



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

MARCH 2024



The Lenten Season is upon us and it is a time of great growth and reflection. As we quiet our hearts, we are able to focus on Jesus and His sacrifice for us, through prayer, fasting, repentance, and almsgiving. We are called to prepare our hearts and grow in our Catholic Faith as Easter approaches. Lent is a season of slowing down to walk with Jesus and reflect on His love for us. Please take the opportunity during this Lenten Season to grow as a family, to strengthen your love for God, your family, and others.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The St. Michael School community gathered together to celebrate the Ash Wednesday Mass. Students, family members, faculty and staff received ashes, reminding them, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Re-enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year was a success. Thank you to our families for entrusting us with your child's education and spiritual growth.

New student applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 school year. We invite new students to join St. Michael School, where students are educated and encouraged to spread their wings in faith, scholarship, leadership, and service. We pride ourselves on having an experienced, dedicated, and loving faculty and staff that are committed to nurturing young minds with a faith-based environment, rigorous curriculum, state of the art technology, and enriching classes.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler! St. Michael students passed a good time while listening to the Mardi Gras Mambo and watching the Krewe de PreK Parade. PreK students kicked off the Mardi Gras holiday by dressing in Mardi Gras attire and riding in Mardi Gras floats. The gym rang out with "Throw Me Something" as the PreK Krewe paraded around the gym, throwing beads to the students. Students as well as guests had a great time!

Congratulations to Cash Guillory for winning the 3rd-5th grade St. Michael School Spelling Bee and Brad Herbert for winning in the 6th-8th grade category. Cash and Brad represented St. Michael School at the Kiwanis Spelling Bee.





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL KREWE DE PRE-K MARDI GRAS PARADE



If you have ever attended our school mass, you know that we have an amazing choir, under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Tina. **The Saints choir took their talents to Southwind Healthcare and Rehabilitation** and shared their beautiful voices with the residents. They shared the joy of music and spread God's love through song.



St. Michael School has some very talented artists under the guidance of our art teacher, Mrs. Kelly. **Several of our students' artwork was selected to be showcased at The Crowley Art Association for National Youth Art Month 2024.** This was a great way for our students to celebrate their creativity and imagination.

The Saints Jr. Beta members represented St. Michael at the Jr. Beta State Convention in Lafayette. The Saints Jr. Beta excelled in various competitions. Our students competed in academics, art, dancing, banner design, and more. Congratulations to our Saints Duo-Dance performers – Emma Guillot and Claire Brodhead for placing 2nd and receiving the GOLDEN TICKET to compete at Nationals. Also, congratulations to Keagan Valdertero – 1st place (painting); Molly and Evelyn Hensgens, Adelyn Stelly, and Olivia Thompson – 2nd place (2-D design); Sam Prevost – 5th place (Math) and Brad Herbert – 1st place (ELA). We are so proud of our Jr. Beta members and how well they represented St. Michael.

St. Michael School 4-H members attended the LSU Ag Center Livestock Show and competed in several events. They came home with multiple grand Champions, reserve awards, and showmanship awards. These students put in a lot of hours, dedication, and hard work into raising and training these amazing animals and their efforts have truly paid off. **The 4-H Archery & Shooting Team** competed at the Acadia Parish 4-H Competition. Congratulations to the team members quilifying for regional. **Congratulations to the Saints 4-H members!**





ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL JR. BETA SATE CONVENTION



Our 2nd Grade students had an adventurous field trip exploring the City of Crowley. They toured St. Michael Church, where they learned about its history and renovations of their beloved church. They then visited the Courthouse, Crowley Fire Department, City Hall, and Post Office. They learned about the inner workings of the City of Crowley and met the people that contribute to the growth of their community. Our 2nd graders walked away with a greater appreciation of their community and the people in it.

St. Michael School believes in educating the whole student by providing them with the tools to grow spiritually and academically. The saying, "It takes a village" reigns true here at St. Michael. Our goal is to work closely with our families in order to achieve our mission of promoting faith, scholarship, leadership, and service throughout our school culture. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for St. Michael and its students.

Harvey Rabbit is a favorite of our PK3-4th grade students.

Annually, Harvey, Mr. Tim, and Mrs. Laura come to visit our students to encourage them to "Show Some Character!" They learned the importance of honesty, respect, caring, responsibility, positive attitude, to say NO to drugs, and not to be a bully.



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

"The Lord measures our perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them." -St. John of the Cross

During the Lenten Season, St. Michael School will continue to strive to bring the Catholic Faith to our students. Prayer, fasting, and giving is taught and practiced in our classrooms. Each morning, our students

begin with prayer by picking an Easter egg that contains the name of one of our students or faculty/staff members. The class prays for this person throughout the entire day and brings them a prayer postcard.

We continue to bring prayer to the forefront of St. Michael School's culture with the Way of the Cross. Every Friday during Lent, the student body, faculty/staff, and families gather together to pray the Way of the Cross in remembrance of Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. This is one of many ways that we allow the spirit of Lent to guide us towards a more meaningful and blessed journey.





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:

- St. Joseph Altar**
Tuesday, March 19, in the library
- Mass with Benediction**
Thursday, March 21: Mass at 8:45AM in the gym
- Living Way of the Cross**
Wednesday, March 27 at 1:30PM in the gym
- Easter Break**
March 29-April 5
- Saints Cake Auction on KSIG Radio**
Monday, April 15, at 6:00PM

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