

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

St. Michael the Archangel High School



MISSION STATEMENT

Formed in Catholic tradition, the mission of St. Michael High School is to foster the spiritual, intellectual, and personal development of young people as committed disciples of Christ.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Warrior Families,

As we officially begin the 2025–2026 school year, I am filled with a sense of hope and unity. Our theme for the year, *“In the One, we are one,”* drawn from the coat of arms of Pope Leo XIII, invites us to build a school community that is deeply rooted in Christ. It reminds us that our strength as Warriors comes not only from individual excellence, but from our shared identity as a family united in faith and love.

While our summer newsletter highlighted the exciting physical improvements to campus, from chapel renovations to cafeteria upgrades, this message celebrates something even more foundational: the strengthening of our St. Michael community.

Building Community in New Ways

- ❖ Sword & Shield Coffee Shop: One of the most visible signs of our commitment to the community this year is the launch of the *Sword & Shield Coffee Shop*, a student-run initiative that opened this July. More than just a place for coffee, it's a space for hospitality, mentorship, and mission - where students serve students, faculty, and guests, learning business and life skills while embodying our Catholic call to service.
- ❖ Opening of the Stadium | August 22: We are thrilled to invite you to a truly historic moment: the grand opening of our new stadium on *Thursday, August 22*. This evening will include a community celebration and a blessing of the field by *Bishop Michael Duca*. Please join us for this special event as we dedicate this new space to the glory of God and the unity of our school family.
- ❖ New ACT and PSAT Prep Program: This year we are launching a new ACT/PSAT prep initiative designed to equip students with the tools and confidence they need to

succeed. Through strategic scheduling and resources, we are making test preparation more accessible than ever before.

- ❖ Expanded Retreat Opportunities: Our commitment to forming students as disciples continues to grow. This summer, our *football and volleyball teams* began their seasons with team retreats rooted in prayer, reflection, fellowship, and service. These are just the first of many new opportunities we are offering to help students encounter Christ and deepen their relationships with one another.

Upcoming Community Building Events

We hope you will mark your calendars for these upcoming events designed to bring our students, parents, and families together in joyful celebration:

- ❖ Senior BBQ (Seniors Only) – *Monday, August 4*
- ❖ Warrior Wine Down (Parents' Social) – *Sunday, August 10*
- ❖ Parent Back-to-School Dance: “Denim & Diamonds” – *Saturday, August 16*
- ❖ Senior Sunrise Breakfast – *Friday, August 22*
- ❖ Student Back to School Dance – *Saturday, August 23*
- ❖ Back to School Night (Parents) – *Wednesday, August 27*
- ❖ Fall Awards Ceremony – *Friday, August 29*
- ❖ Warriors of the Word – Adult male bible study throughout the year ([Sign Up Here](#))

As we step into this new year together, let us remember that true community is not built overnight, it is cultivated daily through small acts of kindness, shared purpose, and fidelity to Christ. May we strive always to be one in Him, for it is *in the One that we are one*.

Thank you for walking with us and for trusting your children with us. I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Go Warriors!

Mr. Jared Cavalier, Principal

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE

- 4: Senior BBQ (Seniors Only)
- 6: Freshman Orientation & Bible Ceremony
- 7: Sophomore, Junior, Senior Orientation
- 8: First full day for all students
- 10: Warrior Wine Down
- 12: Deadline to pre-order mini-melts ice cream
- 13: School Picture Day
- 15: Celebration of Mass
- 15: Spirit Shirt Orders Due
- 15: Mini-Melts Day
- 16: Adult Back to School Dance
- 16: High School MP3
- 20: Parent University: PlusPortals & Securly
- 22: Club Day
- 22: Senior Sunrise Breakfast
- 23: Student Back to School Dance
- 26: School Picture Retakes
- 27: Back to School Night
- 29: Fall Awards

First Days of School

Orientation days will be held for all students in all grades and are listed below.

- ❖ *Freshmen - Wednesday, August 6, 1:00 to 7:30 pm*
 - Report to the main school entrance.
 - Will follow an abbreviated class schedule & attend orientation sessions
 - Dinner will be provided at 5:00 pm
 - Parent Orientation & Bible Ceremony will begin at 5:30 pm in the St. Sebastian Gym
 - Do **not** bring laptops
- ❖ *Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors - Thursday, August 7*
 - 10th Grade: 7:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
 - 11th Grade: 9:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
 - 12th Grade: 11:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
 - Report to the Multipurpose Building
 - Pick up computers & learn any technology updates
 - Returning students **MUST** bring flak jacket, charging cord, stylus, and Technology Signature Page (sent via email) in order to pick up laptops.
- ❖ All students must wear the proper **daily wear** uniform and be in compliance with **grooming standards** outlined in the handbook.

- ❖ No lunch will be served, but students are encouraged to bring a water bottle.
- ❖ The first full day of classes for all students is **Friday, August 8.**

Lunch Vendor/Accounts

We will again be partnering with Turning Point Food Servicer for our school day lunches. Options for daily lunches will include a hot meal (protein & 2 sides), a hot or cold sandwich or wrap, and a fresh salad option. There will also be options for chips, cookies, and other snacks. Total daily cost will depend on what a student purchases. A hot meal will be between \$5.00 and \$7.00, with salads, sandwiches and snacks being less. Students will use their student ID cards to purchase. Parents/guardians will load money onto the cards using a single sign-on secure website with i2 (Infinite Infrastructure). This will be the only way to pay for lunches; cash, credit, or debit cards will not be accepted. Drink and snack vending machines will still be available for students with cash, credit, or debit cards.

Those with new students will receive an email from i2 in the next week with instructions on how to load your child's ID with funds to be used for lunch. Returning families will use their same account information. If you cannot remember your login information, click "forgot password" to reset. Parents/guardians will be able to check student balances in real-time and add money accordingly. There is a balance check point for students before they enter the lunch line, but it would be a good practice to review balances every few days.

First Day of School Hot Lunch

Hamburger Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Corn

Check Out Policy

If your child needs to check out during the school day, please make sure to send a note for him/her to give to the office before the school day begins. If a parent shows up to check out a student without sending a note, there will be a delay in getting him/her from the classroom.

Directory

The Student/Parent Directory is available online through your PlusPortals account. For information to be visible to others, you

must opt-in and choose what information you want to include. To do this, log into your PlusPortals account, click on the drop down next to your name and choose *Directory Listing*.

Christian Service Program

Below are links to our service program information. The links below explain the program. Please reach out to Mrs. Haley Wetzel at hwetzel@smhsbr.org with any additional questions.

- ❖ [Service Hour Explanation](#)
- ❖ [Service Hour Cover Sheet](#)
- ❖ [Approved Service Organization List](#)
- ❖ [Upcoming and Ongoing Service Opportunities](#)

School Picture Day

School pictures will be taken **Wednesday, August 13**. All students must wear their dress uniform and in compliance with grooming standards as outlined in the handbook. Picture retakes will be **Tuesday, August 26**, for any student who is absent on picture day or would like to retake their picture.

Celebration of Mass

Our first all school Mass is **Friday, August 15** at 8:47 AM. We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary in the St. Sebastian Gym. Students must wear their dress uniform all day on Mass Days. Family members who would like to attend should check in at the school office before entering the gym.

Class Spirit Shirts

You can purchase class spirit shirts by clicking [here](#). They will be on sale through **August 15**. *This is the only opportunity to purchase 2025-2026 class spirit shirts.*

Student Back to School Dance

The student Back to School Dance is **Saturday, August 23, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm** in the St. Sebastian Gym. The theme of the dance will be announced to the students at each orientation. Ticket information will be sent via email during the first full week of school. Please remember that no outside friends or visitors may attend this dance. All other dances held throughout the year, do allow guests from other schools.

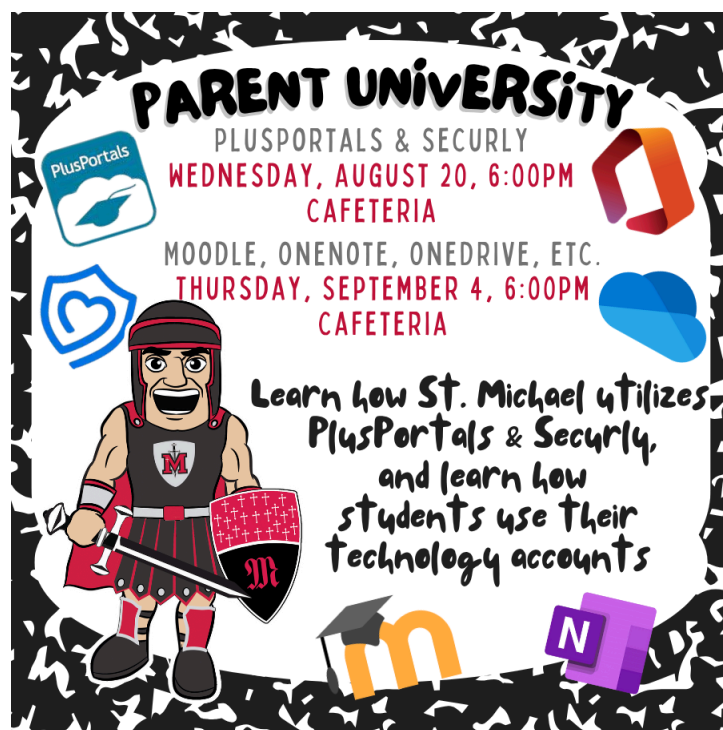
Mini Melts Ice Cream

A couple times a month we will pre-sell Mini-Melt Ice Cream during lunches. These funds go to different clubs who need to raise money for events, conventions, etc. The first Mini-Melt sale

will be **Friday, August 15** and will go to the BETA Club. The deadline for orders is **Tuesday, August 12**. Flavors are Cookies and Cream, Cotton Candy, Brownie Blast, Cake Pop, Cookie Dough, Rainbow Ice (dairy free), and Banana Split. Cost is \$5 each and must be pre-ordered. If you would like to pre-order, click [here](#).

Club Day

On **Friday, August 22**, during all lunch periods, students will have the opportunity to learn about and/or sign up to participate in clubs. All clubs will be represented and students are encouraged to get involved by joining a club or sport. Information about clubs at SMHS can be found [here](#).



Back to School Night

Mark your calendar for Back to School Night on **Wednesday, August 27**, beginning at 5:30 pm in the St. Sebastian Gym of the Multipurpose Building. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the faculty, staff, representatives of the Home & School Association and Warrior Club, and members of the SMHS Advisory Board. Parents will also walk through their child's school schedule and purchase Warrior Club merchandise.

Fall Awards

Fall Awards will be held **Friday, August 29, at 8:47 am** in the St. Sebastian Gym. This is a special event to recognize students with honors for the 2024-2025 school year and to induct the

new National Honor Society members. Parents are welcome to attend.

Senior Yearbook Picture Reminder

Senior yearbook pictures must be taken by Barclell Studio. The deadline to take senior yearbook pictures is **Friday, October 31**.



Welcome Back to our Chaplains and Religious Sisters

Fr. Joseph Bresowar, pastor at St. Mark in Gonzales, will be returning this year as chaplain. We also welcome Fr. Pravin (Pra-veen) Jadhav, associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Prairieville. Deacon Michael Parker, St. Michael Class of 2005, also will return as chaplain for St. Michael. Please pray for them and know that they are praying for you.

We are excited to once again have Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament on campus to guide us and to pray with and for our SMHS Community. Sr. Cecilia will be returning. Sr. Heart of Jesus has been assigned to serve in Gainesville, Florida and assures us of her prayers for all of us. We are so grateful for her ministry over the last four years!

Chapel Construction and Temporary Chapel

Our new chapel is still under construction in the space that used to house Campus Ministry and Advancement. As construction is completed there will be a **temporary chapel** in the **St Anne**

Room located off the foyer of the St. Sebastian Gym. The chapel will be open, and the Blessed Sacrament will be present there during the school day. Please come and pray before and after school! **Worship Wednesday** (Adoration and Music) will begin the first week of school during lunch periods!

MP3-Music Prayer Praise Play:

Open Wide the Doors to Christ

High school students from across the Diocese are invited to this awesome back to school kickoff event, brought to you by St. Michael Campus Ministry. It will take place on **Saturday, August 16** from 6:00 - 10:00 PM at **St. John the Evangelist in Prairieville**. This is a fun night of fellowship and faith – including games, music, food, powerful keynote speaker, and opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and confession. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Sign up at tinyurl.com/OpenwideMP3 and pay at the door. St. Michael students should register as individuals.

A calendar titled 'UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS AUGUST - OCTOBER'. It lists various events with their dates and descriptions. The events are: August 4: SENIOR BBQ; August 22: SENIOR SUNRISE BREAKFAST; August 23: BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE; September 14: PATH AHEAD: A special dinner for seniors and their parents; September 24: HOMECOMING BLOCK PARTY; September 27: HOMECOMING DANCE; October 14: SENIOR SUPPLY ORDER NIGHT; October 26-27: SENIOR OVERNIGHT RETREAT; October 31: SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURE DEADLINE. The calendar is decorated with the St. Michael's Warriors logo, which features a red 'M' with a white cross and a sword. The text 'WARRIORS DON'T MISS A MOMENT' is at the bottom.

Peer Ministry Retreat/Lock In

Mark your calendar to take part in the Peer Ministry Retreat/Lock In on **September 6-7** at St. Michael as we celebrate the Canonization of two young Saints - Carlo Acutis and Pier

Giorgio Frassati. Stay tuned for more information and sign-up details! For more information contact efroebe@smhsbr.org.

Chastity Speaker Jason Evert Coming to the Diocese of Baton Rouge

St. Michael is bringing the dynamic Jason Evert to speak at most of the Catholic high schools in our Diocese on **September 8-9**. St. Michael students will hear Jason speak at an all-school assembly on the morning of **September 8**. Please join us in prayer for these events!

Purify - Jason Evert Double Feature Evening
Invite others and join us in the **St. Sebastian Gym on the evening of September 8 from 6:00-9:15 pm for the PURIFY event**. Parents and students (13 and up) will not want to miss the **PURIFY** event which will include two live talks by Jason Evert, food, resources for each person, as well as Adoration and Confession. This event is open to families across the Diocese and is not to be missed! Please share with people that you know. The cost is \$25 a ticket and includes food, talk and free book resources for parents and students (13 and up). SMHS families can use the discount code **BRdiscount** to **purchase tickets for \$15!** Get your tickets today before the event sells out! The last time Jason Evert came to St. Michael the students raved about him and parents wanted to hear him as well! This is your opportunity for more! For more information contact efroebe@smhsbr.org. Please use the resources below to share the event and to purchase tickets!

- ❖ Facebook Event with ticket link - click [here](#)
- ❖ Event Flier - click [here](#)
- ❖ Ticket Page (use code BRdiscount) - click [here](#)
- ❖ Promo Video for event - click [here](#)

ACT/SAT

It is recommended that students register for the ACT or SAT after completing the first semester of Algebra II, typically in the spring of their junior year. Seniors who have not already taken either the ACT or SAT should register soon. These test scores are essential when seeking admission to colleges and universities and qualifying for TOPS. Please be aware that some colleges and universities, including LSU's Honors College, require that applicants take the written assessment component of either the ACT or SAT at least once. To sign up for the ACT or SAT, please click one of the following links:

[ACT](#)

[SAT](#)

The following codes may be useful when taking the ACT:

- ❖ St. Michael High School Code/CEEB: 190186
- ❖ LSU: 1590
- ❖ TOPS: 1595
- ❖ NCAA Eligibility Center: 9999

Individual Student Needs (ISN) Program

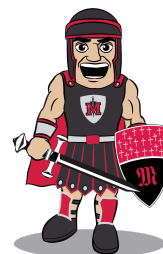
Any student with a diagnosed learning or mental health exceptionality may be eligible to receive classroom accommodations. Disabilities under the ISN program are defined as mental, physical, or psychological disorders interfering with learning that have been diagnosed by undergoing the process of a full psychoeducational evaluation by a licensed psychologist. IEPs and 504 Plans from the public school system are also accepted. Documentation of a disability is NOT forwarded by a student's previous school. In order to remain current in the St. Michael ISN program, the student's disability must have been diagnosed or reconfirmed within three academic years prior to the date of the request to receive accommodations. Requests for information or placement must be made to ISN coordinator Mrs. Taylor Flowers at tflowers@smhsbr.org.

College Application Reminders

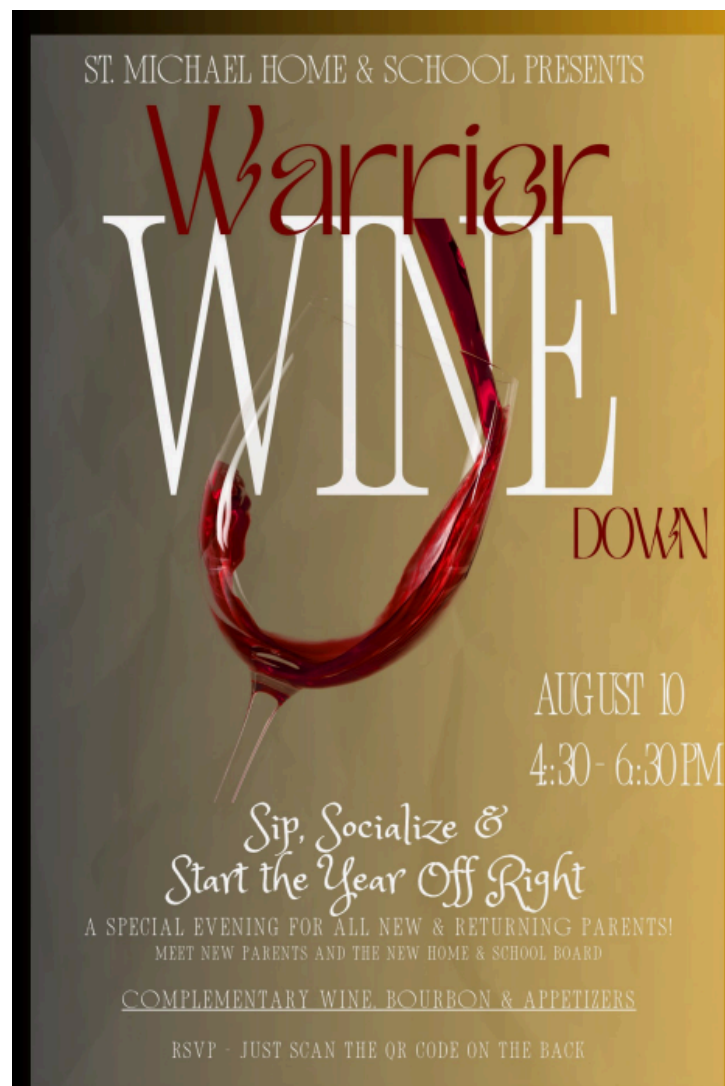
- ❖ *LSU* - Applications will open August 1 for the next fall semester. Seniors who are on target for meeting requirements should apply between August 1 and December 15.
- ❖ *Southeastern* - Priority date for full consideration for all SELU scholarship programs is January 15. Seniors who are on target for meeting requirements should apply early.

Permission for College Visits

When a student is planning a college visit or tour day, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) must complete the Excused Absence Form linked [here](#) and send to Dean of Students, Mr. Kegan Keller, at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the visit. Upon his/her return, the student should bring a letter of verification of attendance provided by the college or university.







WARRIOR CLUB

On behalf of the Warrior Club, we would like to welcome you back to school! We look forward to seeing you at the multiple sporting, academic, and faith formation events that we have planned for this upcoming 2025-2026 school year. There will be something for everyone here at SMHS. The best way to obtain information about the Warrior Club is to follow us on social media platforms. The Warrior Club is a booster club that supports all athletic and spirit groups and volunteers time and talents to ensure an exciting & successful year filled with Warrior swag, memorabilia, and accessories.

Warrior Club Board Members

Amanda Rabalais - President

Lalie Edgcombe - Vice President

Lisa Johnson - Treasurer

Tiffany Brouillette - Secretary



Warrior Club Membership

Membership fees are \$60 per family. This includes two Warrior Club decals and two Warrior Club exclusive t-shirts as well as several lagniappe items. All that purchase a membership are eligible to purchase Warrior Club Athletic Passes for \$75 per person which grants entry to all regular season home athletic events (no tournaments or playoff games). ONLY members will be eligible to purchase Warrior Club Passes. Purchasing instructions will be provided to all Warrior Club members via the [SMHS Warrior Club Website](#). *Join by August 18 to receive your membership swag at Back to School Night on August 27.*

Athletic Program Campaign

Don't miss the opportunity to highlight your child or business and raise money for your favorite SMHS sport or spirit team at the same time. The deadline for submitting ads is September 2. Click [here](#) to submit, preview, and finalize your ad.

Warrior Club Adult Back to School Dance

Let's celebrate back to school by having our own dance. This event is open to all who are 21 years of age and older. Mark your calendars for August 16 at 7:00 pm at the Multipurpose Building in the St. Sebastian Gym. There will be music by The Eddie Smith Band and Karaoke style intermission. Details including tickets, beverage cup purchases and table package are available [here](#).

Warrior Gear

New spirit gear is arriving monthly. Shop online from our [website](#) anytime and your order can be picked up at the front office during school within two weeks of your purchase. All shirts and sweatshirts purchased through the Warrior Club are school approved. Remember, hoodies are not allowed to be worn on campus during school.

As always, Warrior Club can be reached via email at warriorclub@smhsbr.org with any questions.

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the divine power of God, cast into hell, Satan
and all evil spirits, who roam about the world seeking the ruin of
souls. Amen

Alma Mater

All hail to you, St. Michael High,

The black and gray and red.

Our glory and our honor

To thee do we pledge.

Years will pass and roads divide;

Memories remain.

St. Michael, we proudly pledge

Our honor, our love, and fame.