



Happy beginnings to everyone! I can't tell you how amazing it was to have the halls and classrooms filled with smiling faces on the first day of school. We are pleased to welcome everyone to a new school year, including our new families and teachers. Some of our new students are just beginning their early childhood education with us while others have joined us for their final years of elementary school. We hope that all of our new families settle into life at St. Michael School and feel comfortable in their new surroundings.

What can you expect this year at SMS? It's going to be a fun-filled year. We kicked it off with our Playground Day and PTO Night! The PTO has some fun events this year. Some will help raise funds for the school and others are simply meant to be fun-raisers! Hopefully you know that as parents at SMS, YOU are the PTO. Everyone is a member, whether you can attend a meeting or not. We do, however, hope you'll come to some meetings. We need everyone to help support the events either by volunteering or by attending!

As the year goes along, we strongly encourage that you utilize our school social media sites (Facebook- Saint Michael School, North Andover (closed group), Instagram- SaintMichaelSchool and X- @SMSNorthAndover) as well as our website (www.saintmichael.com) and our weekly emailed newsletter, The Trumpet. All of the teachers have access to direct emails so please feel free to contact them via email, note in the backpack or by phone. Please simply recognize that teachers are teaching all day and not always checking email except before/after school so if there is an important message you need to get to your child during the day, your best option is to call the school directly.

Saint Michael School strives to be a community of students, parents, parishioners and staff working in collaboration with each other which results in a family atmosphere where children feel safe and loved. If there is anything I can personally do to assist you during the first few weeks of school or at any time this year, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for a great school year!

Sincerely,

Sue Gosselin

Saint Michael School Mission Statement

Saint Michael School offers an exceptional Catholic education to our students, nurturing their desire to achieve academic excellence and encouraging spiritual, artistic, and athletic development in a caring, family environment. We motivate our students to become well-rounded, moral young men and women who are prepared to live a faithful life with intellectual rigor and spiritual awareness.

St. Michael Church

As we begin a new School year we seek God's Blessings on all that we will do in the days ahead. We celebrated Mass with our teachers and staff and then we celebrated Mass with the whole School in the Mass of the Holy Spirit. We prayed for wisdom and understanding and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit for all involved in our School. Together, as students and parents, as teachers and staff, as clergy and parishioners, may we use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help all involved to Live with purpose.....to live with Christ.

God Bless!

Fr. Deeley



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Upcoming Reminders

- September 21 & 22- School Picture Days
- September 27- 7pm. PTO Meeting-all are welcome
- October 6- No School- Teacher Professional Dev.
- October 9- No School- Holiday
- October 12- STEM Night
- October 16- 1:45 Mass- 7B hosts
- October 19-20- Gr. 8 Retreat Days
- October 24- Living Rosary 1:45pm.-Gr. 5 hosts
- October 26- N-4 Trick-or-Treat Night
- October 27-Gr. 5-8 Halloween Dance 7-9p.m.

Do Not Send Cash or Checks Into School

When paying for field trips, art projects, club, etc. for your child, all payments must be made through our Student Information Service Program, RenWeb/FACTS.

Have An Idea or Suggestion?

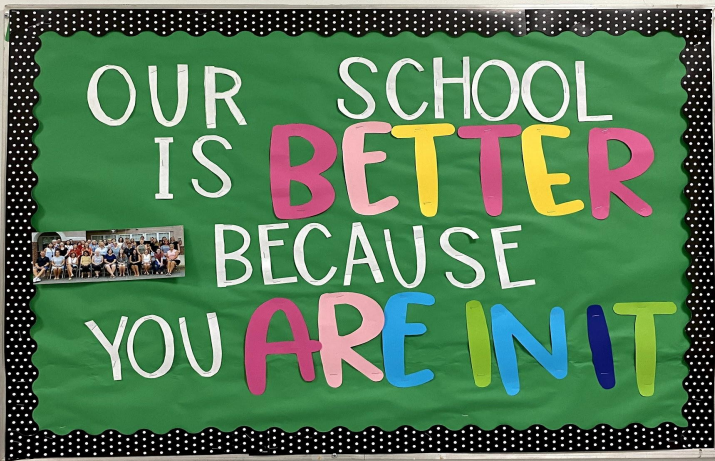
We love to hear from you! If you would like to send us a comment or a suggestion, please email us at info@comcast.net.

Food Allergy Policy

Saint Michael School strives to be a nut free school. Please do not send in items that contain peanut butter or tree nuts. Please direct any questions to the Health Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Notice

This notice is per the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act." An asbestos management plan has been developed for St. Michael's School which has asbestos containing material present. These plans are available and accessible to the public by contacting Nick Ippolito at 978-686-4050 at the Parish Offices as well as at the LEA administration office.



Tuition Update

How Do Families Receive a Parishioner Tuition Rate?

As a reminder, to be considered an active parishioner (and receive a parishioner tuition rate for the 2024-2025 school year) families must make a minimum total offertory donation of **\$500** to our parish beginning **July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024**. This can be done on a weekly basis when you attend Mass **BUT** it must be made in a trackable manner. You **NEED** to be a registered parishioner. If you wish to receive offertory envelopes from the parish, please email Dorothy_varga@saintmichael.com.

You may also make donations on the parish online giving website <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/298>. Donations made at Easter and Christmas are for the benefit of the Clergy Trust and therefore do **NOT** count toward the annual \$500 donation to St. Michael Parish.

UMatter Program



Our U_Matter pledge is recited each morning:

*I pledge on this morning, as I begin this school day, to be thoughtful and kind in all I do and I say.
To treat others with respect as I'd have them treat me. To be the kind person God wants me to be.
To do one good deed and to all be a friend and to tell someone they matter before the day ends!*

T.E.A.C.H.

in**T**egrity

g**E**nerosity

f**A**ith

Courage

t**H**ankfulness

These 5 character traits will be focused on during the 10 months of school (one for every 2 months). Each time we see a student exhibiting or exemplifying a trait, we add their name to the U_Matter container. Each week the office staff will randomly pick students from the container and they'll select a prize from the U_Matter prize box.

September & October--- Faith

November & December--- Thankfulness

January & February--- Generosity

March & April---Integrity

May & June--- Courage



NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

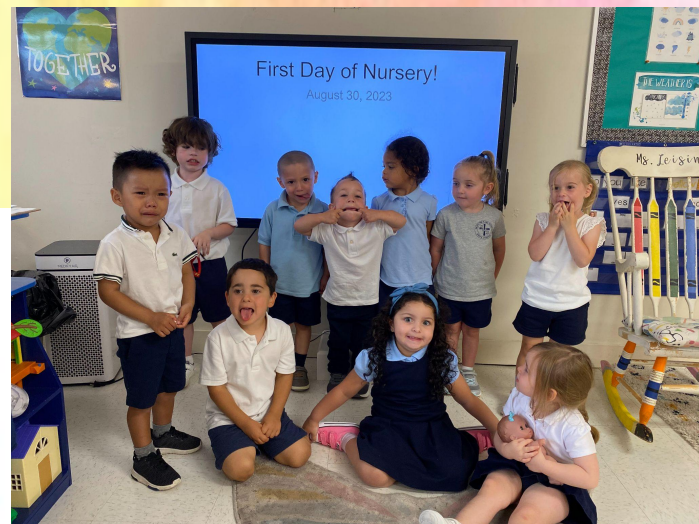
Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN



We've had a great beginning of the school year! We're excited to learn and grow together this year!



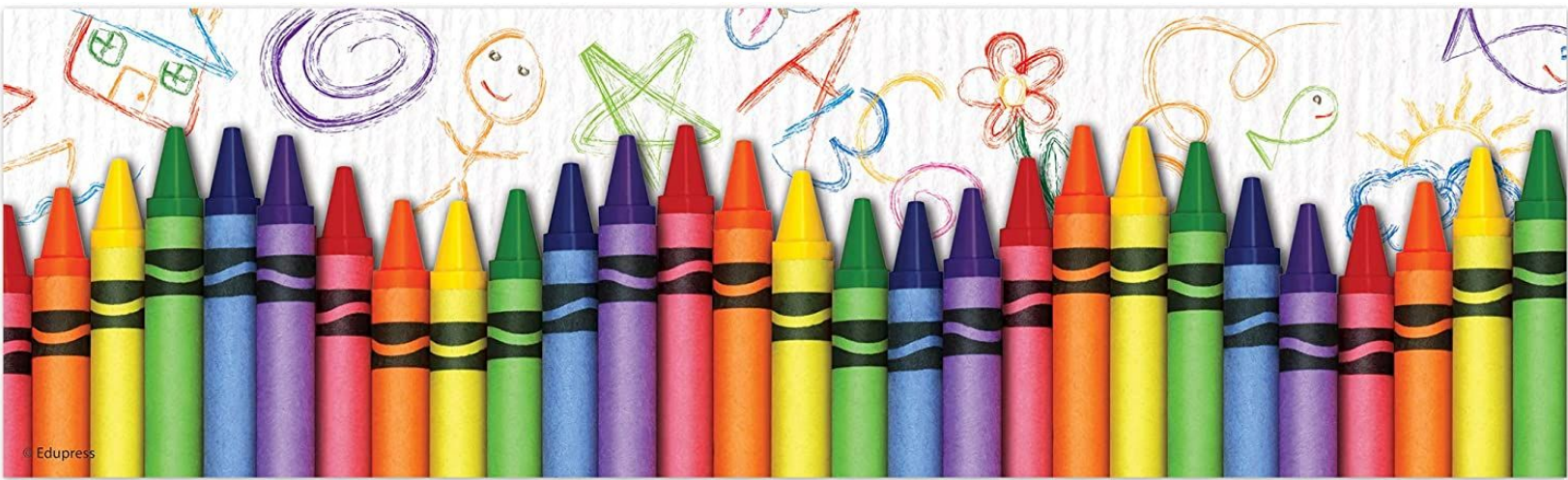
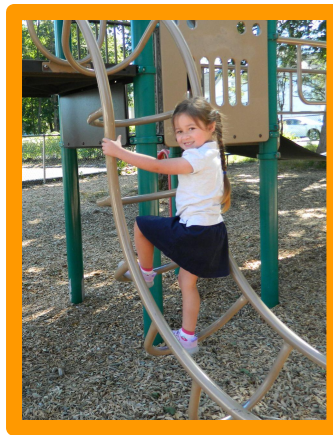


**Our year has
started with lots of
learning and fun!
We are getting to
know our alphabet,
prayers and our
friends!**



PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

We are off to a great start in Pre-k. We are ready to make new friendships and learn while having fun!!



PRE-K Ms. K



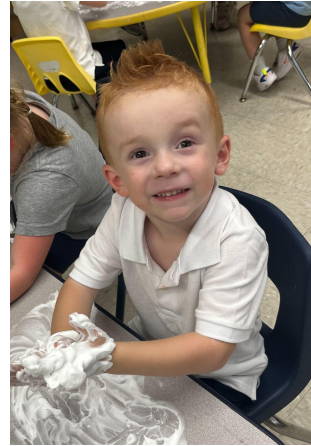
Welcome to Pre-K!

We have had such a great start to our school year!! The students have been getting to know their new classroom and making new friends. As we continue our school days together, we will learn all about teddy bears, apples, and more about one another!!



PRE-K

Mrs. Cali



Welcome to Pre-K

We are having so much fun coming to school everyday and making new friends! We have been focusing on getting to know one another through our "all about me" theme! We are so excited to see what the year has in store for us!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Sleight



We are a class family! Here to learn, play and make new friends!
Watch us as we grow together! Kindergarten will be an awesome year!

Kindergarten!

Mrs. Polcari



We are so happy to be back in school! My class had a GREAT first day! Just look at all those smiling faces!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kasberg



We are having a great time
in Kindergarten making new
friends and learning!



FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH GRADE

First Grade

1A- Mrs. Robidoux



Welcome to our fabulous first graders! We are going to have an exciting year of faith, fun and learning. This month we learn about God's Love, New Friends and New Strategies. Looking forward to a wonderful year!

First Grade

IB- MS. BEDARD

Welcome to first grade!
We are off to a fabulous
year of learning and fun!
We are starting off with
God's Love, Friendship and
new strategies!





Mrs. Caffrey 2A

The children are off to a great start in 2A. We have met new friends and have already started our new books. We are looking forward to a great year.





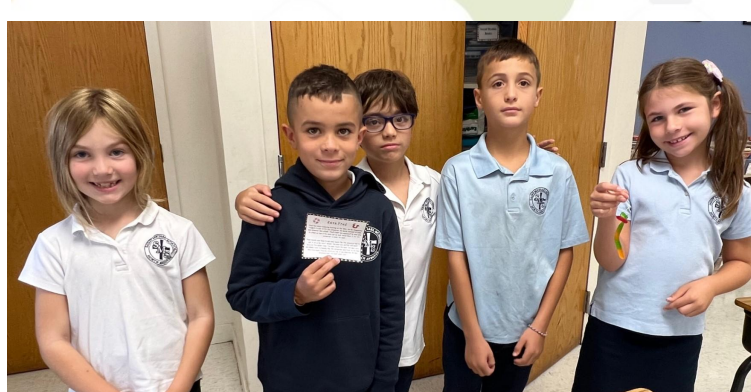
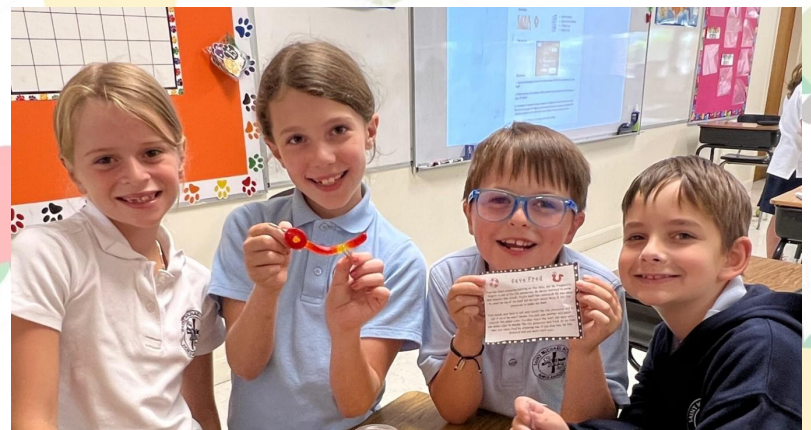
Grade 2B- We are off to a GREAT start!



3RD GRADE

Mrs. Tarpey

One of the first activities the students participated in this year was a STEM activity! They needed to work together to "Save Fred". The students enjoyed the activity and worked very well together.



3RD GRADE

Ms. Puccia

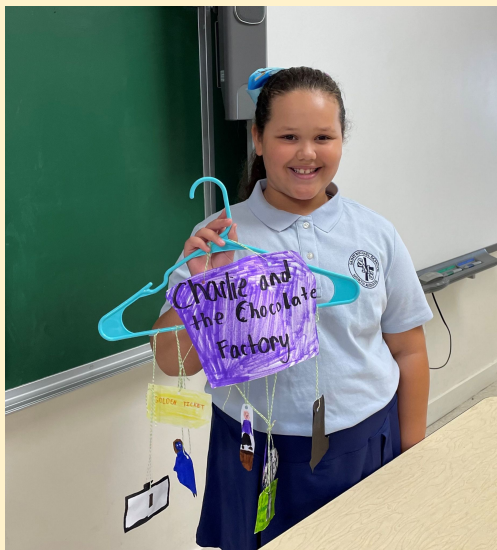
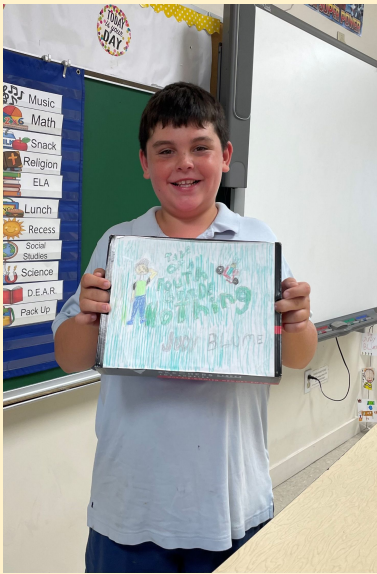
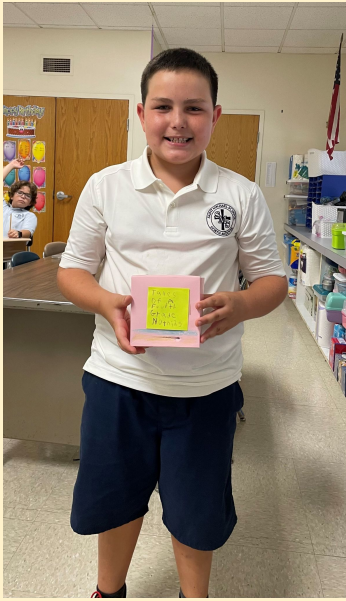
Welcome to 3B! We are so excited to start this school year together. We have enjoyed storytime each day during snack. So far we have read "How To Get Your Teacher Ready", "If You Bring a Mouse to School", and "What I Saw in The Teachers Lounge". Looking forward to a great year!



Grade 4 is looking forward to an awesome school year!!



Grade 4 did an awesome job on their Summer book projects!





FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

Grades 5-8



SEVENTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE

Mrs. Adam- 5A

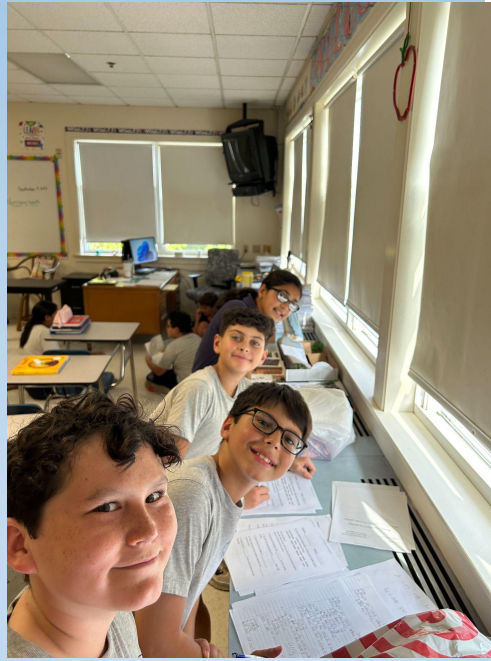


We're
ready for
5th grade!



Mrs. Adam- 6th Grade ELA

**WELCOME
BACK
TO SCHOOL**



The students quizzed each other on the summer book they read and then shared their projects with one another. We're off to a good start!

Grade 5B First Day 2023



We are excited to start the school year! First day of 5th grade in our new uniforms! We are ready for a fantastic year :)



Grade 6A

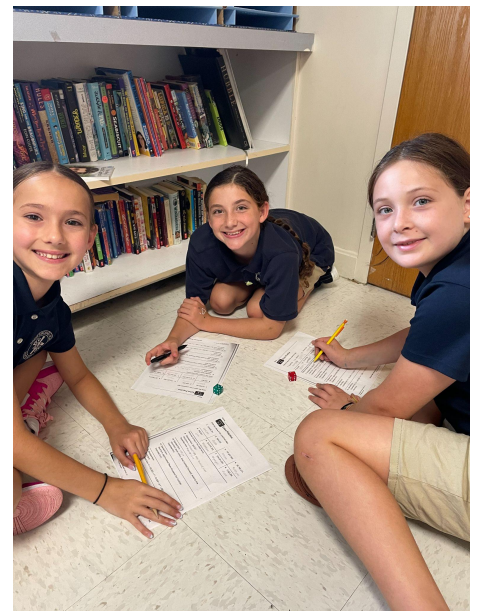
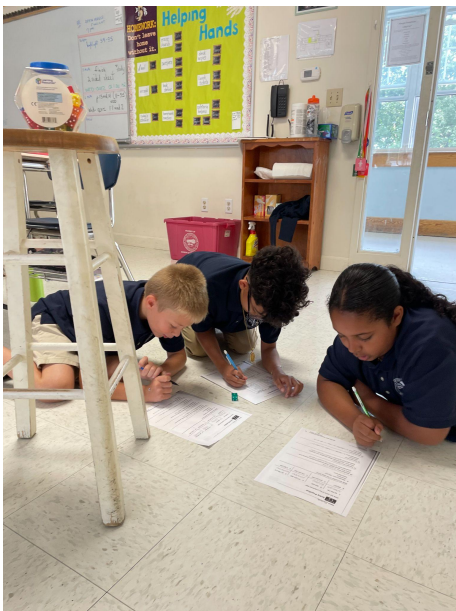
The new year has begun. We are all excited to be back with our friends, classmates, and teachers. We're ready to learn lots of new and interesting things.



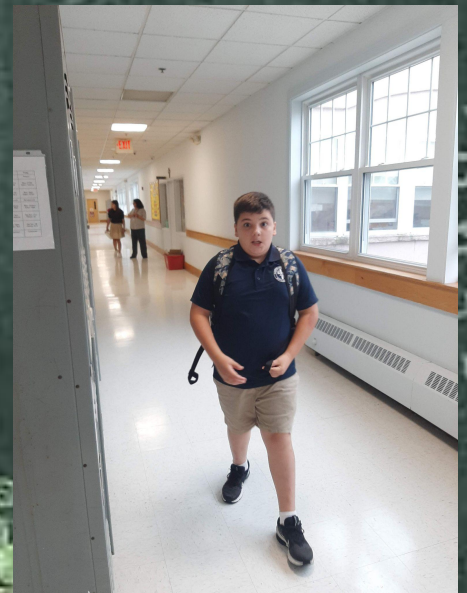
Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ MATH



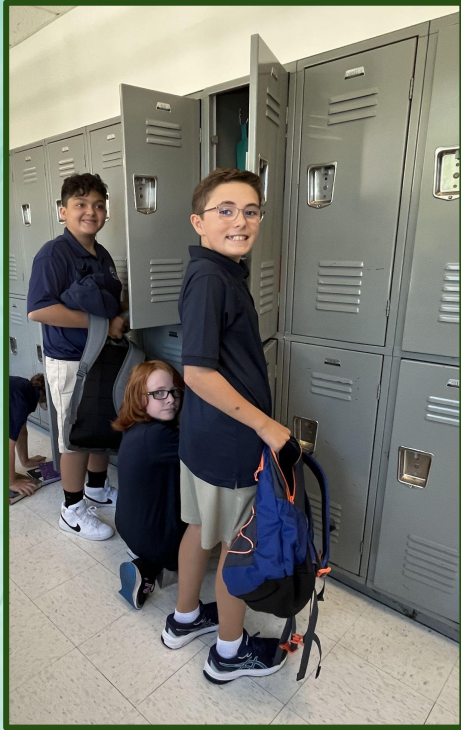
Numbers happen in Nature. Just ask Fibonacci. Special number sequences can be seen in flower petals, shells, your face, and seeds.



First day of school for Grade 6!



Mrs. Nagle: Grade 7/8 Social Studies

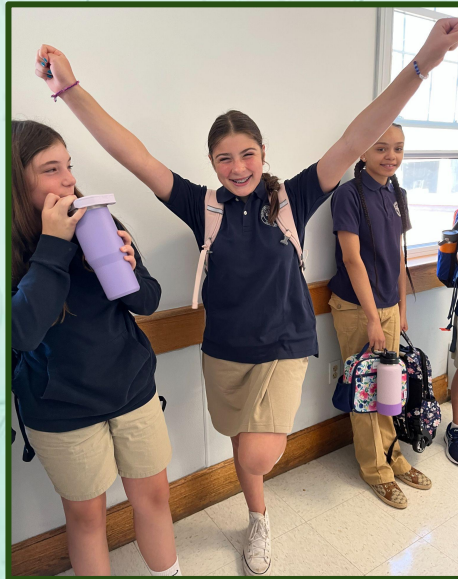


**HIP HIP
HOORAY!**

*We are so
excited ...*



*For being in
7th grade*



*For making
new memories
with our
friends*

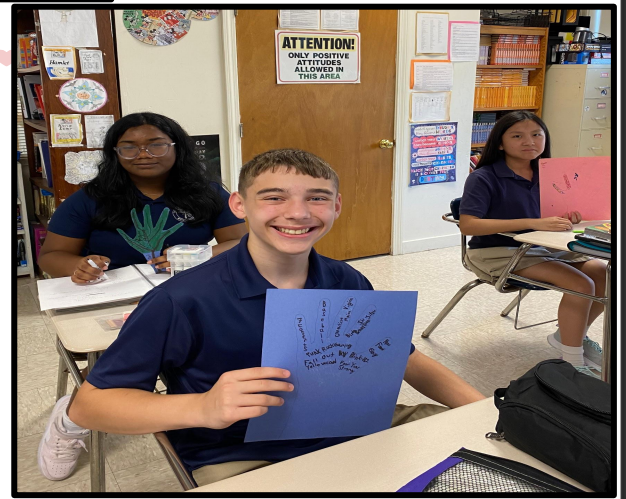


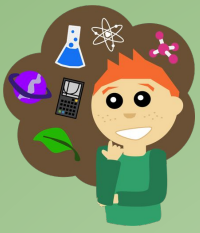
*For
learning
new and
amazing
things*



MRS. ORDWAY GRADE 7B

Getting to know each other by sharing things that make us special. Hands down, it's going to be a great year!





Mr. A: 7/8 Science

This year is the last year at St. Michael's for the eighth grade. They are an exceptional group of young adults and I know that they will all have a fantastic school year. I am happy to be a part of it.

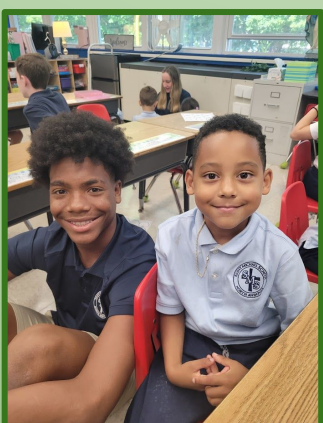
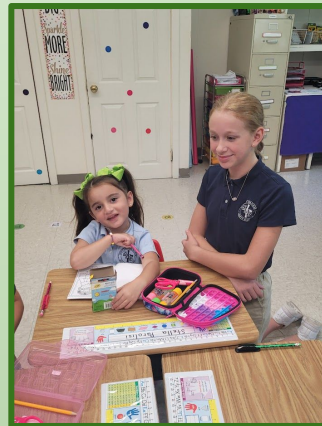
The eighth graders have been introduced to their Kindergarten buddies. The grade eight students will help the Kindergarten students with many different things throughout the year. This includes helping them get acquainted with the cafeteria, church, and where and when they are needed.

I have just been introduced to the seventh graders. I am looking forward to a great year with them.

Middle school science is off to a great start. Grade seven is learning about erosion and weathering of rocks and soil. Grade eight is learning about Astronomy and how the earth, moon, and sun work together to make the seasons, tides, and eclipses. This year during Enrichment the students of both grades will get a more hands on view of their respective studies.

I am looking forward to a great school year.

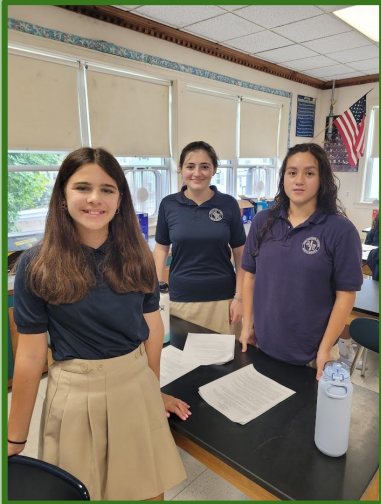
Mr. Annand



The Class of 2024
had so much fun
meeting their
Kindergarten
buddies!



Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math



What a great start to the 2023/2024 school year! I am looking forward to seeing all of the amazing things the Class of 2024 will do during this new year. They are already off to a great start!

It has been fun getting to know the new class of seventh graders. They are eager to learn and are ready to go in math class. It should be a great year!

Love those first day smiles!



SCHOOL COUNSELOR



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School Counseling and Specials



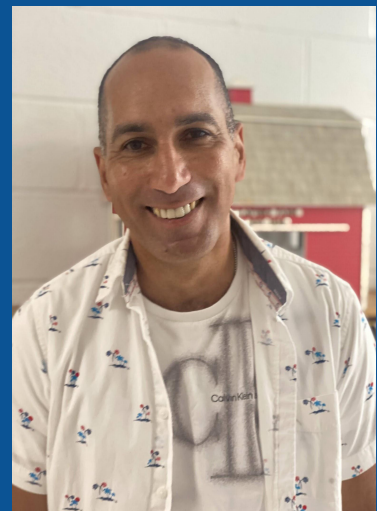
TECHNOLOGY



ART



STEM



SPANISH

Saint Michael PE NEWSLETTER

!GO ARCHANGELS!

WELCOME BACK to SMS! It was great to see all our returning students back to school. We are so happy to welcome so many new students to our school. Our new friends have settled in nicely and ready to have some fun.

September has been very busy and in PE we have not wasted anytime getting our bodies moving. MR. A and I have our morning programs up and running and this includes 1-4 Track, Handball, Soccer, and Volleyball. We try to offer multiple activities for each grade level per year so be on the lookout for sign ups!

Call all Basketball players! Get ready for another exciting season in the MVCBA, team registration information will go out shortly!

Mr. Diaz



“Doing the right thing is never the wrong thing” -TED LASSO

SEPTEMBER MUSIC

A Big Welcome Back to Music Class!

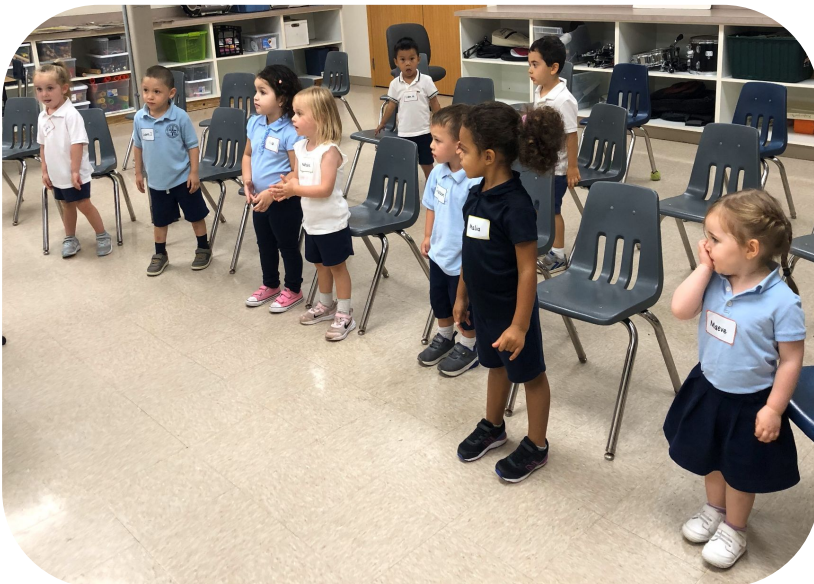
**“Music happens to be an art form that transcends language.”
- Herbie Hancock**

Let's begin and continue our music education journey.....

**Looking forward with excitement for a
Magical, Marvelous, Melodious Musical year!**

Musically yours,

Ms. Lavallee



Ms. Bryant

STEM

Kindergarten



Grade 1



Kindergarten



Grade 2



**A TEAM IS NOT A
GROUP OF
PEOPLE WHO
WORK TOGETHER.
A TEAM IS A
GROUP OF
PEOPLE WHO
TRUST EACH
OTHER.**

Grade 2



Grade 3



Grade 1

Grade 3





Grade 5



Grade 5



Grade 5



Grade 4



Grade 4



Grade 4

Spanish

Clase de Español con el Señor Mercedes

Bienvenidos de regreso a la escuela San Miguel. Este año, como todos los años, haremos la clase de Español fácil y divertida de aprender. Vamos a estar usando los libros Savvas Auténtico. Los grados 6 a 8 ya comenzaron a usar el libro, mientras que el grado 5 comenzará en unos meses. Estaremos creando un vocabulario en el Grado 5. Vamos a aprender los números, días de la semana, meses del año, las temporadas, miembros de la familia. Crearemos oraciones con ese vocabulario.

Welcome back to SMS. This year, like every school year, we will make learning Spanish fun and easy. We will be using the books, Savvas Auténtico. Grades 6 to 8 have already started using the book while Grade 5 will start in a few months. Grade 5 starts by expanding their vocab. We will learn numbers, days of the week, seasons, and months of the years. We will be making sentences with this vocab.



Grade 5 and 6



Grade 7 and 8

Technology

Welcome Back!!

We are looking forward to a new school year of learning while using technology.



ART CLASS

With Mrs. Donegan



Nursery and Pre-K students are learning all about lines! They read the books “Lines that Wiggle” by Candace Whitman and “The Dot” by Peter H. Reynolds. They used Kwik Stix to make their line drawings and dots. Kindergarten students through fifth grade are working hard on their sketchbook covers. Their sketchbooks will be used throughout the year as skill building or free draw.





Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Rowley

Welcome back!

For those of you who do not know me, I am your student's School Counselor, Kara Rowley. I am always here to support both your students and your families. If you ever need to get in touch with me my contact information is below.

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Phone: 978-686-1862, Extension: 22

You can also follow me on Instagram
(@mrsrowley_sms.schoolcounselor)
to get updates on what we are doing for counseling lessons,
activities in the counselor's office, in Student Council, and
many other things that pop up over the school year!

