



# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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.

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## SPIRITUAL LIFE

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022:

Wednesday	Sept. 29	Mass	St. Michael Feast Day
Tuesday	Oct. 19	Mass	
Monday	Nov. 1	Mass	All Saint's Day
Thursday	Dec. 9	Mass	Immaculate Conception
Thursday	Jan. 6	Mass	
Thursday	Feb. 3	Mass	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday	Mar. 23	Mass	
Wednesday	Apr. 27	Mass	Service Mass
Thursday	May 5	Mass	Senior/Mother Mass

**FRESHMAN RETREAT:** The Freshman Retreat has been rescheduled for **Monday, September 20**. Theology teachers will email students and parents with new information and permission slips.

**MASS:** Two all-school Masses will be held **Wednesday, September 29** at 8:50 AM in the Multipurpose Building and in the main gym to celebrate the *Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel*. Our celebrants will be Fr. Taylor Sanford and Fr. Ryan Hallford. Students must wear their dress uniform. The mass will be livestreamed.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM:** Students and parents should access the updated service program policy. All information, directions and forms for the Christian Service Program can be found on the school website under the *Spirituality* link. Students are asked to complete a certain number of service hours, which is determined by their grade level. If you have questions about the service program, you may email Theology Department Chair Mrs. Haley Wetzel at [hwetzel@smhsbr.org](mailto:hwetzel@smhsbr.org) or Campus Minister Mrs. Emily Froeba at [efroeba@smhsbr.org](mailto:efroeba@smhsbr.org). The Fall due date for service is **December 6**. Students must submit half of their hours by this date.

For service hours completed in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, students must request a specific form from their theology teacher.

**LETTERS TO SHUT-INS:** Freshmen and sophomores will be earning *Direct* service hours by writing letters to nursing home residents in the greater Baton Rouge area. If you know an elderly friend or relative who would appreciate receiving a monthly letter from a St. Michael student, please email Mrs. Emily Froeba at [efroeba@smhsbr.org](mailto:efroeba@smhsbr.org) with his or her information.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Students will have the opportunity to celebrate the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* during religion classes on **Thursday, September 23**. We appreciate our priests who make it possible for our students to receive the grace of this Sacrament.

**PEER MINISTRY RETREAT:** Students are invited to attend a fellowship and enrichment retreat on **Saturday, September 25** at 4:00 PM in the Multipurpose Building. This event will be followed by the *High School MP3*. Students may register at <https://forms.gle/uPNRkw6qHT3AsP2p8>.

**HIGH SCHOOL MP3:** St. Michael students are invited to the first MP3 of the year. This will take place on **Saturday, September 25** from 6:30-9:30 PM in the Multipurpose Building. A great night of music, praise and play. Register at <https://forms.gle/OcjzH6KWXRpLafwCA> by **Tuesday, September 21**. Masks and social distancing will be required for both events.

**PRAYER WARRIORS:** If you are a parent, a grandparent or an alum who would like to take an active role in praying for our school community by joining a prayer line, please email [prayerwarriors@smhs-br.org](mailto:prayerwarriors@smhs-br.org) for more information.

**RED STICK CATHOLIC FEST:** Sign up has begun for St. Michael students to attend this Diocesan Youth Event on **Saturday, October 30** at St. John Church in Prairieville. It will be a day of fellowship, fun and faith. The day will include dynamic speakers, socially distanced fun and amazing worship. The cost is \$30. Students can reserve their spot by **September 30** at <https://forms.gle/ggRykrTybqixhQ16>. If you have questions, please contact Campus Minister Mrs. Emily Froeba at [efroeba@smhsbr.org](mailto:efroeba@smhsbr.org).

## INTELLECTUAL

**END OF FIRST NINE WEEKS:** The end of the first 9 weeks grading period is **Tuesday, October 12**. This is an adjusted date due to missed days during the hurricane. It is important that each student puts forth maximum effort in his/her studies. There is no excuse for not working. Keep up with your student's grades using PlusPortals. If you need help accessing the site, please call the front office and ask for the Registrar. If you have questions or concerns about your student or his/her grades, please contact the appropriate teacher.

**BATON ROUGE NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR:** The NACAC National College Fair is going virtual this year. More than 600 colleges and universities will be online to talk with high school juniors and seniors on each of these dates this Fall: **September 12, October 13, October 24 and November 14**. Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents are invited, too. For further information and to register for this event, please go to [virtualcollegefairs.org](http://virtualcollegefairs.org). Contact Mrs. Rachel Cart at [rcart@smhsbr.org](mailto:rcart@smhsbr.org) with any questions.

**COLLEGES VISITING SMHS:** Soon we will have admissions representatives from a number of colleges and universities visiting our school in order to share information with prospective students. Emails and/or announcements will be made alerting students of these opportunities. Seniors may want to monitor their email, Moodle, and the SMHS Online Calendar for dates/times of upcoming events held at St. Michael.

**PERMISSION FOR COLLEGE VISITS:** When a student is planning a college visit or tour day, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) must forward a written request to *Mrs. Ellen Lee* prior to the actual date of the visit. The student should return to school the day following his/her absence with a letter of verification of attendance which will be provided by the college or university upon request. *Mrs. Lee* will review the requested information prior to and following the event when considering the validity of granting an educational excused absence for the time missed away from school. Please refer to the *St. Michael High School Student/Parent Handbook* for further details regarding educational absences.

**LSU APPLICATION REMINDER: APPLY EARLY!** Applications are now being accepted for the next Fall semester at LSU. Although the priority date for full consideration for all LSU scholarship programs open to entering freshmen is **December 15**, seniors who are on target for meeting LSU admissions requirements should **APPLY EARLY!** The LSU Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships also serves as the automatic application for all entering freshmen scholarships. To apply, go to the LSU Undergraduate Admissions website: [www.lsu.edu/admissions](http://www.lsu.edu/admissions). Students' official high school transcripts, official ACT or SAT scores, and all other required information must be received by LSU **prior** to the **December 15** deadline.

**LSU HONORS COLLEGE APPLICATION:** Freshmen entering LSU are eligible to apply to the Ogden Honors College. Students interested in seeking admission to LSU's Ogden Honors College should begin by completing the LSU Application for Undergraduate Admission and Scholarships. Students may indicate their interest in the Ogden Honors College by simply checking the Honors College box on their LSU application. Incoming freshman applicants must first be admitted to LSU prior to their admission to the Honors College. Students will be notified of their Honors College admission status beginning in **November** and on a rolling basis thereafter. **The deadline to apply and be considered for LSU's Ogden Honors College is December 15.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING FOR SENIOR PARENTS:** All senior parents are encouraged to participate in the Senior Parent Meeting, *An Evening with LSU & LOSFA*. This event will be held on **Tuesday, September 21 beginning at 6:30 PM**. An LSU admissions counselor will be addressing LSU Undergraduate Admissions and steps to the application process. Following the LSU presentation, a representative of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) will be presenting critical information on **TOPS** and the importance of successfully completing the **FAFSA**, which serves as the primary application for **TOPS**. Senior parents will receive a Zoom link via email from Senior Counselor *Mrs. Rachel Cart*.

## **PSAT INFORMATION FOR SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS:**

During the month of September, *Mrs. Linda Dutreix* will distribute practice materials to teachers for the PSAT. The materials will be used in both the Math and English classes for PSAT Prep. On **October 13** from 7:15 AM—12:00 noon, all 11th grade students will sit for the PSAT, the **National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test** and the preparatory version of the SAT. St. Michael covers the cost for all juniors to take this test. During the spring semester, *Mrs. Dutreix* will meet with juniors to interpret test scores and to discuss further resources for college and career readiness.

St. Michael allows 10th grade students to sit for the PSAT. The cost for sophomores is \$20. *Ms. Katelyn Rodriguez* emailed all sophomore parents a link to register for the PSAT by no later than **Friday, September 10** if you are interested in having your 10th grade student sit for the test. **We must abide by the September 10 deadline to ensure that we have an accurate amount of testing materials.**

**SENDING ACT SCORES:** When registering for the ACT, a student may request that his/her score report be sent to a college or university. If requesting during the registration process, the first four (4) score reports are **FREE** and automatically sent once scores are processed. Additional score reports may be requested online for a fee at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) through the student's account. Please make sure you are sending **ACT** scores to **LOSFA** using code 1595.

**SENDING TRANSCRIPTS:** Since St. Michael participates in the *Louisiana Student Transcript System (STS)*, all transcripts will be sent electronically to the Louisiana Department of Education if parents provided their written consent for us to do so. All Louisiana public colleges and universities will obtain applicants' transcripts electronically through *STS*. Private colleges or out-of-state schools will need a transcript sent from St. Michael. A Transcript Request Form will need to be signed by the student and his/her parent. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact *Mrs. Rachel Cart* at [rcart@smhsbr.org](mailto:rcart@smhsbr.org). For Dual Enrollment and AP credit students, the college transcript and/or AP credit will need to be requested from the accrediting institution.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM:** The United States Selective Service System requires all young men to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. In order to be in full compliance with the law, a man turning 18 is required to register during the period of time beginning 30 days before, until 30 days after, his 18th birthday...a 60-day window. In addition, registration information may now be submitted as early as the age of 17 years and 3 months old. In cases of early registration (prior to the 60-day window), Selective Service will keep the information on file and then process it once the young man is within 30 days of reaching his 18th birthday. A card will then be mailed confirming that his registration has been processed. Failure to register is in violation of federal law. To register, please go to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

**LIBRARY NEWS:** Did you know that free homework help is available online Sunday through Thursday from 2:00 PM—midnight? These free, one-on-one tutoring sessions include real-time chat, interactive white boards, math tools, etc. Simply log into [homeworkla.org](http://homeworkla.org) and enter your public library card number. Students may even upload their research papers or essays to receive live editing assistance. The website also includes free ACT and AP test prep quizzes as well as tutoring in Spanish and Vietnamese.

In addition, this year the SMHS National Honor Society members will be offering free tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the last 30 minutes of all lunch periods. Pop in the library to get help with homework, lab reports, and peer editing.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

**LETTERMAN JACKET ORDERS:** On **Friday, September 10** letterman jacket orders will be taken during all lunch periods for students who received an academic letter during Fall Awards and for students who lettered in Spring Sports this past school year. Packets are available for pick up in the office.

**PIN & RING CEREMONY:** The Senior Class of 2022 will enjoy their *Pin and Ring Ceremony* on **Monday, September 13** beginning at 6:30 PM in the Multipurpose Building. Parents are invited.

**SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES:** If your student was not able to take his/her picture last month, retakes are scheduled for **Tuesday, September 28** during all lunch periods. If retaking your picture because you did not like how the original picture turned out, please bring your original set of pictures and \$5.00.

**SENIOR BREAKFAST:** Seniors will be honored with a special *Sunrise Breakfast* on the morning of **Monday, September 13**. Seniors will receive an email with details.

**SENIOR PICTURES:** **October 12** is the deadline for senior yearbook pictures. Contact Barcell's at 225-791-1951 to schedule an appointment.

## ADVANCEMENT

**ST. MICHAEL SOCIAL MEDIA:** Follow us and like our social media pages to stay in touch with important news and daily student activities. If you have news or information to share,

email [iking@smhsbr.org](mailto:iking@smhsbr.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/saintmichaelhighschoolbr](https://www.facebook.com/saintmichaelhighschoolbr)

Instagram: [stmichaelbr](https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelbr)

Twitter: [@StMichaelHighBR](https://twitter.com/StMichaelHighBR)

### SHADOW DAYS:

St. Michael High School welcomes all current 8th graders to spend the day with a Warrior.

Meet students, faculty, staff and coaches;  
Attend classes with an SMHS student;

Be our guest for a complimentary lunch;  
Tour our campus.

#### DATES:

\*September 21

\*September 30

\*October 12

\*November 10

### WARRIOR FOOTBALL:

Come out and support your Warriors this September!

#### JV

9/13 @ Live Oak , 6:00 PM

9/27 @ SMHS vs Ascension Catholic, 5:45 PM

#### Varsity

9/10 @ Albany, 7:00 PM (to be played at Walker High School)

9/17 @ Live Oak, 7:00 PM

9/24 Tara @ Olympia, 7:00 PM (Band Night)



**Warrior Club** would like to thank all of our new members. If you were not able to pick up your membership items, they are available in the front office. For those with missing items, we will notify you when they are available for pick up. For those who would like to join, it's not too late! All details are available on our website.

The new date for our **Adult Back to School Dance** is **January 8, 2022**. Tickets and Drink Cups are available on our website. If you purchased a ticket for the original date and have not yet responded to the email concerning your options, please do so as soon as possible.

Don't forget your **Warrior Gear**! You can shop online from our website.

Follow our social media for Warrior Club updates, recognition of our athletic and spirit groups, restocking of our store, and more!

[www.smhswarriorclub.com](http://www.smhswarriorclub.com)

***BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT***  
***HOME & SCHOOL FREE TUITION RAFFLE:***

**Congratulations** Jodi Chambers, mother of SMHS students Avery & Jackson Chambers  
Winner of the Free Tuition



Pictured from left are Principal Ellen Lee, Jodi Chambers, and Home and School President Angela Warren

**Congratulations** Frances Palmer, grandmother of SMHS student Ava Palmer  
Winner of the Free Technology Fee



Pictured from left are Frances Palmer and Principal Ellen Lee

*Thank you to all who supported this annual SMHS Home and School fundraiser.*



## ***A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:***

### **A Spirit of Gratitude**

Our St. Michael Faculty and Staff, along with so many of our families, are grateful that we were spared the devastation from Hurricane Ida that occurred in other parts of our diocese and our state. In times of hardship, the true spirit of our theme *Live the Call* can be seen. Families checking on friends and neighbors. Students volunteering to help those in need. Parents donating much needed supplies for people in hard hit areas. Faculty and staff cleaning up the school buildings and grounds. Everywhere you looked, Warriors were there to help. Thank you for your service to others in need.

Some dates are changing because of the five days that the school was closed due to the storm. Below are some important date changes. Others are listed throughout the newsletter.

*Freshman Retreat*

**Monday, September 20**

*Hurricane Make-up Days*

**Friday, October 8 and Monday, October 11**

*End of the first nine weeks*

**Tuesday, October 12**

Thank you to all parents who are keeping their child home when he/she doesn't feel well. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy. We continue to keep our safety measures – mask wearing, handwashing, social distancing, disinfecting high touch surfaces – in place to do our best to contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Thank you also to all who cooperate with the process of quarantining. I know that this is difficult for everyone – student, teacher, and family. Working together we can keep our students and faculty as healthy as possible.

Thank you for entrusting your child to St. Michael High School.

Blessings,

***Ellen B. Lee***, Principal



## **MR. LANDRY'S TESTING TIPS:**

### ***When should students take the ACT?***

This is a common question that has been asked over the years. Taking the ACT too early or too late are two of the biggest mistakes a student can make. There is a *sweet spot* for taking and succeeding on this test. Many parents believe having their children take the ACT test as many times as they can is beneficial, but this is a mistake. Think of it from a coaching perspective. Most coaches do not have their teams play full games at practice. Practice is broken up into segments of rehearsing skills, executing drills, and preparing for high pressure scenarios. This is also a good approach for ACT preparation.

When students take the test too early, they usually underperform and develop a negative attitude regarding the test. In a similar way, taking the test too many times results in test fatigue accompanied with a decline of score results. Taking the ACT when a student is cognitively ready to prepare is the key to success.

So, when should a student take the ACT? Most of it depends on their math progress:

**10<sup>th</sup> grade** – If a student is taking Algebra 2, he/she should take the ACT after the Sophomore year is complete.

**11<sup>th</sup> grade** – If a student is taking Algebra 2, he/she should take the ACT in the spring of the Junior year. Since most of the math content is covered by the spring, April and June are the optimal test dates.

**12<sup>th</sup> grade** – Anytime in the fall.

If you would like more information, please check out this [video](#).

I look forward to continuing to support you and your child(ren) through the standardized testing process. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

***Kevin Landry***

Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction



# **Congratulations to Students Recognized at the Fall Academic Awards Ceremony**

## **Woodmen of the World American History Award**

**Melinda Jones**

## **Barefoot Pedals Foundation Scholarship**

**Caleb Wiese**

**Julia Coffey**

## **Robert A. Bogan Family Scholarship**

**Jerry Ostrander**

## **Jim Broussard Greater Baton Rouge State Fair Scholarship**

**Richard-Tri Dang**

## **Kay Rabalais Memorial Scholarship**

**Julia Elizabeth Miller**

## **St. Michael Student Council Leadership Scholarship**

**Nicholas Johnson**

## **ACT 30+ Award**

<b>Caroline Adolph</b>	<b>Ashlynn Howell</b>
<b>James Balart, Jr.</b>	<b>Nicholas Johnson</b>
<b>Christian Corsten</b>	<b>Melinda Jones</b>
<b>Madeline deVries</b>	<b>Anthony Latona</b>
<b>Richard-Tri Dang</b>	<b>Michael LeBlanc</b>
<b>Jonathan Harper</b>	<b>Julia Miller</b>
<b>Alexander Henderson</b>	<b>Peter Nguyen</b>
<b>Henlee Hoffer</b>	<b>Nicholas Thai</b>

## **NEWLY INDUCTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

<b>Emma Allerheiligen</b>	<b>Ella Howle</b>
<b>Cooper Bankston</b>	<b>Hayden Knapps</b>
<b>Nicole Benigno</b>	<b>Abby Lanoux</b>
<b>Makayla Bonanno</b>	<b>Anna Medine</b>
<b>Isabella Bull</b>	<b>Abram Morales</b>
<b>Bryson Cannatella</b>	<b>Anh-Tu Nguyen</b>
<b>Emma Collett</b>	<b>Emily Ponson</b>
<b>Lauren Crow</b>	<b>Bryce Rogowski</b>
<b>Richard-Tri Dang</b>	<b>Liam Reed</b>
<b>Cara Isabella Delacruz</b>	<b>Mia Scott</b>
<b>Lily Dumas</b>	<b>Kristen Slatcoff</b>
<b>Hannah Englert</b>	<b>Beverly Smith</b>
<b>Franklin Epps</b>	<b>Katelyn Sotor</b>
<b>Madelyn Fitch</b>	<b>Allie Waguespack</b>
<b>Braeden Fox</b>	<b>Anna Weileman</b>
<b>Robert Harrison</b>	<b>Chance Young</b>
<b>Jonathan Harper</b>	<b>Allyson Zyliez</b>
<b>Ashlynn Howell</b>	

**PRINCIPAL'S HONORS  
2020-2021**

**Sophomores:**

Hayden Bessonnet  
Henry Breeden  
Elizabeth Brumfield  
Makenzie Clark  
Blaise Fox  
Gavin Landry  
Baylie Patt  
Andrew Richard  
Dalton Rufini

**Juniors:**

Nicole Benigno  
Bennett Blank  
Emma Collett  
Jonathan Harper  
Allyson Zylicz

**Seniors:**

Caroline Adolph  
James Balart, Jr.  
Christian Corsten  
Melinda Jones  
Anthony Latona  
Julia Miller  
Peter Nguyen  
Margaret Perrien  
Nicholas Thai

**FIRST HONORS  
2020-2021**

**Sophomores:**

Claire Ashford  
Lee Balart  
Ava Barnett  
Matthew Beall  
Josiah Bolton  
Emily Breaux  
Luke Campbell  
Elise Cormier  
Jackson Cummings  
Ronald Kien Dang  
Reagan Dedon  
Arthur Donaldson, IV  
Annemarie Froeba  
Ashlyn Gitz  
Mary Kathryn Gravois  
Audrey Hair  
Caden Hannie  
William Harrison  
Angela Huynh  
Makenzie Kidder  
Kaiden Klock  
Katherine Klumpp  
Abigail Kraemer  
Luke Leger  
Monica Levron  
Hays Marionneaux  
Madeline McCoy  
Hannah McQuiddy  
Julia Miller  
Lucas Miller  
Emily Naquin  
Alexander Neal  
Angel Ngo  
Nikki Normand  
Nikolas Pforr  
Victoria Provost  
Alexandra Redden  
Julia Rispone  
Colleen Roberts  
Jansen Stevens  
Olivia Thibodeaux  
Isabel Tram  
Vivian Truong  
Alexander Vidaurre  
Reilly Wilks

**FIRST HONORS  
2020-2021**

**Juniors:**

Cooper Bankston  
Makayla Bonanno  
Isabella Bull  
Macy Collins  
Lauren Crow  
Richard-Tri Dang  
Cara Isabelle Delacruz  
Ansley Edwards  
Darren Evans  
Madelyn Fitch  
Braeden Fox  
Will Godbery  
Brady Hatcher  
Ashlynn Howell  
Hayden Knapps  
Abby Lanoux  
John Latona  
Christian Martin  
Miranda Martone  
Joshua Miller  
Anh-Tu Nguyen  
Austin Pearson  
Matthew Perere  
Emily Ponson  
Liam Reed  
Ashton Richardson  
Mia Scott  
Beverly Smith  
Reese Stelly  
Andrew Tran  
Allie Waguespack  
Anna Weileman  
Chance Young

**FIRST HONORS/  
2020-2021**

**Seniors:**

Jacob Ashford  
Thomas Betancur Lopez  
Jeanne Bourgeois  
Honor Camus  
Julia Clark  
Julia Coffey  
Taylor Cuccia  
Madeline deVries  
Nicholas d'Gerolamo  
Mason Dolan  
Matthew Freeman

Ross Fuselier  
Blaiklee Guillot  
Alexander Henderson  
Henlee Hoffer  
Micah Howard  
Lindsey Hunt  
Olivia Jackson  
Nicholas Johnson  
Michael LeBlanc  
Emilia Lomnicki  
Trey McCann  
Abigail McLeod

Abram Morales  
Sandra Nguyen  
Georgia Nizzo  
Joel Pena Rodriguez  
John Raymond Jr.  
Lucy Rispone  
Alex Rodrigue  
Bryce Rogowski  
Kristen Slatcoff  
Andrew Snyder  
Sarah Talbot  
Jake Viscardis