

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (GRADES 6 - 8)

MIDDLE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

Saint Michael Middle School will provide a balanced program and environment to meet the special characteristics and needs of emerging adolescents. Students in middle school grades will be encouraged to be independent and self-directed, not only through classroom instruction, but also in leadership opportunities appropriate for this age. We want our students to feel a strong sense of belonging to their school, church, teachers, parents, and to each other. We want them to know what we expect, to expect praise when they live up to our expectations, and to accept consequences if they don't and then move on with resolve to change.

We have high expectations for good behavior from all our students. Appropriate behavior creates the proper environment for learning. Each teacher expects every student to adhere to the student handbook rules and to follow the posted classroom rules. We have set limits for student behavior and consequences if students go beyond those limits. Parents' support for these limits and consequences is vital to bringing all our students to their fullest social and academic potential.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Middle School curriculum is updated and reviewed annually to ensure it meets the high standards set forth by the state of Massachusetts and Archdiocese. Our curriculum is challenging as we prepare the Middle School students for the rigors of Catholic, private and public high schools. Our motto has always been to "teach to the top" and provide safe, nurturing support to all learners. Students are encouraged not just to be active learners but to be leaders, good citizens and role models for those around them. Please check our web site for specific curriculum areas.

In addition to outlined classroom learning, your child will participate in:

- Fine Arts Enrichment
- Library
- Physical Education Classes
- Spanish
- Junior Achievement
- Mass Services (first Friday each month)
- American Sign Language Program



EXTRA HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Middle School Teachers provide an enrichment/extra help session once a week either before or after school. The Library and Computer Lab are open early two mornings a week for students.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The Saint Michael School National Junior Honor Society is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Students in the third term of the sixth grade or grades seven and eight are eligible for membership. The Honor Society

chapter establishes guidelines for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. These criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

PEER TUTORS

Students exhibiting the highest academic and community level performance within their class are invited to be Peer Tutors. This honorary status allows the them to assist the younger students in the school as needed. It is a great leadership opportunity for those kids who are academically strong and patient with younger children.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Grades 3-8 participate in the Student Council. Each grade holds an election and two students from each homeroom form the Student Council. They meet once a month and work together to plan fundraising and community enhancement projects.



SCHOOL HOURS

9:00 AM - 3:15 PM

TUITION

Please turn to page 16 for a tuition overview.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are mandatory in the Elementary Program. Please view our uniform policy on page 14.

EXTENDED DAY CARE OPTIONS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS

Saint Michael School offers 'The Extended Day Program' for families that require early drop off times or extended care after standard school hours. Details can be found on page 10.

