



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2022

Go Saints 2022
ST. MICHAEL 2023

Our 123rd school year is off to a wonderful start! As we incorporate this year's theme "The Journey Continues...To LIVE! LOVE! And SERVE! As JESUS does," we hope to imitate Jesus throughout our daily lives. We will also focus on his Beloved Mother, Mary. Jesus worked his first miracle, at the wedding in Cana, because his mother asked him to. Let us remember to bring our hopes, needs, and prayers to our Mother Mary, so she can bring them to her Son, Jesus. Our Mother Mary offers us protection, comfort, and compassion, through our most difficult challenges. She is God's precious gift to us.

St. Michael School has a rich tradition of faith, scholarship, service, and leadership which enables us to build a faith community rooted in gospel values and centered on the Eucharist. The St. Michael faculty and staff are committed to bringing our Catholic faith to all our students. We know it is important to teach the whole child: spiritually, emotionally, and academically. We extend a

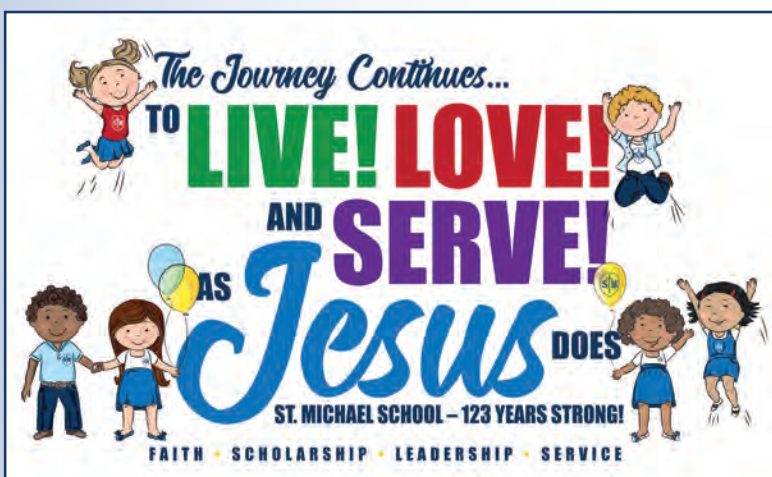
special welcome to our families! We are so excited and blessed that you are part of our school community. We are dedicated to forming a positive relationship with all our families in order to help each child succeed. God is Good, All the Time!

We have had a great start to the 2022-2023 school year. We are so thankful that we were able to have a normal beginning to the school year. **We would like to welcome our new students and families. Thank you for trusting us to educate your child in his/her faith and academics.** Our students have returned with a joyful attitude and with an eagerness to learn. Our students are bringing back a tradition that has been with St. Michael School for many years. Every morning during morning assembly, they begin their day by singing "I'm A Student of St. Michael." Bringing this tradition back after the past few years has shown that our students are dedicated and proud to be a SAINT. They have proven to be resilient in the most challenging situations. They have filled the halls with joy, bright smiles, and laughter.

Our faculty and staff started the school year with a beautiful spiritual retreat led by Father Andrew Schumacher. We focused on Our Blessed Mother Mary and her love for her Son, Jesus. She is the perfect model of faith, love, and hope. Jesus calls us to turn to our Mother Mary in our times of need for her perfect intercession.

We would also like to welcome our new teachers, aides, and staff members. We are so happy to have them as members of our team and thank you for answering the call to be educators and part of the St. Michael family.

This is the fifth year for our After the Bell (ATB) extended-day program which operates as a service to our families who have students enrolled in our school. The program hours run from 3:30-6:00 p.m. on regular school days. During this time, students are given the opportunity to complete and receive assistance with homework. It also provides fun recreational and social interaction





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS 2022-2023

activities. Thank you to Mrs. Pam Kirsch (director), Mrs. Priscilla Leonards (assistant director), and all of the staff of ATB for their continued dedication and work with this program.

Our PK3 students are now able to enjoy a beautiful garden with a Mary statue in front of their classrooms. A special thank you to our Saints Parent Club (SPC) for donating the garden and our 8th Grade Class of 2020 for donating the beautiful Mary statue. The PK3 students are often seen outside enjoying the garden and praying to our Mother Mary.

Different areas of the school have had a make-over during the summer. **Thank you to our Saints parents for their expertise in organizing and decorating our upstairs conference room and our chapel.** We now have an inviting and functional conference room where we can have administrative meetings, grade level meetings, cluster meetings, or parent meetings. Having a chapel on campus is truly a blessing. Our chapel is now ready for our faculty, staff, and students to visit to recite the rosary or spend some time with the Blessed Sacrament in adoration.

St. Michael School celebrated the Assumption of Mary with a prayer service. The Blessed Mother was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. Our 8th grade students led the student body in the rosary and Litany.

Back to School Supply Night was a success! Our teachers worked hard in preparing their classrooms. They put their hearts into decorating their classrooms, so they can be warm and inviting to their students. Our SAINTS cheerleaders welcomed our guests onto campus. It was great to see families on campus and enjoying each other's company. Families were able to visit their child's classroom and meet their teachers. Students' faces glowed with excitement at seeing their friends, classrooms, and teachers.

St. Michael School celebrated our annual Back to School Mass with 8th grade and PK4 buddies. The mass began with our 8th grade students processing into mass with their PK4 buddies. We are so proud of how the 8th graders and PK4 students participated in Mass. It was also a joy to see the number of guests that attended mass with us. Our celebrant, Father Mikel, offered a beautiful Mass welcoming us to the new school year. The music was done by Mrs. Tina Reaux, Mr. Jacob Freyou, and our wonderful choir. They made the liturgy so special with their beautiful voices. **Mass this year has been moved to Thursday at 8:45 in the gym. Family and friends are invited to attend.**

Our sports seasons have begun. Our student athletes are currently playing in the fall sports: tackle football, cheer, volleyball, cross country and flag football. Please visit our school website for schedules of events. Come out and support our SAINTS players as they strive to represent St. Michael School in their events. GO SAINTS!

Our clubs are off to a great start this year. **Student Council has held their elections for officers.** Candidates campaigned by hanging up posters and passing out stickers. They each gave an amazing speech before the election. We are so proud of all the candidates and their efforts during the campaign and their speeches. **Our 2022-2023 Student Council officers are:** President-Marin Guchererau; Vice President-Luke Swacker; Secretary-Wyatt Price; Treasure-Charlotte Prevost; Sergeant at Arms-Ella Taylor; Reporter – Brooklyn Stewart; Chaplain – Anna Mooney.



Every year the yearbook committee selects a faculty member that has been an important part of their lives at St. Michael School. **The 2021-2022 yearbook committee: Maksim Scarborough, Kate Ardoin, and Anna Hunt presented the dedication of the 2021-2022 yearbook to Mr. Tim Miguez.** Mr. Tim has taught at St. Michael School for 21 years and brings

Saints Student Council Elections





BACK TO SCHOOL MASS WITH 8TH GRADE AND THEIR PRE-K 4 BUDDIES

an abundance of amazing opportunities for his students to learn and grow. He has been involved in multiple clubs, coaching teams, and mentoring students. He is a great model of hard work and dedication. Congratulations, Mr. Tim!



It is always a special treat when you have past students return to present to a class. Mrs. Dawn's 8th grade Louisiana History students had a special presenter on the wetlands. **Branson Melancon, an alumnus of St. Michael School, presented a**

wetland presentation to our 8th grade students. Branson, who is a Senior at Notre Dame, is also the Louisiana State 4-H Wetland Ambassador. The presentation covered the wetlands of South Louisiana and how it is important to us economically and culturally. The presentation covered how the wetlands are being destroyed and which organizations are involved with restoration. Branson ended the presentation with a fun game of trivia.

Once a SAINTS... Always a SAINT!

St. Michael School congratulates Ryleigh Oestrieher, an 8th grade 4-H student, for her 1st place finish at the state level with the St. Michael 4-H Record Book! Way to go, Ryleigh!



Thank you to everyone for a great start to the 2022-2023 school year. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to providing our students with an academic education filled with love, faith, and compassion. We will strive to live, love, and serve as Jesus does. May God continue to bless our St. Michael families, faculty, staff, and students as we continue to give Him glory and praise throughout this school year.

God is Good!
Your Servant in Christ!

Terri Hebert

St. Michael Principal

SAINTS 8TH & PRE-K BUDDIES





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FACULTY STARTING OFF SCHOOL STRONG

2022 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL

\$81,427.00

THE 2022 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 2023 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 or by visiting www.stmike.net and select Annual Giving.**

The 2021-2022 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.

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Special EVENTS

Visit our web site at www.stmike.net for more events & news!

Saints Pep Rally
Tuesday, Sept. 13th, at 12:00

St. Michael School Mass: 2nd-8th Grade
Thursday, Sept. 15th, at 8:45 in the gym

Constitution Week Celebration
Friday, Sept. 16th, at 8:45 in the gym

Picture Retakes/Class Pictures
Wednesday, Sept. 21st, 8:00

St. Michael School Mass: 2nd-8th Grade
Thursday, Sept. 22nd, at 8:45 in the gym

Saints Pep Rally
Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at 12:00

Feast of St. Michael School Mass & Picnic
Thursday, Sept. 29th, 10:00 in the gym

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Rice Festival Holiday
Thursday, October 20th, Early Dismissal at 11:30
Friday, October 21st, No School

Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, Nov. 21, - Friday, Nov. 25

Christmas Holiday
Thurs., Dec. 22nd - Wed., Jan. 4th

