

# 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.*

**May 2026**

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

*Dear Warrior Families,*

*Happy Easter! As we continue to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, it is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. May always brings a mix of gratitude, celebration, and bittersweet goodbyes, especially as we prepare to send off our seniors. The Class of 2026 has left its mark on St. Michael, and we look forward to celebrating with them as well as our next school leaders, the Class of 2027.*

*This month also gives us a special opportunity to honor our mothers. As Mother's Day approaches, we give thanks for the love, sacrifice, and faith of the women who help form and support our students each day. As a reminder, we are looking forward to our Mother Son Brunch on May 9. Tickets are still available and can be purchased [here](#).*

*Also on May 9, Dr. Kevin "Doc" Andry will host an Alumni Band Concert. While Doc does not want to be the focus of the event, this concert will be a special opportunity to celebrate music, community, and the legacy he has helped build. Proceeds will benefit the Matthew Guillot Memorial Band Scholarship. The concert begins at 1:00 p.m.*

*As we approach the end of the year, please note that exams will take place May 18-21. We encourage students to finish strong, prepare well, and take pride in the work they have done throughout the year.*

*As this final newsletter of the year comes to a close, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our teachers for their dedication, to our students for sharing their gifts and talents, and to our parents for trusting us with the formation of your children. It is a privilege to walk with your families and to be part of this community.*

*Have a great summer, and Go Warriors!*

*Mr. Jared Cavalier, Principal*

## UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE

### May

- 1: Senior/Mother Mass
- 1: High School MP3
- 3: Senior Athletic BBQ
- 3: New Incoming Athlete Parent Meeting
- 4-7: Senior Final Exams
- 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5: Letterman Jacket Orders
- 8: Presentation of the Senior Class of 2027
- 9: Mother/Son Brunch
- 13: Baccalaureate Mass
- 15: Graduation/Early Dismissal
- 18-21: Underclassmen Final Exams

### *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.*



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
DIOCESAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

July 16-17, 20-21, or 23-24	New Student Technology Training
August 6	First Day of School – Orientation for Freshmen
August 7	Orientation for Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
August 10	First Full Day of School for all
September 4	Teacher Inservice Day: Students do not attend school
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
October 9	End of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
October 22-23	Fall Break
November 23 –27	Thanksgiving Holidays
November 23, 24, 25	<i>Contingency Days</i>
December 15-18	Midterm Exams
December 21 – January 4	Christmas Holidays
January 4	<i>Contingency Day</i>
January 5	Students Return – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Classes Begin
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 8 – 12	Mardi Gras Holidays
February 10, 11, 12	<i>Contingency Days</i>
March 12	End of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
March 26 – April 2	Easter Holidays
March 31, April 1, 2	<i>Contingency Days</i>
May 18 (Tentative)	Baccalaureate Mass/Honors Convocation
May 20	Graduation
May 20-21, 24-25	Final Exams for Underclassmen

**Attendance on each school day is an essential part of learning. Please plan absences and vacations accordingly.**

*Contingency days will be used as school days to make up any days that may be missed due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The administration will inform parents and students when contingency days are needed.*

## Christian Service

Congratulations to the 178 students who earned **Christian Service Awards** for going beyond their required hours for the **2025-2026** school year. Seventy-two students earned the *Bronze Award* for completing 10 hours above their requirement, for a total of 2,267 hours. Fifty-nine students earned the *Silver Award* for completing 25 hours above their requirement, for a total of 2,765 hours. Forty-seven students earned the *Gold Award* for completing 50 hours above their requirement, for a total of 3,894 hours. What a testament of our students living out the school's mission by serving others!

Students may now start completing the Christian Service requirement for next year. Don't wait! It is most important that students make a plan now for the service work they plan to do over the next year. Start by selecting a service area in which the student might be interested. Then contact an organization from the school website to arrange dates and times for the service work. Contact the school service coordinator, Mrs. Haley Wetzel, with any questions or concerns.

### The Saint Teresa of Calcutta Christian Service Award

The **2025-2026 Saint Teresa of Calcutta Christian Service Award** honors two seniors who have demonstrated Christ-like servant leadership at the highest level. They live the charism *Ministerium* and are models of what a young person can achieve if he or she is willing to give, as St. Teresa says, "until it hurts," not always doing great things, but always doing small things with great love. The awardees are chosen by the members of the Theology Department who work with the students' service hours. This year's recipients are **Caroline Lucas and Jacob Jean**.

## High School MP3

### The Way, The Truth, The Life

Current 8th-12th graders are invited to attend the High School MP3 on **Friday, May 1 from 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM** in the Quad and Courtyard at St. Michael High School. Register in advance [here](#) and pay \$10 at the door to enjoy an evening of music, prayer, play and praise. Experience the Lord's love surrounded by good community!

## SENIOR FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4: 1st hour and 2nd hour  
Tuesday, May 5: 7th hour and 4th hour  
Wednesday, May 6: 3rd hour and 5th hour  
Thursday, May 7: 8th hour and 6th hour  
*\*The first exam of each day begins at 7:10 AM and the second begins at 9:05 AM*  
*\*\*Seniors MUST turn in their laptops immediately following their last exam.*

## AP FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, May 4: AP European History, 12:00 PM  
Tuesday, May 5: AP Chemistry II, 8:00 AM  
Wednesday, May 6: AP English IV, 8:00 AM  
Thursday, May 7: AP African American Studies, 12:00 PM  
Friday, May 8: AP U.S. History, 8:00 AM  
Monday, May 11: AP Calculus A/B, 8:00 AM  
Wednesday, May 13: AP English III, 8:00 AM

## UNDERCLASSMEN FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, May 18: 1st hour and 7th hour  
Tuesday, May 19: 3rd hour and 6th hour  
Wednesday, May 20: 8th hour and 5th hour  
Thursday, May 21: 2nd hour and 4th hour  
*\*The first exam of each day begins at 7:10 AM and the second begins at 9:05 AM*

**\*\*Semester exams count as 20% of a student's semester grade. Exam scores can have a significant impact on a semester average. With this knowledge in hand, please encourage your student to be well prepared.\*\***

## Failed Class

If a student fails a class, whether for a semester or the entire year, it is required that the student attend summer school immediately following the failure. Summer school attendance is mandatory if the course is required for graduation from St. Michael. For specific details regarding the SMHS graduation requirements, please refer to page 30 of the [handbook](#). Teachers will be contacting parents/guardians by **May 22** of students who must attend summer school.

## Technology

**Seniors:** Final turn in for senior laptops, flak jackets, and chargers will be in the lobby of the Multipurpose Building after your last exam on either Wednesday, May 6 or Thursday, May 7. Seniors who are finished with exams prior to these dates, please bring these items to the Help Desk.

**Underclassmen:** Underclassmen will turn in their laptops in the cafeteria after all final exams are completed, keep the flak jacket and charger. Returning students will pick up their laptops during orientation in August. Students not returning for the 2026-2027 school year, must turn in their laptop, flak jacket, and charger after exams.

## NEW STUDENTS:

### Required Two-Day Student Tablet Training

All incoming freshmen and new students to St. Michael are required to attend a two-day session for Student Tablet/PC Training in July.

- July 16 (7:30 AM - 2:30 PM) & July 17 (7:30 AM - 12:00 PM) - new students whose last name begins with A - G.
- July 20 (7:30 AM - 2:30 PM) & July 21 (7:30 AM - 12:00 PM) - new students whose last name begins with H - O.
- July 23 (7:30 AM - 2:30 PM) & July 24 (7:30 AM - 12:00 PM) - new students whose last name begins with P - Z and new incoming upperclass students.

*Proper school uniforms are required. Supervision will begin 30 minutes before class time and continues for 30 minutes past class dismissal.*

## Library News

In April, Audubon Certificates were handed out in 1st hour classes to all students who earned a 2.5 GPA or higher for the first semester. This award entitles the student plus one adult FREE admission to the Aquarium, Insectarium, Audubon Zoo and Museum of Art during January, February, and August. A year-round discount is also available by calling (504) 861-5105. Congratulations to these students on their hard work.

## Senior Athletic BBQ

The Senior Athlete BBQ will be held **Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 PM** in the Cafeteria.

## New Incoming Athletes

There will be a meeting for all incoming athletes on **Sunday, May 3 at 5:00 PM** in the main gym. This meeting is for any parents/students who would like more information on athletics for the 2026-2027 school year. All sports will be represented at the meeting to give out any necessary information and answer any questions.

## Letterman Jacket Orders

Jostens will be on campus **Tuesday, May 5**, during all lunches, for students who recently received a letter from a sport. You will know if your child lettered if they received a certificate at convocation. If you would like to order a letterman jacket or just an additional item for your jacket, please stop by their table during lunch.

## Presentation of the Senior Class of 2027

The Presentation of the SMHS Class of 2027 will be held **Friday, May 8 at 6:30 PM** in the St. Sebastian Gym. There will be **no practice this year**. Juniors wear their dress uniforms and should arrive at the main gym no later than 5:50 PM and parents should be seated by 6:20 PM. ***Any student unable to attend this mandatory event, must be excused by Mr. Kegan Keller.***

## Early Dismissal/Office Closure

The front office will be closed and students dismissed at **1:45 PM on Friday, May 15** due to graduation. There will be NO after school on this day. EBR Parish buses and the SMHS shuttle bus will run at this time.

## Mother/Son Brunch

St. Michael Mothers and Sons are invited to attend a special brunch on **Saturday, May 9 beginning at 9:30 AM in the St. Sebastian Gym**. The morning will include a delicious brunch, prayer, and fun. Grandmothers and siblings are also welcome. The cost is \$25 per person. You may reserve your spot [here](#).

### **Requests for Schedule Changes (2026-2027)**

In February, students participated in the course selection process and entered their course requests through PlusPortals. These requests, both in written and electronic formats, are considered a commitment on the part of the students to attend the classes they have asked St. Michael to provide. Students are expected to remain in their chosen classes for the entire 2026-2027 school year or in the case of one semester classes, until the end of the semester. By signing the SMHS Course Selection Sheet, parents/guardians are confirming their approval of the student's course selection and understand that these course selections are final except under the most critical circumstances. If a schedule change must be considered and is deemed unavoidable (i.e. error in the schedule; failure to meet requirements for graduation, TOPS, the Board of Regents, college admissions, etc; or the student no longer meets the requirements for the course in which he/she enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year), the parent/guardian must provide the school counselors with a written request for the schedule change. The letter must include the following information: title of the course to be dropped, title of the course to be added, the reason for the request, the parent/guardian signature and date, as well as the student's signature and date. Any requests for schedule changes must be placed in writing by the parent/guardian and submitted to the appropriate grade level counselor by **May 21**. All schedule change fees will be waived during this period. After May 21, all written requests must be accompanied by a check for \$25.00 made payable to *St. Michael the Archangel High School*.

### **Summer Hours**

The SMHS front office will be open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, May 26 through June 5 and July 20 through July 31. Beginning June 8 through July 17, office hours will be Monday through Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

### **Athletic Physicals**

This is a reminder that any student participating in all sports/cheer/dance/flag/band must submit a current physical each school year.

### **Uniform Sweatshirts**

Uniform sweatshirts will now be carried by the local uniform shops. We still have the embroidered sweatshirts previously

specially ordered by the school still available through the Front Office for \$25 each. Almost all sizes in red and black are available, and we will continue to sell them until we run out. Email [lsteib@smhsbr.org](mailto:lsteib@smhsbr.org) to place an order for pickup.

### **Bus Rider Service for the 2026-2027 School Year**

As you prepare for the 2026-27 school year, please ensure that your student(s) who require transportation are properly registered through East Baton Rouge Parish School Transportation. **The due date for this form is May 22nd.** If you fail to comply with EBR's deadline, your student(s) will not be eligible to ride the bus until September.

The link below will allow parents to register their students for ridership for the 2026-2027 school year. All current students who intend to use the service next year must also re-register for transportation even if they rode the bus during the 2025-26 school year.

Once you submit the form, you will receive the Ridership Registration Confirmation email from [rhowle@ebrschools.org](mailto:rhowle@ebrschools.org). **That confirmation email must be forwarded to Tracy Perrien, St. Michael Receptionist, at [tperrien@smhsbr.org](mailto:tperrien@smhsbr.org) so that she can verify the EBR bus rider rosters.** [East Baton Rouge Transportation Registration Form for Parochial Students](#)

If you miss the deadline and fail to register your student for the EBR Bus, your student will not be eligible to ride the bus until September 2026. You can contact EBR Transportation at 225-226-3784 to have your student added after the May 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline has passed.

### **SMHS Shuttle Bus Service**

Parents, if your student DOES NOT live within the Woodlawn High School Attendance Zone and plans to utilize the private shuttle bus service by St. Michael High School to ride to/from school during the upcoming 26-27 school year, please complete the following Interest Survey by June 1, 2026. [SMHS Shuttle Bus Service Interest Survey 26-27](#)

We use this survey to determine the shuttle bus stops for the new school year. That decision is based upon the most need within

the greater Baton Rouge geographic areas as identified by the survey.

The official updated Shuttle Bus and After-School Care Program registration forms will be sent out and made available on the SMHS website on June 15, 2026. If you are interested in more details about those services, you can find links to this school year's forms under [Quick Links](#) on the SMHS website.

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### **ACT & SAT Dates**

**ACT & SAT DATES:** The next ACT dates are **Saturday, June 13** and **Saturday, July 11**. Please visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register.

The next SAT dates are **Saturday, May 2** and **Saturday, June 6**. Please visit [www.collegeboard.org/sat](http://www.collegeboard.org/sat) to register. If you qualify for TOPS on these test dates, you will lose one semester of eligibility. If you have already met the criteria and are able to get a higher award, your semesters of eligibility are not affected.

### **Final College Admissions Requirements**

Seniors should be aware of all final college admissions requirements. This could include mailing an ACT or SAT score, immunization record (vaccinations), paying a fee bill, applying for housing or completing selective service if they are a male. Not

doing so could potentially prevent a final admissions decision from being made or prevent a student from scheduling classes or attending orientation. Please see the admissions criteria per your intended college or university for more information.

### **Dual Enrollment & AP Credit**

If a student has received Dual Enrollment credit from LSU and will be attending LSU, they do not need to do anything. If they are attending any other college besides LSU, they will need to request a transcript from LSU to be sent to the intended college or university the student will attend. If a student has received AP credit, The College Board will send a score report to the colleges or universities that the student indicated on his/her answer sheet. If a student wishes to send additional score reports, he/she may do so through an online account with The College Board.

### **Submitting a Final High School Transcript**

When a senior graduates, all public universities in Louisiana like LSU & SELU will have access to student transcripts via the Student Transcript System (STS) through the Louisiana Department of Education beginning **June 15**. Because of this electronic transfer, St. Michael does not need to mail a transcript to any public university within Louisiana. However, private institutions such as Loyola University and Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, or out-of-state institutions, will need an official copy of your student's transcript mailed from St. Michael. Please make the request via the Permission to Release Records Form found on your student's Moodle account, and include the exact mailing address of where it needs to be sent. We will not accept transcript requests over the phone or via email. Always check with the college or university admissions office or log-in online through a student account to check on the receipt of a transcript or any other document needed for admissions, such as test scores. Your student can do this form before the end of the school year and turn it in to Mrs. Rachel Cart in guidance. This form **only** needs the student's signature.

## ADVANCEMENT NEWS & IMPORTANT EVENTS



Thank you to our generous donors who helped make 2026 Giving Week (April 20-24) a success! Alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of St.

Michael came together to raise over \$8,000. Congratulations to the Class of 1995 for having the most participation. For their involvement, the '95 grads will be treated to a private tailgate at the Homecoming Game at Warrior Stadium during the 2026 football season. Additional congratulations are in order for our outgoing Freshman class who will take Class Cup Points into next school year! If you missed Giving Week, it is never too late to make a meaningful gift to the Fund for St. Michael. For more information, click [HERE!](#)

As part of our mission to keep St. Michael affordable and accessible to all families who desire a Catholic education for their children, we keep our tuition below the actual cost of our program and rely on the generosity of the community to help us make up the difference through The Fund for St. Michael. Without the compassionate support of alumni, parents, and friends, we would not be able to serve so many of these young men and women, who will be the future of our society and our world.

St. Michael High School's "Pave the Warrior Way" campaign provides a way for you to leave a legacy with a customized engraved brick for alumni, a group or team, or in memoriam of a loved one. Click [here](#) to see how you can turn this giving opportunity into a graduation gift.

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**Thank you For helping us bloom!**  
A whole week to celebrate our amazing teachers.

**May 04 - 08 St. Michael High School**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Seeds of Kindness</b> <i>Start the week with snacks from the Warrior Club!</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Rest &amp; Refresh</b> <i>Enjoy a complimentary chair massage in the teachers lounge.</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> <i>Enjoy a grab and go breakfast courtesy of the Student Government.</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Watering the Garden</b> <i>Look out for the Room Service cart coming to your door.</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Best in Show</b> <i>End the week with a catered lunch.</i>

**PAVING THE WARRIOR WAY** **ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL HIGH SCHOOL**

*Why Buy a Brick?*  
Leave a legacy for a loved one  
Support St. Michael scholarship funds  
Represent your class or a group from your graduation year

*Brick Options*  
1 Brick: 4 x 8 inches-\$125  
3Bricks: 4 x 8 inches-\$300  
13 characters/ line (3 lines max)

**1996 Girls' State Track Champs**

**"EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER."**

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:7**

## HOME AND SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
**USED UNIFORM SALE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026


4:00-6:00 PM

Home and School will sell your students' used uniforms  
AND send you the money!



### INSTRUCTIONS!

#### TAGGING ITEMS

- MARK EACH and EVERY ITEM to be sold with a price tag.
  - The price tag MUST include the following:
    - Item Description
    - Size
    - Price
    - Seller's Name
    - Seller's Email Address
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- DO NOT place the tag on the hanger, it must be **safety pinned ON THE ITEM**.
  - Use ONLY safety pins to attach your tags
  - If your item is missing a tag, if your name/phone number is illegible, if your pricing information is incomplete, etc you **will not be reimbursed**.
  - Suggested prices are on the flyer titled "Price Guide Sheet"
  - If you are donating your items, you do not need to tag your items.

#### REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

To be reimbursed, each seller MUST have the following information:

Self addressed stamped envelope with your name and your address. If you do not have a stamp, \$1 will be deducted from your total.

Payments will not be processed without this information.

Your money earned will be mailed home to you. You will be notified via email that your payment is being sent. Payments will not be made **SOONER than June 27, 2025**

#### DROP OFF DATES:

Drop off in the School Office:  
Between **May 20-June 2**  
Drop off in the School Cafeteria June 3RD:  
Between **1:30-2:30 PM**

AT DROP OFF, YOU SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- All items to be sold with labels/tags securely attached to each item.
- Index Card with the following information listed: Name, Address, Phone Number & Email Address.

#### SPECIAL NOTES & CHANGES

- Only blazers and dress shirts should be placed on hangers.
- Please do not hang any other items.
- Flat front panel pants are the official uniform.
- Pleated pants will not be accepted.
- Do not use staples, straight pins, or stickers.
- Items that are faded, stained, or discolored will not be accepted and will be discarded.
- If you are donating uniforms only and do not want a refund, there is no need to mark your items.
- Home & School greatly appreciates your generosity!

**ALL CLOTHES REMAINING UNSOLD AT THE CLOSE OF THE SALE WILL BE DONATED TO HSA.**

**LAST YEAR'S PARENTS WHO SOLD CLOTHES MADE \$6,700 FROM OUR SALE.**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL JACKIE MOSELEY  
@ jmosley@smhsbr.org

If anyone would like to donate towards teacher appreciation week, please see the sign up genius at this link below..

[HSA - 2025 All Parents Current: 2026 Teacher Appreciation Week - Thank you for helping us Bloom.](#)

Grab and Go Finals Breakfast will be held Monday, May 18, 2026. You can donate items with this sign up.

[HSA - 2025 All Parents Current: 2026 Final Exams Grab and Go](#)

Used Uniform Sale will be held on June 3, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. You can volunteer to help at the sale at this link.

[HSA - 2025 All Parents Current: 2026 Used Uniform Sale.](#)



**WARRIOR GEAR** – Shop online, year-round, from our [website](#) anytime and your order may be picked up from the front office during school hours. Keep in mind that this is a volunteer organization, and we are doing our best to accommodate and complete orders and respond to emails as quickly as possible. Turnaround time is generally 2 weeks or less.

Interested in volunteering with the Warrior Club for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year? Email The Warrior Club at [warrriorclub@smhsbr.org](mailto:warrriorclub@smhsbr.org).

#### Upcoming Events:

- Senior Athletic BBQ – May 3
- New Parent Athlete Meeting - May 3
- Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8
- Senior Graduation – May 15 - Congrats to the Class of 2026!
- Used Uniform Sale and Warrior Store Open - June 3
- Adult Back to School Dance - August 22 - featuring *Press 1 for English*

