Why
Saint
Thomas
Choir
School?
**Sunday**
On Sunday we sing two church services, at 11 am and 4 pm. What keeps us going throughout this busy day is a fantastic lunchtime feast with everyone—including our parents—topped off by our chef’s famous desserts. After Evensong, we build forts or play basketball in the gym until bedtime.

**Monday**
Monday is the only day of the week we don’t sing, so we have a full day of classes: English, Math, Science, History, Art, Music Theory, French, and Latin. We also play sports with each other and against other schools. After dinner and study hall, we call home while we munch on a snack.

**Tuesday & Thursday**
We begin the day with choir rehearsals, followed by a full day of classes. Then, we get to play ping-pong or foosball in the Rec Room before heading over to sing an Evensong service. After church, there’s dinner, homework, and finally relaxing with hot chocolate before brushing our teeth and jumping in bed.

**Wednesday**
Wednesday mornings begin with sports! We play dodgeball, go for a run in Central Park, or play a soccer scrimmage, then it’s classes as usual. At the end of the school day, it’s our normal afternoon routine: singing Evensong, eating dinner together family-style, doing our homework, and heading to bed after we call our parents.

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**Great Facilities**

Our 15-story building was built in 1987 and boasts a gymnasium, rehearsal space, recreation room, dining room, classrooms, practice rooms, a two-story library, dorm rooms and apartments for all of the full-time faculty and staff. The school is one block south of Central Park, around the corner from Carnegie Hall, and a quick walk to Lincoln Center and the Broadway theaters.

**Tight-Knit Community**

The life of the school revolves around our strong sense of community. The boys do everything together, from singing, learning, and playing sports to eating family-style meals and sharing dorm rooms. As a result, their bonds with each other, and with their teachers, run deep. The boys live on three floors of our building where dorm rooms are organized around a communal space that encourages interaction—and occasional clowning around.

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**A Typical Week at the Choir School**

Friday
Our favorite day of the week is Friday. After a morning rehearsal and a full day of classes, we have sports in the afternoon, often against some of our school rivals. We play really hard, and we work well as a team. We have a casual dinner together in the Rec Room, and then we bring down our pillows, blankets, and pajamas to watch a movie before going to bed.

Saturday
After a morning choir rehearsal, we have the rest of the day off. Yay! Our parents can come to spend the day with us, or the faculty organizes a really fun New York City adventure like going to a museum or Broadway show. Another amazing week!

“My favorite part of Saint Thomas is the community. We do everything together, from waking up to eating meals to sports. We can form very close relationships, and in my case I have made lifelong friends.” — Nathan Park ’18

“I was a chorister at Saint Thomas and being back reminds me of how valuable the dogged pursuit of excellence and the tight-knit community are. They set this school apart.” —Richard Jarrett ’05, Athletic Director

Small Class Sizes
The school offers a comprehensive academic curriculum, including English, Science, Math, History, Latin, French, and Art along with vocal and instrumental training. Due to the small class sizes at Saint Thomas, each boy receives individualized attention to ensure his success. Study hall is supervised by the academic staff and is another time for students to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

Affordable Tuition
Our tuition is remarkably affordable and is significantly lower than comparable independent schools in New York and beyond. The application process is need-blind, and substantial assistance is available to eligible applicants. The majority of our students receive generous financial aid. No qualified boy is turned away due to financial need.

PHOTOS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: IRA LIPPKE, HUBERT KRETZSCHMAR, LEE RYDER, IRA LIPPKE
Classrooms were a happy and secure environment, giving me a lifelong love of learning.
— Sean McFate '84

Saint Thomas has helped me grow both intellectually and socially by giving me the tools I need to learn and by teaching me how to act wherever I go.”
— Elyot Segger ’19

I believed so much in the school that my son attended and graduated from Saint Thomas in 2013.”
— Chad Newsome ‘81


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