

2009  
University of  
St. Thomas

6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Charlie Thomas  
Classic

Tournament Guide



## **2009 CELT CLASSIC**

**DATE:** Thursday, November 5 – Saturday, November 7, 2009

**PARTICIPATING  
GIRLS  
SCHOOLS:** St. Pius X (Houston)  
Pope John Paul II (Corpus Christi)  
CHSA Wolverines (Houston)  
AWTY (Houston)  
St. Thomas Episcopal (Houston)  
Yes Prep (Houston)

**PARTICIPATING  
BOYS  
SCHOOLS:** St. Pius X (Houston)  
St. Thomas (Houston)  
Northeast Christian Academy (Kingwood)  
Concordia Lutheran (Tomball)  
CHSA Wolverines (Houston)  
HCYA (Houston)

**SITES:** University of St. Thomas Jerabeck Activity and Athletic  
Center  
4000 Mt. Vernon Street  
Houston, TX 77006

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
3511 Yoakum Blvd  
Houston, TX 77006

## **DIRECTIONS:**

### **From Intercontinental Airport**

As you exit the airport, follow the signs to US 59. Take US 59 South, which is also marked as "Downtown," and exit at Shepherd Street (there is a University of St. Thomas sign at this exit). Turn right at the light on Shepherd Street, and proceed to the second street light, which is on West Alabama. Turn right at West Alabama (there is a University of St. Thomas sign at this corner). Drive one mile on West Alabama to Yoakum, and the university will be on your right.

### **From Houston Hobby Airport**

As you exit the airport, turn right on Airport Blvd. And drive two miles to I-45. At this intersection, proceed under the bridge, turn left, and get on I-45 headed north. Take I-45 north to US59. Take US 59 South, and exit at Shepherd Street (there is a University of St. Thomas sign at this exit). Turn right at the light on Shepherd Street, and proceed to the second street light, which is on West Alabama. Turn right at West Alabama (there is a University of St. Thomas sign at this corner). Drive one mile on West Alabama to Yoakum, and the university will be on your right.

### **From I-10 East**

Head west on I-10 towards downtown Houston, until you hit US 59. Take US 59 South, which is also marked as "Downtown," and exit at Shepherd Street (there is a University of St. Thomas sign at this exit). Turn right at the light on Shepherd Street, and proceed to the second street light, which is on West Alabama. Turn right at West Alabama (there is a University of ST. Thomas sign at this corner). Drive one mile on West Alabama to Yoakum, and the University will be on your right.

### **From I-10 West**

Head east on I-10 towards downtown Houston, and exit Studemont. Turn right on Studemont, and drive until the same street becomes Montrose Blvd. The University of St. Thomas is at 3800 Montrose Blvd.

### **From US 59 North**

Head south on US 59 towards downtown, and exit at Shepherd Street (there is a University of St. Thomas sign at this exit). Turn right at the light on Shepherd Street, and proceed to the second street light, which is on West Alabama. Turn right at West Alabama (there is a University of St. Thomas sign at this corner). Drive one mile on West Alabama to Yoakum, and the University will be on your right.

### **From US 59 South**

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### **From I-45 North**

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### **From I-45 South**

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**TICKETS:** Day Passes \$5  
Tournament Passes \$9

**TOWELS:** The University of St. Thomas will not be providing towels. All schools will need to provide their own towels.

**LOCKER ROOMS:** Locker room facilities will be available in the Jerabeck Center at the University of St. Thomas. Rest rooms will be available at each site. You may dress in the locker room or arrive ready to play. Shower facilities are available in the locker room.

**WATER:** Coolers of water and cups will be provided behind each bench for every game during the tournament.

**UNIFORMS:** Please bring both home and away uniforms. The home team will wear a white uniform and the away team will wear a dark uniform. **The home team will be the team listed at the bottom of the bracket or the second team listed on the pool play schedule.**

**VIDEO TAPING:** Games can be filmed from the balcony of the Jerabeck Center. Each school is permitted to tape the game, but they must bring their own extension cords and equipment. There is no designated taping location at the Greek Orthodox Church site.

**PARKING:** Parking is located on the corner of Graustark and West Alabama in the Moran Center on the campus of the University of St. Thomas. There is a \$2 in/out charge.

Parking for team buses/vans **ONLY** will be located on West Main between Graustark and Yoakum (behind the Jerabeck Center)

For games at the Greek Orthodox Church, there is a parking lot located on Yoakum Blvd. across the street from the church and gym.

**TEAM WARM-UP:** Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of 10 minutes, on the court, warm-up prior to each game.

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** The tournament will consist of 2 pools of three teams each. After the pool play concludes, teams will be placed in a bracket. All teams will be guaranteed three (3) games. Please see the Pool Play Schedule and Tournament Bracket for details. The pool play tiebreaker for bracket seeding is point differential.

**TOURNAMENT AWARDS:** Awards will be presented to the following groups:

- Teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Individual awards will be given to 5 members of the All-Tournament Team and to one boy and one girl Tournament MVP

**LAUNDRY FACILITIES:** For teams located outside of the Houston area laundry facilities are available in the Jerabeck Center to wash uniforms.

**BASKETBALLS:** A limited number of basketballs will be provided for warm-ups throughout the tournament.

**TEAM MEAL & T-SHIRTS:** Each team will receive a free meal. The meal will be served on the second floor of the Jerabeck Center in the Scanlan Room. The meal will be served on Friday, November 6th from approximately 11am-6 pm. Each member of the participating team will also receive a tournament T-shirt at this time.

**OFFICIAL ROSTER:** Each school needs to submit an official roster to Karen Bautista via fax 713-525-3558 or email to bautisk@stthom.edu by Monday, October 26th. This roster will be used to create the official book and Tournament Program. You may make changes upon arrival.

**TOURNAMENT PHILOSOPHY:** The Celt Classic is designed to bring high school students from across the state of Texas to the campus of the University of St. Thomas. This year marks the 6th year of the tournament. This year 12 teams will participate in the tournament.

**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** A hospitality room for coaches, tournament workers and officials will be located on the second floor of Jerabeck Center in the Conference Room. Refreshments and snacks will be served there through-out the duration of the tournament.

**NOTE:** The Greek Orthodox Church will have bottled water available for coaches and officials. Coaches & officials with games at GOC may visit the hospitality room at UST prior to and after their games.

**LODGING INFO:** Teams in need of lodging information should call Karen Bautista at 713-525-3506 for assistance.

## **TOURNAMENT STAFF**

If you have any questions in regard to the tournament please contact one of the following people.

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If you need to contact anyone during the tournament please call the Jerabeck Center Front Desk at 713-525-3510