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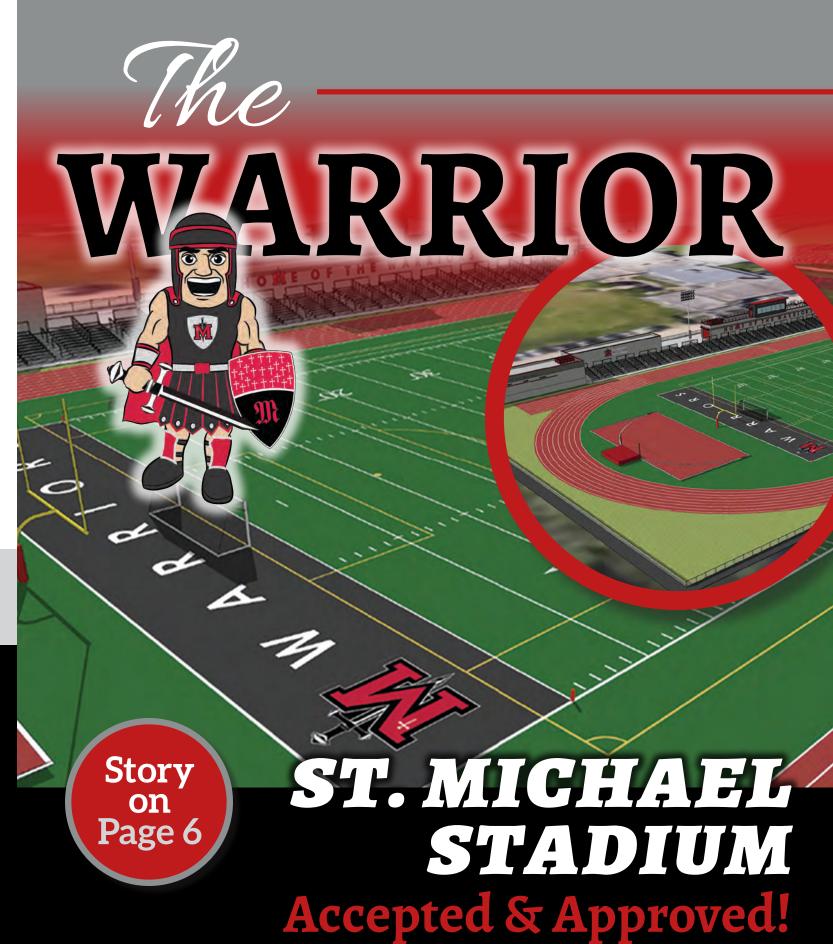
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## The WARRIOR



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#### St. Michael the Archangel

#### **High School**

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#### Mission

Fostering the spiritual, intellectual, & personal development of young people as committed disciples of Christ since 1984.

## The WARRIOR

# Ellen Lee

#### From The Principal

At **St. Michael the Archangel High School,** we have our feet planted firmly in the present with an extraordinary vision for growth as we keep our eyes on the future. Our vision includes educating and forming young people to prepare them to achieve their best in school, in their careers, and in their personal lives. We challenge them to become committed disciples of Christ, as they make a positive difference in the world.

Our school, founded in 1984, has come a long way from its humble beginnings, serving just 160 students in a single school building. Today, almost four decades later, we stand together with pride as a vibrant community of more than 620 students. Our campus has evolved, equipped with state-of-the-art, twenty-first century technology and a new multipurpose building.

Our vision for growth is coming to life as we have plans to complete our campus with the beginning of our St. Michael Stadium Project. The project will include a turf field, eight lane track, press box, concession stand, restrooms and more. We plan to have home football games, girls and boys soccer games, and track meets in our new facilities next year. The construction of this project will allow us to create a vibrant hub of activity and growth on our campus. We are committed to providing the best opportunities for our students, both academically and athletically. It is an investment in the future leaders and rich legacy of St. Michael.

St. Michael is a place where students develop their Godgiven talents, building upon each other's strengths, and shaping their destinies. It is a place where new friendships are forged, games are won and lost, where innovation thrives, and our faith guides us through every challenge. This Warrior stadium project will serve St. Michael students far into our future. We count on your prayers and your support as we embark on this exciting journey of A Legacy United, Building the Campus of Tomorrow.

God Bless,

Ellen B. Lee, Principal



Career Day 1 2023

## Thank you for making our 2023 Career Day such a success!

As you get closer to that graduation date, students are faced with many big decisions about what they want to do after they leave high school. Growing up can be scary but getting to hear from speakers in each student's career fields of interest helps answer a lot of questions these young adults may have. We were blessed to host over 80 speakers at our 2023 Career Day who kindly took time out of their schedules to share some insight on their professional journeys and answered any questions our students may have had. It makes it even more special when over half

of the speakers were Warrior

Thank you for making our 2023 Career Day such a success! Interested in sharing some insights on your area of expertise at next year's event? Email us at kpage@smhsbr.org.





St. Michael High School was honored to have eighteen SECOND GENERATION WARRIORS in the graduating class of 2023.

Andre' Ricau Bankston and son, Cooper Bankston Breanne Campagna Curtis and son, Jackson Landry Will and Eliska Addison Dumas and daughter, Lily Dumas Jason Englert and daughter, Hannah Englert Annie Comeaux Flatau and daughter, CeAnna Flatau Sarah Gillis and son, Bryson Cannatella Heather Langlois and daughter, Zoe Capello Pamela Fleming McLaughlin and daughter, Sydnie McLaughlin Mary Bahlinger McLellan and son, Cade McLellan Shane Ortego and daughter, Ella Ortego Donald and Kelly Gibbs Phillips and daughter, Ava Phillips Lauren Pichoff and son, Jackson Cambre Robbie Sheridan Pitre and son, Brennan Pitre John Raymond and son, Thomas Raymond Erik and Michelle Creel Smith and daughter, Beverly Smith Dal Waguespack and daughter, Blythe Waguespack Brittany Berry Watkins and daughter, Elise Watkins Patrick and Blair Lee Yarborough and son, Clayton Yarborough

Thank you for continuing the Warrior Legacy.



## 2nd Generation Warriors









# St. Michael Stadum Accepted & Approved!





A Legacy United.

Building the CAMPUS OF TOMORROW!







Dear St. Michael community,

We are thrilled to share with you a momentous milestone in the journey of St. Michael High School. After months of planning, collaboration, and unwavering dedication to our mission, we are delighted to announce our proposal for the St. Michael Stadium project has been accepted by the Diocese of Baton Rouge and approved for construction.

In the coming weeks, the existing practice field will begin to take shape as our new athletic complex:

- Turf Football and Soccer Field
- 8 Lane Track
- Home and Visitor Bleachers
- Locker Rooms
- Concession Stand
- Storage Facilities
- Press Box
- Restrooms



A Legacy United. Building the Campus of Tomorrow. This next chapter and announcement resonate deeply with our journey. It is a testament to the unity and determination which have always defined our St. Michael community. As we embark on this extraordinary project, we are not just constructing a field for football and soccer games, track and field meets, and physical education classes; we are laying the foundation for a legacy that will extend far into the future.

As we proceed, we will be sharing more details about our exciting journey ahead, including ways for you to become involved with this exciting expansion. Together, as a united St. Michael community, we will build a campus that embraces tomorrow while honoring the legacy of those who came before us.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our school's mission.

God bless,

Elles Sole

Mrs. Ellen B. Lee

Principal





faith life and academics, there

is a camp for everyone at St.

Michael. Check out our website

for a list of summer camps offered and make plans to spend next summer the Warrior Way!



## - The WARRIOR

## **2022-23 NATIONAL**

### **MERIT SCHOLARS**



**BRAEDEN FOX** 









NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT

#### **JONATHAN HARPER**



NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT

#### **BENNETT BLANK**



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The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships that began in 1955. The program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®), a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. United States high school students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

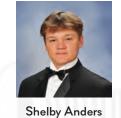
(PSAT/NMSQT®), which serves as an initial screen of over 1.3 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

St. Michael High School has been
blessed with two students being named as
Commended Students and two named
as Finalists. Congratulations to our
Commended Students, Jonathan
Harper and Bennett Blank, and
to our National Merit Finalists,
Angelique Deville and Braeden Fox.

# Congratulations to the Warrior Class of 2023

St. Michael's graduation ceremony was held in May, at the Baton Rouge River Center. 152 seniors walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and are now officially members of the St. Michael Alumni Association. Congratulations Class of 2023, you did it! We can't wait to see what your future holds. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your high school journey these past four years and making us WARRIOR PROUD!











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Macy Collins

Robert Cook



Bankston

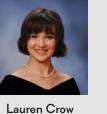














Cunningham



Antonio Barraza



Nicole Benigno



Riley Black



Beau Blanchard

































Cara Delacruz



Edgecombe





Domingue









Cannatella

Brenna Fisher

Madelyn Fitch











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Ann Marie Mary-Catherine Champney Cazedessus



Emma Collett



# Congratulations to the Warrior Class of 2023



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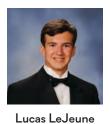
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John Mallett



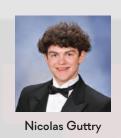


















































Ella-Corinne

Howle







Miranda Martone



McGibboney





McLaughlin













Isabella Jenkins







Natalie Nguyen









Rodney Jones

Cameron Kimball





Jackson Landry



Hannah Johnese

John Latona

# Congratulations to the Warrior Class of 2023















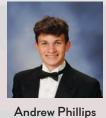


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**Brandon Theriot** 

Emilio Perez

Claire Perry

Denora Phan



Olivia Pinell **Brennan Pitre** 







Emily Ponson

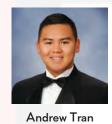


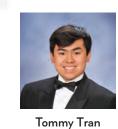


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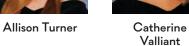


















Michael Pocorello







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Jack Varisco

Elise Watkins



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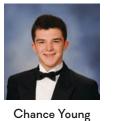


Samantha

Vicknair



Yarborough



Waguespack



Waguespack

Allyson Zylicz

Mia Scott



Grant Shapiro



Kaitlyn Shapiro



Tate Smith

## Alumni Updates

If you
or someone you know
has exciting alumni news,
please contact our Alumni
Coordinator, Khloe Page,
at kpage@smhsbr.org

#### ALUMNI UPDATES 2023



#### BABIES

- Tiffany Weisse Bennett '04 and her husband, Brandon welcomed a baby boy, Brees James on June 21, 2023
- Sarah Edwards Vidrine '05 and her husband, Ashton welcomed a baby girl, Julie Claire Elizabeth on May 15, 2023
- Courtney Staudermann Tolbert '07 and her husband, Chance welcomed a baby girl, Byrdie Rae on January 16, 2023
- Daniel Sommers '08 and his wife, Aimee welcomed a baby boy, Brody Patrick on February 1, 2023
- Courtney Ordeneaux Roussel '09 and her husband, Nick welcomed a baby girl, Harper Alaine on August 21, 2023.
- Rebecca Landry Acosta '09 and her husband, Jake welcomed a baby girl, Josie Marie on December 20, 2022
- Rachel DeBenedetto Gibson '10 and her husband, Justin welcomed a baby girl, Olivia Grace on January 27, 2023
- Caitlyn Bueche Michelet '12 and her husband, Justin welcomed a baby girl, Scottlyn Blair on January 16, 2023

#### MARRIAGES

- Dane Moni '09 married Katelyn Moss '11 on May 27, 2023
- Madison Fakouri '14 married Dylan McElroy on March 25, 2023

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

 Jeffrey Brignac '19 graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Nursing degree. He was also recognized as a distinguished military graduate and will spend the next four years serving as an Army Corps Nurse.



#### WARRIOR AWARDS DINNER

Congratulations to our honorees who were presented with awards at the 2023 Warrior Awards Dinner at Ruffino's on May 23rd. We are so thankful for the service and commitment of our honorees to St. Michael High School.

#### MYRA PATUREAU WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE

Myra has dedicated more than 40 years to the Diocese of Baton Rouge, 11 of which were at St. Michael High School. From 2000-2011, Myra served as the Principal and Assistant Principal at St. Michael and was instrumental in advancing many of our athletic facilities as well as implemented our 1:1 computer program for students. Through the years, Myra has served on many boards and organizations including the National Catholic Educators Association and the Diocesan Principals Association. She currently resides in Baton Rouge and is serving as a realtor for Edie Sotor Realty, LLC.

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#### CHRIS KEAGLE -WALL OF HONOR INDUCTEE

As a graduate of the Class of 2004, Chris Keagle was a multisport student athlete during his time at St. Michael. His IOL success as a Warrior carried on to his college years where he became a fouryear letterman and two-time, first team All-WAC punter at Louisiana Tech University. Following his time at Tech, Chris took a

position at Washington State University as a graduate assistant coach. He now resides in Louisiana with his three children and is an HRIS software account executive for Paylocity.

#### MADELINE NEWCHURCH BUTTON - ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Maddie was a member of the graduating class of 2016 and has continued to remain involved in St. Michael High School since graduation. As a proud alumna, she understands the importance of giving back to her alma mater. Maddie can be seen throughout the year at various school events such as student retreats, athletic events, and the March for Life. Maddie resides in Baton Rouge with her husband and currently works at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital as registered nurse.

#### COURTNEY MOORE - WARRIOR SWORD AWARD

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Over the past ten years, Courtney has generously volunteered her services to many programs at St. Michael High School. As an active member of the Warrior Club, Courtney has held many positions on the board and various athletic SCHOO committees. Courtney's giving heart has also led her to playing a huge roll in assisting with the March For Life trip along with many other Campus Ministry events.



#### TASTE OF WARRIOR TAILGATE

Thank you to all of those who made our first TASTE OF WARRIOR TAILGATE event a success! We had a blast tasting yummy food from some of the best restaurants in Baton Rouge, listening to live music performed by Werewolf, bidding on auction items, and most importantly-supporting St. Michael High School!



Congrats to City Pork's pork and grits for being named "Best Dish."

Special thanks to our vendors and sponsors for helping make this event possible for us!

#### **VENDORS:**

Ruffino's Italian Restaurant, Proverbial Wine Bistro, City Pork Highland at Perkins, Matherne's Market, Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux, Bistro Byronz, SoLou, Mestizo Louisiana Mexican Cuisine, Mason's Grill, Catering Cajun, LLC, Rice & Roux, Just Wingin It

#### **SPONSORS:**

Gulf Coast Bank (Bar), Shamrock Construction (Tailgate), Manda Fine Meats (Tailgate), Ascension Premier Dental (Logo), Bill Caldwell Insurance Services, Est. 2011(Logo), Coca-Cola (In-Kind), Community Coffee (In-Kind).

# PAVING THE WARRIOR WAY



## 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:** 4x 8 inches-\$300

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We are excited to share with you the continuation of our "PAVE THE WARRIOR WAY" brick campaign, located in the Servium Courtyard. This giving opportunity provides a way for you to leave a legacy with a customized engraved brick for your St. Michael student, a group or team, or in memoriam of a loved one.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to leave a permanent mark at St. Michael High School!

For more information, contact Khloe Page '04 at kpage@smhsbr.org.





## **ALUMNI FAMILY DAY**

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Alumni Family Day 2023!

From our annual softball tournament to school tours, and reminiscing on the good old days, a good time was had by all!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible!





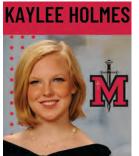


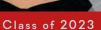
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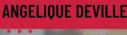
St. Michael High School's ACT 30+ AWARD was introduced at the 2021 Fall Awards Ceremony held in August. The award is a new honor at St. Michael High School which recognizes Warriors who achieved an ACT composite score of 30 or above. On average, only 7% of ACT test-takers in the world attain this score. We are proud to announce that 10% of the class of 2023 has reached this achievement along with several members of the class of 2024.

## **BRAEDEN FOX**



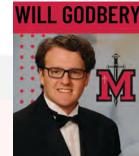






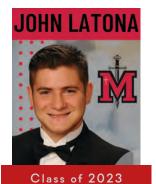


Class of 2023



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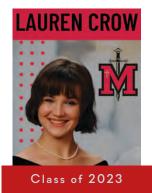


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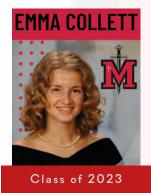


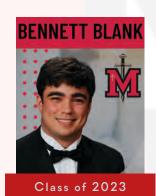
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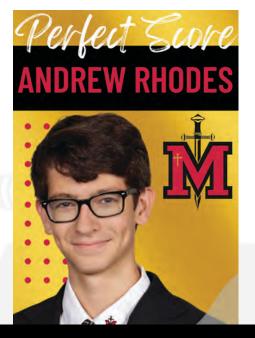


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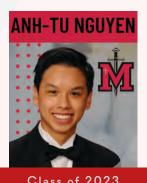
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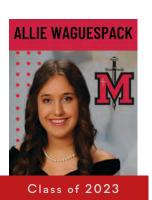


**CLASS OF 2024** 























# THE NASHVILLE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

The Nashville Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia are a group of religious sisters stationed in Nashville, TN, and have convents around the country and even a few around the world. They are habited, young sisters, who are rapidly increasing in vocations and serving the Church in many ways, especially through running Catholic schools.

St. Michael alumna, Sara Lavastida ('19), took her first profession of vows on August 10, 2023 with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia as Sr. Naomi Grace. Keep Sr. Naomi Grace in your prayers as she continues to serve her vocation.

## Message from Advancement

"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

Fostering strong relationships is pivotal in the world of school advancement. Whether it is reminiscing with our alumni at social gatherings, partnering with local businesses, or discussing the future of St. Michael with generous donors, the significant connections we share with our supporters are priceless. Now, with the amazing news regarding a new athletic stadium, our advancement office is eager to continue carrying out the mission of our school by meaningfully involving you.

To the naked eye our new campus addition may only appear as turf and synthetic rubber. Please do not be fooled by the renderings in this magazine. Bestowed upon us is a catalyst; a spark that will bond all Warriors. From the inaugural graduating

Class of 1987 to our future alumni, this awesome project will serve as a conduit for involvement.

As our school continues to grow, I invite you to pray and reflect on ways you can join us as we journey into this next exciting chapter. Whether it is a talent you wish to share, time you may give, or finances you are willing to donate, please contact the advancement office to learn about the many ways you can support our school.

God bless,

Jason Chauvin

Advancement Director



# Save the Date!

Alumni Basketball Game

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Warrior Golf Classic MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Cookies with Santa SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Taste of Warrior Tailgate
SATURDAY, MARCH 2



We want to THANK all of the members of the Warrior community for their generous donations this year. It is because of you that our school and students continue to thrive.

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