	Dances

Our 2007-2008 New York State Test Scores speak for themselves.

Grade 4 ELA	100%	Grade 4 Math	100%
Grade 4 Science	100%	Grade 5 SS	88%
Grade 8 ELA	75%	Grade 8 Math	94%
Grade 8 Science	97%	Grade 8 SS	93%

Community Service = Good Citizens

All of our students from Nursery through Eighth Grade understand the importance of Community Service. During the 2008-2009 school year our students have been present in our Woodhaven community and beyond.

- Greeting visitors at our Wonderful Woodhaven Street Fair
- Delivering personal student created thank you notes to our supporters during our Annual Walk-a-thon
- Giving personal school tours to community residents during Catholic Schools Week
- Sponsoring a fund raiser for a graduate's family who had been the victim of a fire
- Filling and decorating food baskets for our school and community families at Thanksgiving
- Sponsoring fund raisers for St. Jude's Children's Hospital
- Receiving commendations from Governor Paterson, Mayor Bloomberg and Assemblyperson Pheffer for their Presidential Debate

If you've been looking for a values-based, high achieving school grounded in the Catholic Faith with a warm, loving environment, look no further. We hope that you will take the first step in understanding what we mean when we say "Seeing is Believing" by calling St. Thomas today at (718) 847-3904, or visiting us at our web-site www.stawoodhaven.com. We would be glad to give you a personal tour at your convenience.

We wrote the Charter on Education