



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2015



St. Michael School began its 116th year filled with excitement and anticipation for the year ahead. We welcomed 430 students to campus and several new faculty members. This year in support of the Year of Mercy

declared by our Holy Father, Pope Francis I, the school community will focus on Seeking the Treasures...Opening Hearts of Faith, Leading as Disciples, Excelling in Scholarship, Sacrificing of Self by becoming more compassionate, understanding, loving and forgiving of one another. We will continue to strive to lead our students in faith through instruction and example.

The faculty and staff began the school year with a religious day of in-service shared with the faculty and staff of Notre Dame High School and Redemptorist Catholic School. Father Mikel



Polson, Pastor of St. Michael Church, presented several sessions in the Symbolon Series Part II on the Catholic Faith. Following the morning session, the group attended Mass concelebrated by Father Mikel and Father Mathew Higginbottom, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. It was an informative day of religious instruction which concluded with lunch enjoyed by the group at the Old Post Office downtown. What a wonderful way to begin our school year! Father Mikel will continue to teach our faculty lessons in the Symbolon Series II centering this year on the Sacraments. The student body participated in the back to school mass on August 25. At that Mass the pre-kindergarten students were officially welcomed into the school as they processed in with their eighth grade buddies.

The Saints Parents Club has assisted in getting our year off to a great start with several events. The parent clean up day was a huge assist in getting the campus in tip-top shape for the start of school. The Back To School Open House provided an opportunity for students to meet their teachers, visit with friends and enjoy delicious pizza donated by Mr. Gatti's. It was a great gathering! Thank you. The parents' club also provided lunch for the faculty and staff on their technical day of in-service. Guided by the SPC President, Angela Smith, the club is planning some special events for students and parents. Last night the Saint Michael Parent Club sponsored a back to school night. Thank you to all the parents who attended. It was a great gathering and an opportunity for the parents to meet with the teachers and visit in the classrooms. Thanks to the Saints Parent Club for their planning and presentations and congratulations to Roxanne Zaunbrecher, tuition winner, and Rachael Corzinne and Bo McCrory for winning tickets to the fall fundraiser. Hats off to Miss Caroline Berry's first grade who won the pizza party for the highest percentage of parents in attendance in grades pre-kg through 5th and to Mrs. Jean's





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL'S 1ST GRADE PRINCE, PRINCESS, AND RUNNER-UPS FOR 2015

seventh grade homeroom for the largest percentage of parents in junior high.

The school will celebrate Constitution Week with a special program on Friday, September 18. At that time, the students in pre- kindergarten through fourth grade will celebrate the Constitution in song, verse and dance. On Friday, September 25, the school community will celebrate the Feast of St. Michael with a special liturgy followed by a picnic on the school grounds. You are invited to join us for these wonderful celebrations.

Standardized tests results from last spring have arrived for grades 3-8, and I am proud to share with you that the standardized test scores for these students were very good. They scored very well. We are in the process of studying the results and getting the score reports to you. I am also happy to share that 11 of the 29 students tested at the sixth grade level last spring in the ACT Aspire have been tapped for academic recognition by Duke University and will have the opportunity to participate in their Academic Talent Search and sit for the ACT or SAT this fall with college bound juniors and seniors.

Our Saints football team opened the season with a victory over the Opelousas Catholic Vikings. The Saints' eighth grade cheerleaders planned a great pep rally on game day to cheer the team and build spirit in the school community. We look forward to the rest of the season. Volleyball is also underway. We are grateful to our coaches who donate so generously of their time

and talents to make these offerings possible for our students. Please check the Web site, www.stmike.net for dates and times of our volleyball and football games so you can plan to come out and support the Saints.

Congratulations to our 2015 St. Michael School Princess, Evie Fultion, and our St. Michael School Prince, Charlie Hensgens, who will represent our school in the International Rice Festival next month. Congratulations also to our first grade runner-ups, Eleanor Credeur and Holden Comeaux and to all our first grade students who will participate in the Childrens' Parade on the Friday of Rice Festival weekend.

Please check the calendar on our website, www.stmike.net, for dates and times of September events. September is a busy time in the school and there are lots of activities and events to share with you. On September 11th, we will be halfway through the first quarter. When you receive your child (ren)'s progress report that will be sent home on September 16, please sit with your child and review their progress this year. Help them to reflect on their progress and to set goals for the rest of the quarter.

May Jesus Live in Our Hearts Forever,

Myra L. Broussard, Principal



ALL ABOARD THE SAINTS' LEADER'SHIP!

The Student Council theme for this year is "All Aboard the LEADERship!". Each class will earn gold coins for doing deeds of faith, scholarship, leadership and service. As the classes earn their gold coins they will travel closer to finding the buried treasure on the pirate map and the classes will earn prizes along the way. The students will learn what it takes to be a true leader. St. Michael Student Council Officers are pictured from left to right: Emma Gielen, Secretary; Ethan McCleary, President; Camille Trahan, Vice President; William Dardeau, Reporter; Walton Thibodeaux, Treasurer; Ben Broussard, Chaplain; and Jack Nugier, Sgt.-at-arms.



7TH GRADE DUKE UNIVERSITY 2015 ACADEMIC TALENT SEARCH HONOREES

These students have been accepted to the Duke TIP program for scoring at the top level on one or more designated sections on their ACT Aspire test. Duke TIP helps students reach their full potential by providing an above-level testing experience, access to advanced educational programs, educational guidance, resources and special recognition of their accomplishments. Duke TIP students are Parker Link, Grant Suire, William Vice, Page Gray, George Herbert, Gabrielle Mouton, Taylor Vautrot, Matthew Taylor, Harper Skrasek, David Landry, and Emma Lambert

8TH GRADE & PRE-K BUDDIES

The St. Michael School 8th grade students met their Pre-K buddies for the back to school Mass. The buddies spent the morning getting to know each other and attended Mass together. The buddies will be getting together throughout the school year of lots of fun projects and events.



YEARBOOK DEDICATION

St. Michael School presented the 2014-15 school yearbook to Mrs. Penny Habetz. Mrs. Penny is the Religion Administrator and a teacher who has dedicated her service and talent to St. Michael School for over 27 years. The annual St. Michael School Grandparents' Day Faith Rally is designed and directed by Mrs. Penny. The school is truly blessed to have someone so faithful, enthusiastic and committed to Catholic education. Pictured are Jessica Hebert; pre-k teacher, Jeanne Nickel; librarian, Myra Broussard; principal, Penny Habetz; honoree, and Father Mikel Polson.



SPOOKTACULAR EVENING WITH THE SAINTS

Friday
October 30, 2015

The Grand Opera House
6:30pm - midnight
Silent Auction opens at 6:30pm | Band starts at 7pm

Tickets
\$100 per couple
\$75 per single

Live Band: Jet Seven
Dinner - Dance - Auction - Cash Bar
A Saints Parents Club Fundraiser

SAINTS PARENT CLUB

“SPOOKTACULAR EVENING WITH THE SAINTS”

SPC sponsors “A Night With The Saints” dinner dance and auction to help raise money for school projects in and out of the classroom. The event is held at the historical Grand Opera House of the South in downtown Crowley. It is a great time to bring the St. Michael School community together for a night of dancing and fun. This year’s SPC dinner dance features music by JET SEVEN and will be on Friday, October 30, from 6:30p.m. to Midnight. Tickets are available at school. You don’t want to miss this exciting event!



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 8TH GRADE CHEERLEADERS FOR 2015

2015 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL
\$66,511.97



THE 2015 ANNUAL FUND WAS A SUCCESS DUE TO YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT.

Thank you to all our St. Michael School supporters for your generous gifts. Your generosity makes St. Michael School the state-of-the-art Catholic school it is today and will be into the future. **THE ANNUAL FUND HELPS TO MAKE ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY AND FACULTY THE FINEST IT CAN BE FOR THE SCHOOL'S STUDENTS.**

We hope to increase our Annual Fund in 2016 and to keep moving forward with the help of our parents, students, alumni, community and all supporters. **You can give a gift to the Annual Fund or a Memorial Donation in a loved one's name at any time by contacting Holly Broussard at 783-1410.**

The 2014-2015 Annual Report will be mailed out soon with a list of our donors and memorials. Thank you for your blessed support and generosity of St. Michael School.



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Special EVENTS

**Friday, September 18, at 9:45 a.m.
St. Michael Constitution Day**

Our pre-kindergarten through fourth grade will celebrate the U.S. Constitution in song and verse. Please join us for this patriotic celebration and help us cheer for the Red, White and Blue.

**Friday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m.
Feast of St. Michael Mass & Picnic**

Mass followed by a picnic on the school grounds. The Class of 1990 will be honored.

**Saturday, Oct. 3, & Sunday, Oct. 4
Roberts Cove Germanfest**

Celebrate in Roberts Cove, LA with a taste of German food, fun and heritage.

**Tuesday, October 6 at 2:15 p.m.
Living Rosary in the St. Michael Gym**

You are invited to celebrate the rosary with the students as they bring the Rosary to life for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

**Thursday, Oct. 15, - Saturday, Oct. 17
International Rice Festival**

Come support St. Michael School's 1st graders on Friday, Oct. 16, for the Jr. King and Queen contest and Childrens Parade.

**Friday, October 30
"SPOOKtaacular EVENing with the Saints"**

Dinner, dancing, auction, and live music with Jet Seven. At the Grand Opera House of the South.

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