



# ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2016



**The school year is off to a great start and it is our anticipation that our 117th year will be an amazing one for our students. This year our school will celebrate the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy as we focus on Charity and Love and finding God's presence each and every day of our lives.**

On August 9th, the faculty and staff celebrated mass with our St. Michael Parish family and enjoyed lunch served by our Saints Parents Club. On August 10th, the faculty visited the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette with Father Mikel leading the group in prayer at the Jubilee doors before entering the chapel and



celebrating mass. Following mass, the faculty traveled to the Grand Coteau Bistro where Bishop Douglas Deshotel and Superintendent Anna Larriviere joined us for lunch. After lunch, the faculty toured St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and returned to Crowley to prepare their classrooms for Back To School Night.

The **Back To School Open House on August 11th** was well attended and the students were excited to visit their new teachers' classrooms. Thank you to Bryant Gielen, owner of Gatti's, for the delicious pizza that was provided. Even though our first day of school was delayed by the flood in Crowley, when we began school on August 22nd, the students were ready to start the year.

We have had a very good beginning to the year. **Students in grades kindergarten through fifth have a new reading book that is both engaging and challenging. Our fifth grade classes have mobile Chrome Book labs to enhance and support their STEM classes. All the students are enjoying the renovated rest rooms and the pre-kindergarten are excited about their new playground.** Thank you to our Saints Parents Club for the cleanup day in early August which helped to get the campus ready for the start of school and a very informative presentation at the Back To School Parent Open House. We are grateful to Mrs. Elizabeth Monk, Saints Parent Club President, and officers; Annie Quebodeaux, Alison Privat, Gina Trisler, and Natalie Abshire. Congratulations to Jennifer Vondenstein who won the one month tuition drawing and to the Pre-K and 6th grade for winning the pizza parties.

We will celebrate **Constitution Week on Friday, September 16th**, with students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade performing songs and dances. Please join us as we pay tribute to the



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL'S 1ST GRADE PRINCE, PRINCESS, AND RUNNER-UPS FOR 2016

USA. On Thursday, September 29th, at 10 a.m. we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Michael**, our patron saint, with a school liturgy followed by a picnic on the school grounds. Parents, alumni and friends are invited.

**ACT Aspire and OLSAT test results** for last spring's testing have arrived. The students demonstrated great growth. The teachers are studying the results and you should receive your student's results in the next few weeks. If you would like additional information or assistance in interpreting your child's progress, please call your child's teacher. I am also happy to review your child's results with you as well.

**Congratulations to our 2016 St. Michael School Prince, Elliot Doré, and Princess, Brylee Thibodeaux**, who will represent our school in the International Rice Festival in October. **Congratulations to our first grade runner-ups, Nicholas Mahaffey & Lillian Lawson**, and to all our first graders who will participate in the children's parade. Thank you to our first grade parents who are putting their creativity and talents to work designing and decorating the first grade float.

Our **Saints football team** has been practicing under the guidance of Coach Brannon Trahan and his staff. The cheerleaders

are looking forward to their first **Saints Pep Rally at noon in the gym on Thursday, September 8**, followed by the **Saints Football Game at 6:00 p.m. at the Notre Dame football field**.

The **Saints volleyball teams** will start league play this week. We are grateful to our coaches, Laura Schmid, Bryant Gielen, and Caroline Boudreaux, whose dedication and generosity make these teams possible for our students. Please check [www.stmike.net](http://www.stmike.net) for the dates and times for all volleyball and football games.

Thank you for your compliance with school policies. It assists us in helping school operate efficiently and safely. We had such a great transition to the year and your support is greatly appreciated.

**Progress reports will go home on September 20th.** It will be a short half quarter. When you review your child(ren)'s report, please review their progress with them and assist them in reflecting on their work and setting goals for the rest of the quarters. September is a busy time at school with lots of school events and games. We look forward to sharing them with you.

May Jesus live in our hearts forever,

*Myra L. Broussard*, Principal



## SAINTS YEARBOOK DEDICATION!

St. Michael School presented the 2015-16 school yearbook to Mrs. Michelle Leger who recently retired. Mrs. Michelle was the Athletic Director and a physical education teacher who dedicated her service and talent to St. Michael School for over 19 years. Mrs. Michelle was the person behind the football, volleyball, basketball, track, baseball, softball and golf teams and helped to make athletics possible for the students. The school is truly blessed to have had someone so faithful, energetic and committed to Catholic education. Pictured are Myra Broussard; principal, Jessica Hebert; pre-k teacher, Michelle Leger; past athletic director, and Jeanne Nickel; librarian.



BACK TO SCHOOL MASS 2016

## 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 for lots of fun projects and events.



## BLESSING OF THE NEW PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PLAYGROUND



St. Michael School Pre-K and Kindergarten were so excited to see an amazing new playground set when they returned to school after their summer break. The Saints Parent Club purchased a new playground set for the students with funds raised by their annual 2015 Night With The Saints Auction. Father Mikel Polson blessed the new playground during the Saints Back to School Day and officially opened the area for the students to enjoy. Pictured in the front of the new playground set from left to right are Saints Parent Club Officers: Alison Privat, Natalie Abshire, Gina Trisler, Elizabeth Monk, and Annie Quebodeaux; Sandi Doré, Vice Principal; Myra Broussard, Principal; Father Mikel Polson; Penny Habetz, Religion Administrator; Father Michael DeBlanc; and Holly Broussard, Development Director.



## ALUMNI RETURN TO TEACH

St. Michael School would like to welcome five alumni who have returned to teach at their alma mater to pass on the strong traditions and outstanding education to the next generation. The school's new teachers are pictured from left to right: Erik Lee, Athletic Director; William Premeaux, history and religion teacher for 6th-8th grade; Ellen Fussell, 1st grade teacher; Emma Frank, front office receptionist; and Alicia Francis, 3rd grade teacher. The faculty and staff are very blessed to have these amazing Saints alumni returning to St. Michael School.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL KENDERGARTEN VISIT WITH MRS. MYRA

2015 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL  
**\$54,536.96**



**THE 2016 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 2017 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 2015-2016 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.



# Special EVENTS

**Friday, September 16, 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.

**Thursday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m.  
Feast of St. Michael Mass & Picnic**

Mass followed by a picnic on the school grounds. The Class of 1991 will be honored.

**Friday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Michael's Night at Notre Dame Game**

Students get in free to the Notre Dame football game by wearing a St. Michael shirt and the cheerleaders will be cheering during the 3rd quarter.

**Saturday, Oct. 1, & Sunday, Oct. 2  
Roberts Cove Germanfest**

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

**Tuesday, October 4 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. 20, - Saturday, Oct. 22  
International Rice Festival**

Come support St. Michael School's 1st graders on Friday, Oct. 21, for the Jr. King and Queen contest and Childrens Parade.

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