



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JANUARY 2024



Happy New Year! As we enter into 2024, we have the opportunity to reflect on the past year's challenges and accomplishments! It's a wonderful time that is full of promises and opportunities. It's a time to dream and image all the great things that lie ahead.

As we begin the new year, we will be preparing for current student re-enrollment, applications 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 is to focus on practicing our Catholic faith, while promoting academics, leadership, and service to others.



During the month of December, we can't help but think of others in need. **St. Michael promotes service to others throughout our mission.** During December our students participated in several service projects that helped our area community.

The St. Michael School Beta Club sponsored their annual Coat Drive for Coats of Acliana, that helped warm those in need during the winter season. Our Beta Club also visited the residences of Southwind Assisted Living. They decorated the residences doors and spent time visiting and playing games with them. We also held our annual Christmas Toy Drive. Our students and families do-

nated toys for the Child Smile Project that help put smiles on children's faces Christmas morning. **Our St. Michael students reached miles away to our active military, sending them Christmas cards and thanking them for their service.** This was such a heartfelt act of kindness for the service men and women that received them. The generosity and compassion that our families and students have shown through these service projects was a true blessing to our students and the families they impacted.



St. Michael School continued to spread the spirit of Christmas through the Living Nativity. Our students, along with family and friends were able to witness the magic of the Nativity come to life by the beautiful performance of our 8th grade students. The Living Nativity allowed everyone to focus on Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph's obedience, and God's love.

Every year, the Knights of Columbus sponsor a Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Several of our students participated and they had several winners from St. Michael. These students helped spread the joy of Christmas through their amazing art work.



In the Spirit of Christmas, our 3rd-5th grade drama club members performed our annual Christmas Play. This year they performed "The Elves' Impersonator." Our students dazzled us with their singing, dancing, and acting! The audience was filled with joy and laughter as they enjoyed the performance and was drawn into the Christmas spirit of love and acceptance. Our dedicated teachers and students worked hard preparing for this amazing performance.



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 3RD - 5TH GRADE DRAMA CLUB CHRISTMAS PLAY "THE ELVES' IMPERSONATOR."



The St. Michael School faculty and staff love to make our students laugh. Several of our faculty members participated in **The Houses Inflatable Race** and it was a blast! It was a hilarious and spirited event! Congratulations to the House of St. Faustina for crossing the finish line first, but everyone was truly a winner! GO SAINTS!

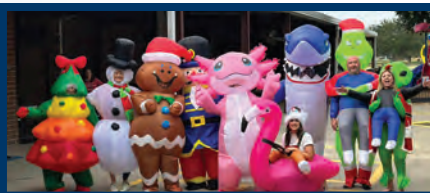
St. Michael School's ATB program is amazing! This program offers our parents a safe place for their children to stay after school until they get off of work. ATB held their annual **After the Bell Noel** for our students. This offered the parents an evening out to run errands, finish Christmas shopping, or just relax. Our ATB students experienced an evening 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 sponsored a special **"Shopping with the Saints"** event. Local vendors set up shop in our gym, allowing our faculty and staff the opportunity to stop by and shop. We also invited our families to come by and support our local businesses. Thank you to Mrs. Shana Monk and SPC members for their hard work and dedication to St. Michael students and faculty.

St. Michael students had a special visitor on campus during the weeks before Christmas. Saint. Nicholas paid our students a visit and shared tales of his rich history and spread joy by giving each student a candy cane. The Grinch was on campus and causing some mischief. Max, Cindy Lou Who, and Martha May Whovier helped keep The Grinch in the Christmas spirit. They went around visiting classrooms and spreading Christmas joy. Santa Claus even made an appearance. He visited with our PK3-3rd grade students in the gym. He handed out special gifts to our PK3-K students. The smiles of excitement and joy resonated throughout the school. Christmas magic and joy could be felt throughout St. Michael School!

"The Outsiders," is a novel that our 8th grade students read every year. As a special treat the class watched the movie and dressed 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.

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 in Robot Performance and 1st place overall, and the Champions Award.** The Robotics team qualified to compete in the state tournament in January, which will be held in New Orleans. Outstanding job St. Michael School Saints Robotics Team!





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 8TH GRADERS "THE OUTSIDERS"

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 participates in an interview. To qualify for Student of the Year, the students must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.5. Congratulations to Lillian Lawson our 8th grade Student of the Year and Mary Ella Zaunbrecher our 5th grade Student of the Year. Lillian and Mary Ella's high academic achievements, community involvement, talents, and Christian modeling make them an outstanding model of a St. Michael student.



www.stmike.net 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 2024, let us be thankful for the blessings of 2023 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



St. Michael School 8th grade and PK4 buddies enjoyed a traditional Christmas activity together. Our 8th grade and PK4 buddies worked together to make beautiful ornaments for the Christmas tree in the school lobby. These ornaments were beautiful and added a special touch to the Christmas tree. It is always special when you see the leaders of the school helping and being great role models to our younger students.

Our St. Michael School athletes are amazing and we are proud of all of them and their hard work and dedication. During the last 8th grade home basketball game we recognized our 8th grade girls' and boys' basketball players as they played their last games in the St. Michael School gym. Their leadership, dedication, teamwork, and Saints spirit has shone bright on and off the court. GO BIG BLUE!



St. Michael students ended the 2nd quarter with a special treat. The administration served hot chocolate to all the students. We are so proud of our students and the progress they are making. GO SAINTS!

We always have exciting and new events going on at our school, so please check out the St. Michael website at



2024-25 REGISTRATION
Saint Michael Catholic School
Since 1900 — Faith. Scholarship. Leadership. Service.

CURRENT FAMILY REGISTRATION
Monday, February 5th - Thursday, February 8th

- Registration information will be sent home.
- All tuition and fees must be up-to-date through the month of December 2023 in order to register for 2024-25.
- All packets must be filled out via FACTS by Feb. 8th to secure a place for the 2024-2025 school year.

NEW FAMILY APPLICATIONS OPEN
Wednesday, Feb. 14th, at 7:30AM

- Applications must be filled out via FACTS

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





The Journey Continues... TO **LIVE! LOVE! SERVE!** AS *Jesus* DOES

Our **JOURNEY** continues with your support to build a **CATHOLIC** environment for our students to **LIVE, LOVE, and SERVE** as **JESUS** does! St. Michael School is a family made up 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:

- Catholic Schools Week Mass**
Wednesday, January 31, at 8:45 a.m.
- Faith Rally & Grandparents' Day**
Thursday, Feb. 1, at 9:00 - Families with A-J Last Name
Friday, Feb. 2, at 9:00 - Families with K-Z Last Name
- Krewe de PreK4 Mardi Gras Parade**
Thursday, Feb. 8, at 2:00
- Mardi Gras Holiday**
Friday, Feb. 9 - Tuesday, Feb. 13
Return to school on Wed., Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday Mass



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