



# ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2021



*The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him – my father's God, and I will exalt him! – Exodus 15:2*

**Fall is in the air!** The students and faculty have been enjoying playing as well as having class outside in the wonderful cooler weather we have been having. In the month of October, we have several fun and exciting activities scheduled. With modified guidelines, we are happy to be able to continue to welcome our families and guests back on campus.

## **October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary.**

It was instituted to honor the Blessed Mother in gratitude for her protection through praying the Holy Rosary. St. Michael faculty, staff, and families have a special devotion to Our Lady and the Rosary. Our beautiful Rosary garden is always available for our teachers, faculty, and students to use throughout the year to show their devotion to Mary. Our Mother Mary offers this special prayer as a gift to us - to bring us comfort, guidance, and to help us grow closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, Governor Edwards has extended the mask mandate to October 29, 2021. We will continue to follow the mask mandate while focusing on educating our students with compassion and love. We have come to embrace these challenges with God's graces. Our mission at St. Michael, despite the difficulties, is to help

our students grow in faith, scholarship, leadership, and service. The faculty and staff of St. Michael will continue to pray for our leaders, communities, and those affected by COVID-19.

*Jesus, teach me to follow you in humility, filling every task with love. – St. Therese of Lisieux*

It is amazing how time flies. We are already in the final weeks of our first quarter, and our students and faculty are settling into the year nicely. **The end of the first quarter will end October 14th, and report cards will be mailed home October 21st.** We recommend you discuss your child's progress with them and encourage them to always do their best and remind them that everyone's best looks different. PK3 through 1st grade do not receive letter grades; their progress is reported from a skilled-based assessment. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, please contact the teacher.

We've had a very busy and exciting month of September with several activities that have helped us return to some normalcy. We have been able to return to mass in the gym with a few classes attending at a time, while the other classes participate via ZOOM. We have been blessed this year to have the ability to offer the opportunity for parents and families to be back on campus, even if it's only a few at a time.

## **We celebrated the Birthday of Our Blessed Mother**

on Wednesday, September 8th starting with a beautiful mass led by Mrs. Christine Leleux's 5th grade class. Having the opportunity to come together to worship is a beautiful blessing and part of St. Michael's mission of providing a Catholic education rooted in the Word of God. The students were also treated to cookies to celebrate Mary's birthday.

After Mass, special guests were invited to attend the **Blessing of the PK3 building**, in which Father Mikel performed the ceremony. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to offer this





## CONSTITUTION DAY 2021! CELEBRATING THE USA RED, WHITE, & BLUE!

new grade level to our families. We currently have 18 students enrolled in PK3. The St. Michael students were then treated to cookies to finish off the wonderful day.

**We have also been able to bring back our Prayer Services.** Mrs. Dawn Guidry's 3rd grade class performed on September 9th. Parents and family members were invited to attend. Mrs. Dawn's class did an amazing job in reenacting "Let the Children Come to Me". Thank you, Mrs. Dawn and Mrs. Penny, for preparing the students. Prayer services offer the students a chance to walk in Jesus' shoes and understand His love for us.

**PK4 through 4th grade celebrated Constitution Day** on September 17th. The students were allowed to dress in red, white, and blue to honor our country. They also videoed their songs and sent them to parents to enjoy. The rest of the student body on this day was allowed to support Notre Dame's homecoming by wearing red, white, and blue. St. Michael students had a very patriotic day!

On September 29, we **celebrated the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel**. What a wonderful defender we have in St. Michael! To begin the day, the **Student Council members handed out St. Michael prayer cards to parents as they drove through the car line**. Afterwards, Father Mikel was the celebrant for a beautiful mass led by Mrs. Patti Guidry's 6th grade class. In keeping with tradition, the **8th graders received their scapulars** at this mass along with a special blessing given by Father Mikel. After mass, students were treated, by the SPC, to popsicles. As an additional treat, Mr. Bob and his wife, Mrs. Phyllis, served snow cones. The students had a wonderful day celebrating St. Michael as their patron saint through acts of faith, leadership, and service.

St. Michael School's Student Council plays a very important role by helping share students' ideas with the faculty, raise funds for school-wide projects, and assist in our community. We would like to welcome and congratulate the new 2021-2022 Student Council officers. I know they will do a great job representing our student body.



Our sports season for football, cheer, and volleyball is well on its way. Our student athletes have been working hard these past months on improving their skills. We are excited to say we were able to have our first **"PEP RALLY"** in a long time. Our St. Michael Cheerleaders did an outstanding job spreading school spirit and supporting our football players. It was great to see our 8th grade parents able to participate and watch their child "shine".

Our 2nd grade students were able to compete for Prince and Princess to represent St. Michael at the Rice Festival in the Jr. King and Queen competition on Friday, October 15th. **Congratulations to William Broussard, prince, and Lucy Thompson, princess** (pictured on front cover). We know they will do a great job representing St. Michael.

**"There are many saints at St. Michael, but we also have a HERO in you – A true humble servant of God,"** is how the 8th grade class feels about Mr. Bob. As most of you know, our school was broken into this past month. The intruder entered the cafeteria and gym. When Mr. Bob arrived at school, he encountered the intruder, and was luckily not hurt. The 8th grade class thanked Mr. Bob for his heroic deed in protecting St. Michael with a special gift. Mr. Bob is truly appreciated and loved at St. Michael.

**We would also like to welcome back to our St. Michael family, Mrs. Dina Dalfrey and Mrs. Judy Guillot.** Mrs. Dina has taken the position of PK3 aide and is working with Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Ellen with our little ones. Mrs. Judy has taken Mrs. Jill's place as tuition clerk and assistant to Mrs. Donna. Mrs. Jill has decided to retire this year. We would like to thank Mrs. Jill for her many years of service and wish her a great retirement.

We are happy to say that the **Rice Festival** is still scheduled to take place. We will use these days as our fall break. As noted on the calendar, we will dismiss at 11:30 on Thursday, October 14th and return to school on Monday, October 18th. We hope our St. Michael families will take this opportunity to enjoy the Rice Festival and have some quality family time.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support of St. Michael. May God continue to bless our families and community as we go through the year. God Is Good!

Your Servant in Christ,  
**Terri Hebert**, St. Michael Principal

**Holiness grows fast where there is kindness.**  
— St. Teresa of Calcutta





## FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL MASS & CELEBRATIONS



# FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael School celebrated the Feast of St. Michael with a mass and special treat for the students! Fr. Mikel was the celebrant for the school mass where the 8th graders were blessed along with the 8th grade scapulas.

The students received a special treat from the Saints Parent Club!

It was a wonderful day to be a Saint!

**ONCE A SAINT. ALWAYS A SAINT.**



# STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-22 OFFICERS

St. Michael School's Student Council plays a very important role at the school by helping share students' ideas with the faculty, raise funds for school-wide projects, and assist our community. The Student Council officers were voted on by their peers and will be serving the students for the 2021-2022 school year. The Student Council officers are Eli Pommier, President; Charlie Hunt, Vice President; Noelle Dorr, Secretary; Amelia Prevost, Treasurer; Elise Cope, Sergeant At Arms; and Alice Anne Dorr, Chaplain.







ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS HONOR MR. BOB

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**God Bless you and your family!**



## Special EVENTS

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

**St. Michael Living Rosary**  
Wednesday, October 6th

8th grade will hold the Living Rosary in the gym and all other students will watch live in their classroom.

**End of 1st Quarter**  
Thursday, October 14th

**Rice Festival Fall Break**  
Thursday, October 14th, Early Dismissal at 11:30  
Friday, October 15th, No School

**School Picture Retakes & Class Pictures**  
Thursday, October 21st

**Library Book Fair**  
October 22nd - October 29th

**St. Michael Night At Notre Dame Football Game**  
Friday, October 29th

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Monday, Nov. 22nd, - Friday, Nov. 26th

**Christmas & New Years Holiday**  
Monday, Dec. 20th, - Friday, Dec. 31st



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