



# ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2022



We are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather and the changing of the seasons. In our Catholic faith, November is devoted to honoring the Saints and praying for the souls in Purgatory. This reminds us that we are joined in union with the Communion of Saints. This is a great time for us to reflect on our lives and try to live as the Saints did. We honored the Saints by celebrating our All Saints' Day Mass on November 1st. Our student body, family, and friends participated in the beautiful mass with our celebrant, Father Mikel Polson. This month we will also celebrate Thanksgiving. As Christians, it is important to give thanks for the graces and blessings that God has bestowed upon us throughout the year.

The end of the month also marks the beginning of our Advent season when we prepare for the coming of Christ. As we go through the month of November, the students and faculty will be practicing the virtue of Stewardship. Stewardship is giving back to God by using your God-given gifts and talents to take care of the world and others.

Our St. Michael students did an amazing job in the 1st quarter. We are proud of all our students' successes. We had 104 students make the Principal's List and 142 students who made Honor Roll. Congratulations to these students for their hard work

and dedication to their academics. Principal's List students were treated to breakfast in the library as a reward for doing such a great job. Keep up the hard work!

In the beginning of the month of October, PK4 celebrated German Fest. They learned about the culture and traditions of Germany. They celebrated by dressing, having a class party, and performing a German Dance for the student body and their families. Thank you to all the teachers that put in the hard work in preparing their students.

In the month of October, St. Michael students honored our Blessed Mother and the Rosary.

The student body gathered in the gym and prayed and participated in the Living Rosary. The 5th grade Bell Choir played the bells as a special treat in celebrating the Blessed Mother by playing Hail Holy Queen and Immaculate Mary. This was a beautiful tribute to Our Lady.



The Crowley community celebrates the Rice Festival in the month of October. Our second-grade class had several great hands-on lessons about the rice industry: planting, growing, and harvesting of rice. They even took a field trip and visited the Gossen Farm in Rayne to get a closer look on how the rice industry works. They were also treated to a rice meal where they tasted different rice dishes. Our 2nd grade Prince Hayes Richey and Princess Mia Clark participated in the International Rice Festival Jr. King and Queen pageant. Mia Clark placed 1st runner up and Hayes placed 2nd runner up. We are so proud of both of them; they represented St. Michael school well. Our 2nd grade class also participated in the Rice Festival Children's Parade float competition and placed 1st. Thank you Mrs. Elise, Mrs. Allison, and the 2nd grade parent volunteers who made these events special for our 2nd grade students.





## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL GLOW PINK PEP RALLY AND FOOTBALL GAME



We have some amazing students on our **Saints' Quiz Bowl Team**. They competed in their first competition of the year at ESA and took 2nd place. We also have our youngest member, Henry Hunt, who won Highest Individual Points. Congratulations to our Quiz Bowl Team!

Our students learn about their faith through Bible Stories. Mrs. Allison's 2nd grade class brought to life "The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)" for our PK3-3rd grade students through a prayer service. The 2nd grade students read the Gospel and reenacted the Bible story. Thank you, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Penny for preparing the students. We would also like to thank our family and friends for joining us and supporting our students in their faith journey.

St. Michael school prides itself in the rigorous curriculum we offer our students. Many of our students excel in academics and are recognized by becoming members of the St. Michael School National Junior Beta Club. **Congratulations to all our newly inducted Beta members.** After the induction, the new Beta members and their families enjoyed a small reception. These students truly live out St. Michael's mission of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service.

St. Michael School has an amazing faculty and staff that will do anything to bring joy to their students. **The faculty and staff dressed in "Zoo Animals" themed costumes for Halloween.** It was a Real Zoo at St. Michael. Our students were allowed to wear Halloween shirts, accessories, and jeans as they enjoyed their Halloween parties. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with all the parties and gave the students a real treat.



The St. Michael Robotics team took to the road and enjoyed a field trip exploring alternative energy solutions to the problem of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy. This was part of their participation in the global FIRST LEGO League Robotics Competition. The team visited Celco Alternative Energy Center, the Robotics Lab and the Louisiana Solar Lab at UL. The Robotics team is doing amazing things, and we may have a great scientist among these young men and women.



**St. Michael students and families attended the Notre Dame football game for St. Michael Night.** The students enjoyed the game and cheered on our Notre Dame Pios. The St. Michael Cheerleaders did a great job cheering for the Pios, alongside the Notre Dame cheerleaders for the 3rd quarter.

The brown scapular is a symbol of Our Lady's love and protection over us. Father Mikel Polson blessed and presented each 8th grade student with a brown scapular after our weekly mass. In his homily, Father Mikel stated that each of them is called to be holy and the wearing of the scapular is a continuous reminder of that calling. Thank you, Mother Mary, for this precious gift.



**The Kindergarten class celebrated the 50th day of school** by having a special dress day. They came to school as if they were back in the 50's. They had a great day with a sock hop.



**The Crowley Fire Fighters** visited the St. Michael PK-3rd grade students. The students learned about fire safety, smoke detectors, how to stop, drop, and roll, and a special presentation with their fire truck. Our students met with real life heroes. Thank you, Crowley Fire Fighters, for your service and dedication.

St. Michael is dedicated to teaching our students how to be kind, compassionate, and loving towards one another. We are also focused on teaching each child how to academically succeed by instilling responsibility, hard work, and dedication. With Thanksgiving and Advent approaching, our challenge to our families, students, and faculty is to acknowledge the blessings God has given to all of us and to give Him praise and thanks.

**Thank you again for your continued prayers and support for St. Michael and its students and faculty.** Let's practice the virtue of Stewardship as we continue to strive to be kind and compassionate towards others. May God continue to bless our community and families throughout the year.

God Bless, Your Servant in Christ,

**Terri Hebert**, St. Michael Principal



SAINTS NATIONAL JUNIOR BETA CLUB INDUCTION 2022-23

# SAINTS 4H OFFICERS 2022-2023



St. Michael School 4-H Officers! The 2022-23 4-H officers selected to lead the Saints 4-H club are: President, Annelise Arceneaux; Vice President, Sophia Champagne; Secretary, Ryleigh Oestrieher; Treasurer, Jack Arceneaux; and Reporter, Katherine Richard. 4-H empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.



# HALLOWEEN FUN!



St. Michael School has brought back the traveling pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The first pilgrim statue was presented to 3rd grade student, Jennifer Habetz on October 7, 1994, the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Now, twenty-eight years later, the new pilgrim statue was again presented to Jennifer Habetz Hetzel, her husband William, and her children, William Jr, and Lucy. The family prayed for all of the St. Michael families while the school, in turn, prayed for them. The statue will travel home to a different family each week with the intention of spreading Our Lady's message to pray the rosary. Saints Come Full Circle!





# soar with the Saints NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

PRE-K3, PRE-K4, & KINDERGARTEN

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
5:30 - 6:30**



## ST. MICHAEL ANNUAL FUND APPEAL 2023

We would like to thank our wonderful donors for their support of the St. Michael Annual Fund. Through your support, St. Michael School is able to give each child the opportunity to receive an excellent Catholic education taught by a highly-qualified faculty and staff. The 2021-22 Annual Report was mailed to you and enclosed is an Annual Fund envelope for the 2023 appeal. Please take the time to open your hearts to help continue making St. Michael School a leader in Catholic education. *God Bless you and your family!*

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## Special EVENTS

Please visit our web site at [www.stmike.net](http://www.stmike.net) for a list of all events.

New Student Open House PreK3, PreK4, & K  
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5:30-6:30

Thanksgiving Mass  
Thursday, November 17th, 8:45AM

1st Grade Thanksgiving Play  
Thursday, November 17th, 2:00PM

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

Christmas Play "The Nutcracker"  
Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 6:30 PM  
Rice Theatre

Living Nativity  
Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 PM

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Christmas & New Years Holiday  
Thursday, Dec. 22, - Wednesday, Jan. 4

Martin L. King Day  
Monday, January 16

Teacher/Parent Conference Day  
Tuesday, January 17



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