

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.

Summer 2026

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Warrior Families,

I hope all of our families are enjoying the summer, and I would especially like to welcome our new Warrior families. We are grateful that you have chosen St. Michael and look forward to welcoming your students to campus. I hope to see our newest parents at New Parent Bootcamp on July 22. The evening will provide helpful information about our traditions, expectations, and opportunities. It will conclude with a Home and School Association meeting and social, offering new parents an opportunity to connect with returning families to gain insight and advice on being a Warrior, and to learn more about and shop with our Warrior Club.

Our campus has remained busy throughout the summer. Current projects include renovating the gym and resurfacing the gym floors, painting the Fine Arts building, creating a Founders Wall to honor our first graduating classes, adding modern furniture to the cafeteria, and improving the lighting in classrooms throughout the science wing.

Our faculty has also been hard at work. Many teachers spent time in June participating in curriculum planning and professional development focused on instructional innovation, Catholic identity, curriculum alignment, assessment, and ACT preparation. I am grateful for the time and energy our faculty continues to invest in our students, even during the summer months.

The administration has identified several priorities for the coming year. The Student-Parent Handbook is currently being updated, and the most significant changes will be communicated in the August Principal's Newsletter.

We are also excited to begin the rollout of our new mentoring program. Every student will be assigned to a small group led by a faculty or staff member. These groups will provide students with an additional trusted adult on campus while creating opportunities for guidance, accountability, encouragement, and connection.

Additionally, we will continue strengthening our ACT preparation program. The assessment data gathered this past year has helped us better understand our students' needs and will allow us to provide more purposeful preparation throughout the year.

Our theme for the 2026–2027 school year is “St. Michael Warriors Rise Up,” inspired by Ezekiel 37:10. Throughout the year, we will focus on relationship, identity, and mission as we challenge our students to rise up and become the people God is calling them to be.

As we prepare for another school year, I ask that you join us in prayer for our students, teachers, staff, and families.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus soon.

Go Warriors!

Mr. Jared Cavalier, Principal

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE

July

16-17, 20-21, 23-24: New Student Tablet Training

22: New Parent Bootcamp

August

3: Senior BBQ

5: deadline to turn in afterschool and shuttlebus forms

6: Freshmen Orientation

7: Sophomore, Junior, Senior Orientation

10: First full day for all students

Summer Office Hours

Summer hours for the SMHS Administration Office are **Monday through Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM through July 17**. Beginning July 20 until school starts, the office will be open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Required Summer Reading

The required summer reading list for all students is available [here](#) and on the SMHS website under Quick Links. Students are to read two books from their grade level list. Please note that Honors and AP students may have additional requirements notated at the bottom of the page. You can find book reviews and summaries at www.barnesandnoble.com and commonsensemedia.org.

Summer Service Hours

Students may begin working on their Christian Service requirement for the 2026–2027 school year. We encourage students to start planning their service opportunities now. Begin by selecting a service area that aligns with your interests, then contact an organization from the approved service list to arrange dates and times for your volunteer work. For additional information about the Christian Service Program, please click [here](#).

New to SMHG?

PARENT BOOTCAMP

The Home & School Association is excited to invite our new families to Parent Bootcamp. This is an informative evening designed to help families prepare for the transition to SMHS. You'll receive valuable tools, resources, and tips to support your student as they begin this exciting new chapter.

We look forward to partnering with you to help your student have a successful start at SMHS!

DATE: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

TIME/PLACE: 5:00 - 7:30 PM / Main Gym

REGISTRATION: 5:00 - 5:25 PM

★ Opening session begins promptly at 5:30 PM

REGISTER AT: <https://forms.gle/bwcAxygr5bgi4Urr9>

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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.

After School Care Program & Shuttlebus Information

Registration has begun for the St. Michael Shuttlebus and After School Care services. The forms are now available on the SMHS website under [Quick Links](#). Please review the letters for complete information and submit the forms at your earliest convenience; **deadline to be added to the rosters before the start of school is August 5, 2026**. For questions, contact Lori Steib, Registrar (lsteib@smhsbr.org, 225-753-9782 x12).

First Days of the 2026-2027 School Year

Orientation days will be held for all students in all grades and are listed below. Students will report to the Multipurpose Building.

- **Freshmen** - Thursday, August 6, time to be announced at a later date
 - follow an abbreviated class schedule and attend orientation sessions
 - do NOT bring laptops
 - Parents are invited to the Multipurpose Building at 6:00 PM for a short meeting followed by the traditional Bible ceremony
- **Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors** - Friday, August 7, time to be announced at a later date.
 - Pick up laptops and learn any technology updates
 - BRING flak jacket and Technology Signature Page (sent via email at a later date) in order to receive laptop

All students must be in proper uniform. No lunch will be served, but students are encouraged to bring a water bottle.

The first full day of classes for all students is Monday, August 10. The first bell rings at 7:10 AM with dismissal at 2:26 PM. The St. Michael Shuttle Bus and the EBR buses will run beginning the first full day of classes.



Senior Yearbook Pictures

Online scheduling for tuxedo/drape and cap & gown portraits are now open through **November 6**. All items for this session will be provided by Barcell Studio. All seniors are required to take yearbook pictures at Barcell. The sitting fee for this session is \$20.00. Visit Barcell's website at www.barcellstudio.com and click the blue "Book a Session" button located at the bottom right of the page to schedule. Be sure to enter the student's name in the name field when scheduling. Barcell Photography is located at 251 Tate Rd, Denham Springs.

Questions? Call (225) 791-1951.

Senior BBQ

Come kick-off the beginning of your senior year & mingle with your classmates. Food will be provided by The Warrior Club & Student Activities! For SMHS seniors only.

DATE: August 3

TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

RSVP at this link:

<https://forms.gle/h7XD7uDHXpHTZDbw9>



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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	Orientation for Freshmen
August 7	Orientation for Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
August 10	First Full Day of School for all students
September 4	Teacher In-Service Day - students off
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
October 9	End of the 1 st Nine Weeks
October 19-20	Senior Retreat
October 21	Open House/PSAT
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 nd semester begins
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 rd Nine Weeks
March 16	PreACT/ACT
March 26 – April 2	Easter Holidays
March 31, April 1, 2	<i>Contingency Days</i>
May 4-7	Final Exams for Seniors
May 17	Baccalaureate Mass/Honors Convocation
May 20	Graduation
May 20-21, 24-25	Final Exams for Underclassmen

Attendance 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.

2026-2027 Home & School Executive Board

President - Shae McLin

Vice President - Heidi Diecedue

Secretary - Christy Lawrence

Treasurer - Shelley Wintz

Social Media - Kristi Murray

Volunteer Coordinator - Jelessia Alberman

Faculty Liaison - Jackie Moseley

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A huge THANK YOU to everyone who shopped and volunteered
their time at the Used Uniform Sale !!!

Special Thanks to event chair Shelley Wintz!

Your support is greatly appreciated.

WARRIOR GEAR: Shop online, year-round, at the [Warrior Club website](#). Orders available for pick up in the front office.

VOLUNTEERS: The Warrior Club is looking for volunteers for the 2026-27 school year. Interested? [Email the Warrior Club](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Adult Back to School Dance - August 22

MEMBERSHIPS: Warrior Club Memberships will go on sale the first week of August. Stay tuned for the go-live updates. Memberships may be purchased online through the [Warrior Club website](#). Athletic ticket passes will be available for purchase at [i2tickets](#).

ATHLETIC PROGRAM CAMPAIGN: If you have a company or athlete/student that you would like to feature, please email your inquiry to [Warrior Club](#). Look for more information soon.

DID YOU KNOW? All monies collected by the Warrior Club are invested directly into the many spirit and athletic clubs at SMHS. These include: convocations, teacher appreciation week sponsored by Home & School, SMHS giving campaign, scholarships for incoming freshmen, and will soon wrap a bus in Warrior Nation Pride.

Farewell, Warrior Nation! From Amanda Rabalais
As I wrap up my four years as Chairperson of the Warrior Club, my heart is full. Thank you for every volunteer, parent, student, and supporter who showed up, pitched in, encouraged, and believed in our mission. We celebrated wins, tackled challenges, and built a community that feels like family. I'm grateful for every moment and every person who made this journey meaningful. It has been a privilege to serve and to work alongside such dedicated parents, volunteers, coaches, and supporters. Your commitment and collaboration have made every achievement possible. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to lead, to serve, and to contribute to the continued success of our Warriors!