CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Catholic Schools – Excellence in Education

The Year of the Catholic School is an opportunity for the Catholic community to celebrate, dialogue and reflect on the mission of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Denver. Two archdiocesan Catholic schools have recently been recognized for excellence in education at the local, state and nation levels.

St. Thomas More Parish Catholic School

Located in southeast Denver, St. Thomas More has 650+ students in grades Kindergarten – 8th grade. They have received US Department of Education's highest honor as a 2006 National Blue Ribbon School. Criteria for National Blue Ribbon Schools are rigorous and schools must demonstrate success in the areas of:

- Student focus and support
- School organization and culture
- Challenging standards and curriculum
- Active teaching and learning
- Professional community
- Leadership and educational vitality
- School, family and community partnerships
- Objective indicators of success

Part of the application process required St. Thomas More to highlight two curriculum areas of their choice. They selected the Religion curriculum, to highlight their Catholic Identity, and the Reading curriculum as it affects all levels of learning.

http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2006/09/09222006.html

Bishop Machebeuf High School

Located in east Denver on the old Lowry Air Force Base, Bishop Machebuef has 390+ students in grades 9 – 12. The Catholic High School Honor Roll announced its third annual selection of the best 50 Catholic secondary schools in America.

Bishop Machebeuf ranked among the top 20 high schools for being strong in Catholic Identity and among the top 50 Catholic high schools overall. The Catholic High School Honor Roll acknowledges those schools that:

- best maintain high academic standards,
- uphold their Catholic Identity,
- and prepare students to actively engage in the world.

http://www.chshonor.org/

The Archdiocese of Denver's Catholic Schools are an investment in the future of our children and our Catholic faith.