

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE



2018 OPEN HOUSE

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STUDENT CLUBS DIRECTORY

Chess Club - Test your Chess skills against STMC best in a fun and friendly environment.

Comic Book Club - Adventure is never far away in this club! Not to mention, we've got an extensive (and rare!) collection of comics. Teacher Moderator: Mr. D. Ruzycki

Dance Team - We're currently preparing for competitions! We hold auditions every year in September. Keep your eyes peeled for the next opportunity and sharpen your dance skills!

Debate Team - Will you allow yourself to be persuaded into joining the Debate Team? Let's see if you can beat their reasoning. Teacher Moderator: Mr. C. Zavrise

Dinner Club - A club started by our Registrar Ms. Cirillo, who wanted to share her passion for food and cooking. Open to grades 10 - 12

Game Development Club - An exciting new club created by a group of students who love to play and create video games. Teacher Moderator: Mr. K. Olson

Green Team - Responsible for leading community events that help support environmental sustainability. Teacher Moderator: Ms. Konrad.

Knights of Mary - We are prayer warriors who have a devotion to Our Lady. We work to create a helpful and strong school environment through praying the Rosary and our will to help others. Weekly meetings at 3 PM at STMC. Teacher Moderator: Mrs. J Doering

Astronomy Club - Bi-weekly meeting to learn about telescopes, the moon, planets, galaxies and more. Teacher Moderator: Mr. Muise

Pep Squad - We're the spirit and cheer of the school and an essential part of every assembly and event. We make the crowds go wild! Do you have what it takes to be one of us?

Programming Club - Learn more about code languages and programming, and participate in mini hackathons! Teacher Moderator: Mr. K. Olson

SAINT THOMAS MORE & BLESSED EDMUND RICE

Saint Thomas More:

Saint Thomas More was born in London on February 7, 1478. More was an influential author and thinker, he held the public offices of Member of Parliament, High Steward of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and from 1529-1532, Chancellor of England (1529-1532).



Saint Thomas More embodied the true values of Catholicism in both his public and personal life. These personal qualities were called upon toward the end of his life, when he chose to stand resolutely by his religious convictions as he defied Henry VIII. By refusing to subscribe to the Act of Supremacy, which questioned the Pope's authority and made Henry seat himself at the head of the Church of England, More faced trial and was sentenced to die on the scaffold. More's final words provided the key to his personal philosophy when he said that he was "The King's good servant, but God's first." He was canonized and became Saint Thomas More in 1935 on the four hundredth anniversary of his death. His official feast day is June 22.

Blessed Edmund Rice:



Edmund Rice was the founder of the Christian Brothers of Ireland, the first congregation of men to be founded in Ireland since the time of St Patrick.

After the death of his wife, Edmund wished to enter a monastery on the continent, but was persuaded to stay in Ireland and open a school for the poor boys in the area. In 1802, Edmund rented a house, enlisted the help of two men and opened a school.

Some 300 boys flocked to the school and despite tremendous challenges, Edmund persisted to share God's love with those who were marginalized. The new school had such a transformative effect in his community that soon requests to open new schools came flooding in. In 1820, Pope Pius VII gave papal approval to the congregation, and in 1822 Edmund was elected the first superior general of the congregation, taking the name Brother Edmund Ignatius Rice. New schools were opened in Ireland, then England, and all around the world. The life and work of Edmund Ignatius Rice are currently being examined for the process of canonization. On 6 October 1996, he was beatified, the second step towards sainthood. His official feast day is May 5.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

Today, over two thousand members of the Congregation of Christian Brothers are those spiritual sons of the Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice who are devoted members of the Congregation founded by him for the Christian education of youth. As Brothers they are spiritually united, working as a team, praying and living together.

A Christian Brother does not become a priest. He witnesses to Christ and manifests his dedication by the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience by living in community and by the observance of the Brothers' rule. Christian Brothers come from all walks of life, all nationalities and widely different backgrounds. As participants in educational ministry of the Church, the Brothers conduct schools such as St. Thomas More Collegiate where they endeavor to proclaim the Gospel to their students and share in the saving mission of Christ for their own benefit and that of their pupils.

We are fortunate enough to have Br. Bassett and Br. Cassidy still actively participating in life here at STMC, and with over 75 years of combined experience in this building, there is no one better to ask about what it means to be a Knight!

Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education

St. Thomas More Collegiate was founded upon the Essential Elements as laid out by Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice:

In ministry begun by Jesus Christ and inspired by the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice, a Christian Brother education....

- Evangelizes youth within the mission of the Church.
- Proclaims and witnesses to its Catholic identity.
- Stands in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice.
- Fosters and invigorates a community of faith.
- Celebrates the value and dignity of each person and nurtures the development of the whole person.
- Calls for collaboration and shared responsibility in its mission.
- Pursues excellence in all its endeavors.

STMC: LEARN ABOUT OUR HISTORY, AND BECOME A PART OF OUR FUTURE!

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT OVERVIEWS

In 1960, after three years of negotiations, an agreement was reached between the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Christian Brothers to build St. Thomas More Collegiate. A site was chosen in Burnaby, BC, and construction of a ten room school was completed.

STMC opened its doors for the very first time in September 1960, and opening day saw three Christian Brothers and 110 Knights enroll in grades seven, eight, and nine. As the years went by enrollment grew, as did the facilities. Major construction projects on campus took place in 1966, 1978, 1981, and 1984. The next biggest milestone was the introduction of coeducation in 1998.

Currently enrollment stands at roughly 675 students, and with the recent additions of the Fine Arts Wing in 2010, and the StanJean Athletics Centre in 2013, St. Thomas More Collegiate is moving from strength to strength.

Now that you know a little more about us, help us get to know you! All prospective students and parents are encouraged to look around and ask any questions you may have, please consult the activities directory for a full list of subjects and classrooms.

STMC Advancement

Inspired by a vision for Catholic education based on the Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education, St. Thomas More Collegiate is a shining example of a secondary school that fosters a living faith, a sense of community, and excellence in all endeavours. STMC Advancement works to advance the mission and vision of the school by building strong relationships with its constituents and stakeholders, fostering a culture of philanthropy within the STMC community, and through a diversified planned approach to fund development.

STMC has an annual giving campaign in the fall that involves an ask to members of the STMC community to make a financial gift to the Knights Annual Fund. Gifts to this fund support important programs and initiatives not funded by tuition and government grants. STMC Advancement: 604-521-1801 ext 131, advancement@stmc.bc.ca.

Courses marked (*) are mandatory

Religion

Courses: Religion 8, 9*, 10*, 11*, 12**

The mission and vision of the Religion Department are based on the Essential Elements of a Christian Brother Education. We strive to enrich the spiritual lives of our students and encourage them to manifest their faith through instruction, community service, and personal growth. We also offer retreats for grades 11 and 12 to deepen their understanding of their relationship with God.

Social Studies

Courses: Social Studies 8, 9, 10, 11, History 12, Law 12, Economics 12, Physical Geography 12, Comparative Cultures 12, Social Justice 12, Genocide Studies 12

Our Law 12 students participate in an annual Law Society essay contest. Our social justice class goes on a field trip to Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.

The Social Studies Department's focus for the future is more on the changing needs and interests of our students. New course offerings will address post-secondary entrance requirements as well as the interest of our students.

Career Education and Planning

Courses: Career Education 8, Career Education 9*, Planning 10, Graduation Transitions 12*

Career Education provides a foundation of learning, personal development, connections to the community, and a start to a student's life and career plan. Planning 10 builds on these foundations by covering career plans, health, personal finance, while laying out a road map to graduation.

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Science

Courses: Science 8*, Science 9*, Science 10*, Chemistry 11, Astronomy 11/Earth Science 11, Life Sciences 11, Physics 11. Anatomy & Physiology 12, Chemistry 12, Physics 12

Science is one of the four cardinal directions on the Knights Compass, along with Academics, Arts, and Athletics: all centered around Faith. STMC is deeply committed to the pursuit of scientific understanding, and offers courses that ponder everything from molecular and atomic theory to the ethical implications of genetic modification.

Physical Education

Courses: Physical Education 8*,9*,10*, Fitness 11, Fitness 12

Every student in every grade participates in STMC's Physical Education program. Activities change regularly and have included basketball, volleyball, yoga, dodge ball, running and dance. The activities and benefits of the Physical Education program have been greatly enhanced by the recent construction of the StanJean Centre which includes a full size gymnasium, weight room, and open fitness area.

Courses marked (*) are mandatory

Languages

Courses: French 8*, French 9*, French 10, French 11, French 12 (fulfills first year university language requirement)

The main goal in every language class offered is to increase oral production and provide many authentic opportunities to speak French. A perfect example of this is this year's Montreal and Quebec City school trip, which gives students a unique opportunity to practice their French while being immersed in Quebec's culture.

Applied Skills

Courses: IT & Communication 8, Woodwork 8, IT & Communication 9, Woodwork 9, Guitar Building 11

The half-year elective Woodworking course introduces students to the proper setup and safe use of power tools and power machines. Students learn how to calculate material costs and manufacture quality modern and/or traditional furniture.

We are also proud to offer a popular specialized course for student's interest in building an electric or acoustic guitar. Students are instructed in a step-by-step building method. Each student is encouraged to use their creativity in design and finishing techniques. Career opportunities are presented in repairing and building guitars at the professional level. Students are exposed to a wide variety of music genres and are given lessons on how to play the guitar!



ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT OVERVIEWS

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Courses marked (*) are mandatory

Mathematics

Courses: Mathematics 8, Mathematics 9*, Foundations of Mathematics & Pre-Calculus 10 or Workplace Mathematics 10, Foundations of Mathematics 11 or Pre-Calculus 11, or Workplace Mathematics 11, Foundations of Mathematics 12, Pre-Calculus 12, Calculus 12.*

The Mathematics Department has four classrooms fully equipped with smart boards to facilitate learning. STMC offers both an enriched program for students with strong mathematics skills, and programs for students who require more support. Mathematics students participate in a range of mathematics contests throughout their time at STMC.

English

Courses: English 8, 9*, 10*, 11*, 12*, English Literature 12*

Because 90% of our graduates attend post-secondary institutions, they need to be prepared for the communication challenges of those programs. Thus, our department focuses on writing, both (formal and creative), oral presentations, reading and reading comprehension, analysis, critical thinking, media literacy and the appreciation of literature.

The English Department wants to demonstrate to students the value of live performances, thus we arrange visits by theatre companies to the school for grades 8, 9 and 10, while the grade 11's study and attend a performance of a Shakespeare play at Bard on the Beach.

Campus Ministry, in conjunction with our Religion Department, sets out to enhance the spiritual life of our community by supporting and helping to coordinate and create opportunities for spiritual growth in a variety of areas including prayers, Mass celebrations, liturgies, retreats and various serving opportunities. One tangible example of how St. Thomas More Collegiate encourages a culture of faith in action is the requirement of every student to complete 30 service hours in their community.

Outreach Programs

Our vision at St. Thomas More Collegiate is for every Knight to make a positive contribution to the Earth and its people. Our mission and outreach programs provide students opportunities to help the less fortunate in the world through charity and service. A worldwide tradition in Christian Brothers Schools is the collection of money for our foreign missions.

STMC students are encouraged to actively participate in missions trips. In previous years our students have gone to Peru, Florida, Kenya, New Orleans, Tanzania, and Dominica.

Students not only practice living their faith overseas, but also volunteer their time and efforts to numerous local programs, including: The Door is Open Vancouver, Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army, St. Barnabas, Progressive Housing Committee New Westminster, the Holy Trinity Cathedral, and the Plant-a-Row Grow-a-Row program.

Retreats

The Campus Ministry also provides retreats to students in every grade level. These retreats provide time for staff and students an opportunity to spend time with friends, learn more about each other, to pray, and to take time to slow down and receive God's spirit.

For more information on the Campus Ministry, or to inquire about volunteer opportunities in our community, please visit Mr. Mattiazzo at his office located next to the library.





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We are blessed with an incredibly devoted Fine Arts staff. Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Lui, Ms. Codd, and Ms. Lauang all share a deep commitment to furthering student participation in music, visual, and performing arts.

Visual Arts

Courses: Visual Arts 8, 9, 11, 12, Photojournalism (Yearbook), Design Studies 10

In Visual Arts classes students explore various artists, art movements, media, mediums and techniques. They have the opportunity to improve and learn new skills, reflect on their own culture, the use of technology in Art and discuss their ideas and how they have communicated these through their artworks.

Photographers, Artists, Creative Writers, Editors and Designers! The Yearbook needs your creative juices and flair! Be part of a publication that every student at STMC will have for years to come. Learn photojournalism techniques and earn credits while immersing yourself within the STMC culture.

Design is all around us! From the houses we live in, the landscapes we walk through and the products we use. Explore the world of design and learn about what it means to be an architect, interior designer, landscape architect, and industrial designer.

Performing Arts

Courses: Drama 8, Drama 9

Every spring, the Drama Department produces a main-stage performance. The Department alternates between a musical and a play. Auditions normally occur in October or November. All students are invited to audition. There is also a need for backstage crew members for every production. Interested students should attend fall meetings to obtain more information. You can find announcements pertaining to auditions or crew meetings on the drama call board located in the hallway near room 222. This year's performance is "Peter and the Star Catcher" and if you drop by the drama room you will be able to see a few select preview scenes!

Band & Choir

Courses: Grade 8 Band, Grade 9 Band, Senior Concert Band Grades 10 - 12, Jazz Band A, Jazz Band B, Concert Choir 8, Concert Choir 9, Senior Concert Choir Grades 10 - 12, STMC Chamber Singers Grades 9 - 12, STMC Jazz Singers Grades 10 - 12

St. Thomas More Collegiate offers a thriving music program, featuring five bands and six choirs. The STMC band and choir have earned national recognition and honours, hence and are a great point source of pride for of the school. The band and choir perform regularly at school functions and in the local community. In addition, regular participation in competitions offers important opportunities for the students to receive feedback from experts and recognition among peer schools.

Highlights of the annual music program include the Spring Music Knight, Jazz Knight, Christmas Music Night, and the Chancellor Music Festival. The Festival attracts students from schools across BC's Lower Mainland for adjudication by experts in choir, piano, guitar, woodwind, and brass instrument ensembles.

The STMC Music Department also offers an elementary School band After-school program with over 40 participants. , So if you have a younger child or sibling eager to expand their musical horizons, speak to Mr. Shoemaker in the Band room for more info!

Recording & Sound

Courses: Recording and Sound 12

The St. Thomas More Collegiate Music program is excited to offer a specialized Recording and Sound program for Seniors, Grades 11 and 12 students. In this program students will receive instruction and practice with live sound set up and design, basic music theory and composition, live studio recording techniques, and MIDI composition creation. Students will use current recording software and equipment to create various projects including covers, originals, and soundscapes.



ATHLETICS OVERVIEW

Boys Basketball

The season runs from the beginning of December through February, and tryouts are held at the discretion of the coaches. The Grade 8, 9, and Junior Varsity teams compete in an independent league, with the Varsity team competing in the AAA league and have a strictly exhibition schedule.

Girls Basketball

Tryouts start at the discretion of coaches, usually in late November and the season continues into late February. The bantam, Junior Varsity, and Varsity teams compete in a very competitive independent league, which allows successful teams to advance to Provincial Championships. Practices are held three to five times a week.

Cross Country

The team begins training in September, and is open to boys and girls of all experience levels. The team trains four to five times a week, with a weekly Zone meet that allows the top teams to qualify for Provincial Championships.

Swimming

The swim team is open to boys and girls of every experience level. STMC competes in the Burnaby / New Westminster / North Shore Zone. The team practices twice a week at SFU Pool and Canada Games Pool. The season runs from September to November, and swimmers can compete in three exhibition meets, one independent school meet, one zone meet, and Provincial Championships if the team qualifies.

Tennis

This sport is open to all students in every grade. Tryouts begin in March followed by league matches, with the season generally finishing at the end of May. Practices generally run twice a week during the season and begin after school.

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Volleyball

The season begins with a training camp taking place one week before school starts, and runs through November or December depending on the team. Each team practices every day after school during the season. Each team competes in the Independent Schools League, and also plays in three or four tournaments per season.

Wrestling

Open to all students at every grade level. This sport demands a high level of commitment to physical conditioning and practices. STMC consistently fields one of the most competitive Girls and Boys in the province, winning 10 Provincial Championships over the last 5 years.

Curling

The STMC Curling program is a great option for students wanting to join a sports team more for fun rather than competition, as most competitions are held within the program rather than against other schools. The program is open to all students in all grades, and there is an opportunity to send a boys and girls team to Lower Mainland zones and Provincial Championships if they qualify. Practices are held after school on Mondays and the season runs from February to March.

Ultimate

Ultimate is a fast-paced sport open to all students in every grade, and STMC fields a Junior and Senior team. The season runs from March to May, with tryouts beginning around mid-February. Both teams practice twice a week with games on Fridays and the opportunity to compete in several tournaments.

Track & Field

The season runs from March, culminating with Provincial Championships in June. This team is open to all Students in every grade. Practices take place Monday to Thursday from 3:00pm - 4:30pm; league meets take place on Wednesdays at Swangard Stadium at 1:15pm. Special meets are held at the Richmond Oval, the University of Washington, and the Oregon Relays in Eugene.

ATHLETICS OVERVIEW & STUDENT CLUBS DIRECTORY

Football

We have a rich and successful football history at STMC, with five alumni playing in the CFL over the past 15 years. Each team practices every day after school during the season, which generally runs from two weeks before school starts in the fall until early December. The Grade 8 team competes at the Tier 1 level, while the Junior Varsity, and Varsity teams competes in the AAA Eastern Conference. STMC football teams have won a combined 22 Provincial Championships since 1988.

Golf

STMC has a strong Golf program that is open to all students at every grade level. The team competes in the AA division, and had an incredibly successful run winning five consecutive championships from 2008 to 2012, and has placed in the top four teams since then.

Field Lacrosse

The team is open to all students in all grades, the season runs from the start of January until the first week of March. The team competes against schools all over the Lower Mainland and practices twice a week and plays once a week at Burnaby Lake.

Girls Soccer

The season runs from March until the beginning of June and STMC fields a junior team and a senior team. Each team competes against public and independent schools in the Lower Mainland AA league. The STMC Varsity team won last year making them the defending Provincial Champions



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Advancement	Ms. N. Finnie	Cafeteria
Alumni Association	Mr. D. Zimmermann & Mr. B. Elliot	Cafeteria
Astronomy Club	Mr. J. Muise	Courtyard
Athletics & Sports	Ms. B. Lang, Mr. F. Ashley, & Ms. L. Yoon	Multi-purpose room
Communications	Mr. N. Carolan	Library
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