

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NAMED NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Dear STM Families,

I JUST received confirmation from the US Office of Education that STM has been named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. The official announcement made by the U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King at noon today at <https://www.youtube.com/user/usedgov> and/or <https://www.facebook.com/ED.gov/>. We are one of 50 private schools in the country to receive this award.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program awarded STM with the "Exemplary High Performing School Award". Every year the U. S. Department of Education identifies and disseminates knowledge about school leadership and teaching practices that enables all students to master challenging and personal growth opportunities. STM's standardized test scores met and surpassed the required top 15% in the nation in reading and math. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating an exemplary educational environment for student success.

This Blue Ribbon award validates the dedication and achievements of our students and faculty as we partner with you to prepare STM students for the future. This honor affirms our mission of "...continuing a legacy of excellence in religious and academic education in a nurturing environment that fosters self-discipline." We are extremely proud of our entire STM community. It is a tremendous honor to receive this prestigious recognition on behalf of all who have contributed to STM's success.

We will announce this award to the students at a 1:30 assembly in the Church. We invite you to attend this announcement ceremony. Following the announcement our 8th grade students will release balloons into the sky as our 7th/8th grade cheerleaders lead us in a celebration cheer.

Students will return to their classroom to enjoy BLUE cupcakes. If you are able to join us for the celebration, you may check your child out from their homeroom classrooms. We understand that many of you may not be able to join us on such short notice but wanted you to know about the announcement as soon as we knew of the award.

We will follow regular dismissal after the announcement and celebration today.

We thank our faculty, your children, and you for your support, commitment, and dedication to STM!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Judy