



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JANUARY 2023



Happy New Year! We at St. Michael School are excited to begin 2023! Beginning a new year gives us the inspiration to make changes, improvement, and new beginnings.

As we begin the new year, we will be preparing for current student re-enrollment, registration of new students, Faith Rally, and Catholic Schools Week. Our families and students are the heart of our school, and they are what make St. Michael so great. Our culture and mission at St. Michael is to focus on practicing our Catholic faith, while promoting academics, leadership, and service to others.

December is a month filled with preparation and anticipation of the Christmas Season. St. Michael School offers an abundance of activities during this time to help focus our students on Advent, Christmas, and the birth of Jesus.

In the Spirit of Christmas, our 3rd grade and Kindergarten students performed their annual Christmas Play at The Rice Theatre in downtown Crowley. This year they performed "The Nutcracker." These students did an amazing job singing, dancing, and acting! Our dedicated teachers and students worked hard preparing for this performance.

St. Michael School offers after school care to all our families. This program offers our parents a safe place for their children to stay after school until they get off of work. **ATB held their annual After the Bell Noel for students enrolled in ATB.** This offered the parents a day out for the parents to run errands, finish Christmas shopping, or just a day to relax. Our ATB students experienced a day filled with playing video games, arts and crafts, decorated cookies, had special treats, watched a movie, and was visited by Santa. Thank you to our ATB workers and all they do for our students and families.

Saints Parents Club is dedicated to supporting St. Michael School and its students. SPC held their annual fundraiser, **The Christmas Dough Raffle**, and raised over \$21,000 with the help of our generous donors. They awarded 5 winners with \$1,000 each, one family with tuition paid for Jan.-March 2023, and one family with a \$100 gift card. Classes who reached certain goals were treated to class parties. Thank you to Mrs. Emily Lemoine and SPC members for their hard work and dedication to St. Michael students and faculty.

The 8th grade class, under the direction of Mrs. Penny, Mrs. Tina, and 8th grade teachers, performed the Living Nativity. They did an amazing job representing the most important event in our Catholic Faith. Our student body and guests were moved by their incredible performance. It was a beautiful way to start the Christmas season and to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

The students had a special visitor on campus during their Christmas parties. Santa visited our PK3-3rd grade students in the library. He handed out special gifts to our PK3-K students. The smiles of excitement and joy resonated throughout the school. Santa walked through the halls spreading Christmas cheer as only he can do.



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 3RD GRADE & KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PLAY "THE NUTCRACKER"



Every year our 8th grade students read the novel, "The Outsiders." As a special treat, the class watched the movie and dressed as the characters did in that time period. The students were able to dress as Greasers and Socs. "If we don't have each other, we don't have anything." – S.E. Hinton, The Outsiders, is the lesson they learned by reading the novel.

The PK3-3rd grade students had a special visitor in the library. Alycat and Alysson Foti Bourque, the author of the bestselling book series, The Alycat Series. Alysson read and discussed the series and her journey in becoming an author. Alycat made a special appearance and taught the students the Alycat Shuffle.



St. Michael School promotes service to others throughout our mission. During the month of December, our students participated in two service projects that helped our area community. The Beta Club sponsored a Coat Drive to benefit the St. Theresa Church Parish. We also held our annual Christmas Toy Drive. Our students and families donated toys for the families of Faith House. The 4-H Club also sponsored a pajama dress day and movie night, where they collected donations for

the Miles Perret Cancer Services. The outpouring of generosity and compassion that our families and students have shown through these three service projects was a true blessing to our students and the families they impacted.



St. Michael School Robotics team works hard throughout the year to prepare for competitions. They competed in the Lafayette Regional Qualifier Tournament and won 1st place for highest

score in the robot matches and 1st place oval Champions Award. The Robotics team has qualified to compete in the state tournament in January, which will be held in New Orleans. Outstanding job to our St. Michael School Robotics Team!

Every year St. Michael School selects an outstanding 8th grade student and an outstanding 5th grade student. These students are selected among students that submit a personal portfolio that includes academic information, leadership information, activities, school and community involvement and a biographical sketch written in the form of an essay and participate in an interview. To qualify for Student of the Year, the students





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 8TH GRADERS "THE OUTSIDERS"

must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.5. **Congratulations to Ella Schmaltz our 8th grade Student of the Year and Leah Richard our 5th grade Student of the Year.** Ella and Leah's high academic achievements, community involvement, talents, and Christian modeling make them an outstanding model of a St. Michael student.

Parents of Prayer (POP) is a group of dedicated parents that have come together to help promote the Catholic faith in our school community. Every Friday morning before school, they offer **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** to our students, families, and faculty in our school chapel. Before we dismissed for the Christmas holidays, they held a special Adoration honoring Jesus' birthday. Second–eighth grade students were personally invited to join in the special adoration. Students, families, and faculty spent time adoring, honoring, and thanking Jesus for his love and sacrifice. It was a wonderful and beautiful way to start the Christmas Season.



In the efforts of promoting our Catholic Faith and to offer a special gift to our St. Michael families, we sent home a book, **"Holy Moments – A Handbook for the Rest of our Life."** It is a book for the entire family. It helps us to remember that the Messiah is among us and that our choices help us to create "Holy Moments" in our lives. We should always reflect on God's love and His will for all of us when we are faced with our daily lives. We hope our families enjoyed the book and it helped strengthen their faith. God calls us to treat each other with kindness, compassion, and love.

The 8th grade and PK4 buddies enjoyed Christmas activities together. With the help of our art teacher, Mrs. Kelly, the 8th graders and PK4 students made beautiful ornaments for the Christmas tree in the school lobby. These ornaments were beautiful and added a special touch to the Christmas tree. The 8th grade students also brought their PK4 buddy a stuffed animal as a special Christmas gift. It is always special when you see the leaders of the school helping and being great role models to our younger students.

St. Michael School had a special visitor, John Angotti, bring the Christmas spirit to our students. John shared the true meaning of Christmas through his beautiful music. John also invited students to come up and share in glorifying our Lord through singing. Our St. Michael School family is blessed to have such a talented person to share his gifts with us.

We always have exciting and new events going on at our school, so please check out the St. Michael website and Facebook page to keep up with our students' growth and upcoming activities. St. Michael's mission is to promote faith, scholarship, leadership, and service through our daily activities.

As we enter the year 2023, let us be thankful for the blessings of 2022 and look forward to the new beginnings of the year to come. May God in His unceasing love send many gifts your way, and may He fill your hearts with peace and be forever near. May God bless and guide you throughout the coming year.

*God Bless,
Your Servant in Christ,
Terri Hebert, Principal*



2023-24 REGISTRATION
Saint Michael
Catholic School

Since 1900 — Faith. Scholarship. Leadership. Service.

CURRENT FAMILY REGISTRATION
Monday, January 30 – Friday, February 3

- Registration information will be sent home.
- All tuition and fees must be up-to-date through the month of December 2022 in order to register for 2023-24.
- All packets must be filled out via FACTS by Feb. 3rd to secure a place for the 2023-2024 school year.

NEW FAMILY APPLICATIONS OPEN
Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7:30AM

- Registration Applications will be through FACTS

Please contact Holly Broussard, Development Director, at 783-1410 for additional information.





rooted IN FAITH united IN LOVE strengthened IN CHRIST we ARE ONE!

Through FAITH, LOVE, and CHRIST we can continue to build a MAGNIFICENT Catholic environment for St. Michael School students! St. Michael School is a family of students, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff and community that work together as one to help keep the school's mission of faith, scholarship, leadership and service alive. Helping to build the St. Michael Annual Fund enables each student to grow in a Catholic environment and to learn through hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based lessons that will help prepare them for their future. Your gift to the St. Michael Annual Fund helps to make St. Michael School's curriculum stronger and helps to ensure committed and highly-skilled teachers for the students. St. Michael School strives to build each student's love for God, themselves, and others! You can help build St. Michael School through giving to the Annual Fund!

St. Michael School Annual Fund

ARCHANGEL SOCIETY	\$5,000 & ABOVE
ST. MICHAEL BENEFACTOR	\$2,500 - \$4,999
ST. MICHAEL ASSOCIATES	\$1,000 - \$2,499
ST. MICHAEL FOUNDERS	\$500 - \$999
BLUE/GOLD CLUB	\$250 - \$499
SUPPORTER OF ST. MICHAEL	\$100 - \$249
FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL	UP TO \$99

Please Contribute to the St. Michael School Fund today by sending your gift to:
St. Michael School Fund • 805 East Northern Ave. • Crowley, LA 70526
or you can give on-line by going to: www.stmike.net/giving/ways-give.html
 If you would like to discuss other giving opportunities, such as tuition assistance, memorial gifts,
 or planned giving to St. Michael School, please call Holly Broussard at 337-783-1410.

Special EVENTS

Please join St. Michael School as we celebrate these special events:

Parent Teacher Conference Day
Tuesday, Jan. 17, No School for Students

Catholic Schools Week Mass
Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 8:45 a.m.

Faith Rally & Grandparents' Day
Thursday, Feb. 2, at 9:00 - Families with A-J Last Name
Friday, Feb. 3, at 9:00 - Families with K-Z Last Name

Mardi Gras Holiday
Friday, Feb. 17 - Tuesday, Feb. 21
Return to school on Wed., Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday Mass

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION, RACE, SEX, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

