

Newsletter September 2025



Happy beginnings to everyone! This September marks the beginning of our 75th year! It makes me proud to know I'm part of that 75-year history. Look for special events this year to mark this very special anniversary!

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, students and teachers. Some of our new students are just beginning their early childhood education with us while others have joined us for their final year 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.

The summer was a very exciting time for our students and faculty as it provided a much-needed time for rest and relaxation. For me, summer was busy with preparing for the start of another school year and fun times with my family. We spent some time in the White Mountains, days by Papa's pool and some quality time at our family camp in Rochester, NH.

Kudos to Mr. Barry and his summer staff who spent tireless hours this summer getting the building ready for everyone to return. Mr. Annand did lots of painting in the classrooms and hallways as well so things are bright and beautiful. We also replaced the "Old School" roof this summer so hopefully we won't experience leaks anymore like last year!

Our PTO is a core foundational element of our school. Each of you are now members of the PTO! They will be hosting some fun events this year along with our traditional fundraisers. We strongly encourage you to attend meetings or to sign up to help in some manner. This is a great way to get to know other parents and staff! The PTO recently emailed home their calendar of events and meeting days/times. Please consider joining in!

If you were unable to attend an Open House, please know that you can always request a meeting with your child's teacher at any time during the year. If something comes up of concern to you, please don't wait for conferences to discuss the matter with your child's teacher. The staff are here to assist you whenever there is a need. We ask that you always inform the office if there has been any life-change for your child. The passing of a relative, family pet or an illness can be very traumatic for our students. If we are made aware of any issues, we can assist you, the parent, in helping your child. We hope you'll always keep us informed.

As the year goes along, we strongly encourage you to utilize our school website (www.saintmichael.com) and our weekly emailed newsletter, The Trumpet. Most importantly, please use RenWeb, our parent portal. You can sign up to receive daily or weekly gradebook updates. As a mom, I always found the weekly update helpful. It automatically emails you your child's grades on Sunday night. No need to wait for a Report Card to know how your child is doing academically!

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

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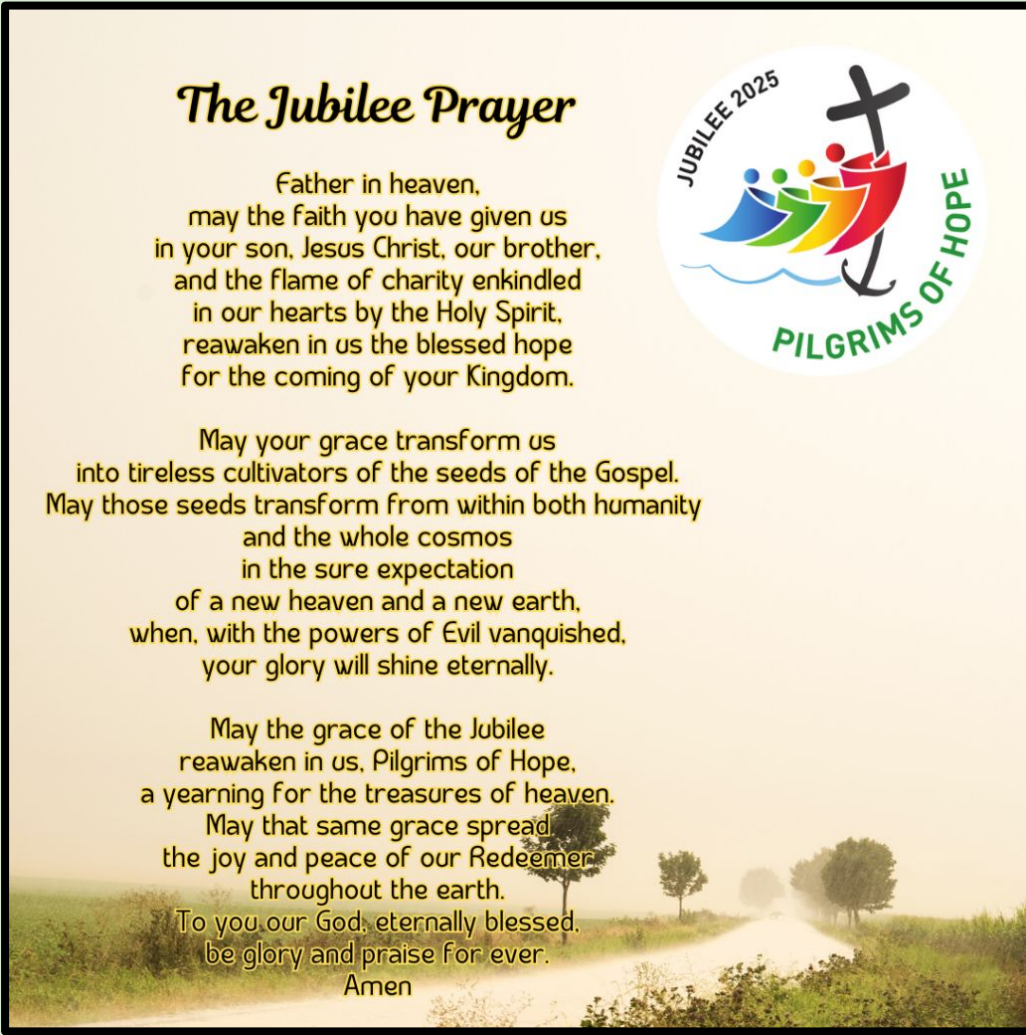
The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



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.



Important Dates and INFORMATION

September 24- Half Day, no PM Care

September 30- Banking Day

October 3- Denim Day

October 13- Holiday, no school

October 14- Banking Day

October 22- Half day, no PM Care

If you are looking for Liturgy or event dates
please refer to the weekly Trumpet.

Do Not Send Cash or Checks Into School

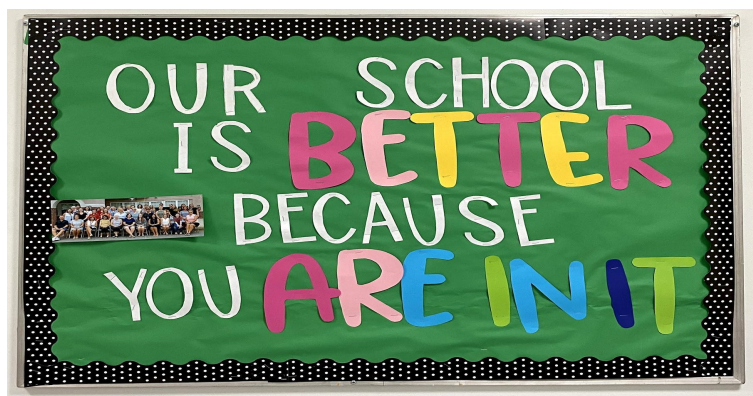
When paying for field trips, art projects, club, etc.
for your child, all payments must be made through
our Student Information Service Program,
RenWeb/FACTS.

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.



Have An Idea or Suggestion?

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send us a comment or a suggestion, please
email us at info@comcast.net.

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 2026-2027 school year) families must make a minimum total offertory donation of **\$500** to our parish beginning **July 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026**. 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 donations@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.

U Matter

Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard noticed that Brooke helped a friend open their scissors.

Grade 1



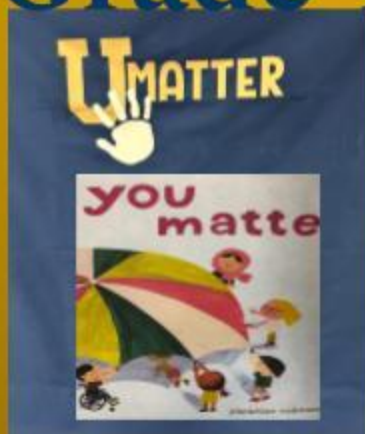
Ms. Bedard noticed that Rory helped a friend open his play doh.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard noticed that Joren pushed in his friends chair.

Grade 1



Ms. Bedard noticed that Kinley helped a friend who wasn't sure what to do.

Grade 2



Ms Bedard saw Stella invite a new student to sit with her at lunch.

Grade 2



Ms. Bedard saw Faye invite a new student to sit with her at lunch.

Grade 2



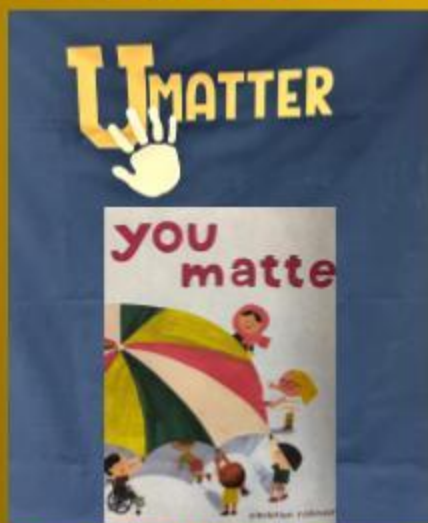
Mrs. Caffrey is proud of Camille for working so hard in school.

Grade 5



Mrs. Clifford saw Colten volunteer to clean lunch tables.

Grade 5



Mrs. Clifford saw William volunteer to clean lunch tables.

Grade 6



Mrs. Rowley saw Liam hold the door for his classmates.

Grade 7



Mrs. Ordway saw Shea hold the door during the fire drill.

U Matter



Congratulations to our U Matter winners!

Pre-K



Mrs. Orsburn saw Owen help a friend on the playground.

Pre-K



Mrs. Cali saw Abby clean up a big mess she did not make.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Rowley saw Gio offer to help a classmate.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Delaney saw Liam being very kind to a classmate.

Kindergarten



Mrs. Kasberg noticed John being kind and helpful to a classmate.

Grade 2



Mrs. Caffrey saw Jackson supporting his classmates with technology in the classroom.

Grade 2



Mrs. Hughes saw Cristopher clean up a spill in extended care.

Grade 2



Mrs. Hughes saw Brayden clean up a spill in extended care.

Grade 5



Mrs. Clifford noticed Gabriel demonstrating outstanding behavior in church.

Grade 5



Mrs. Clifford noticed Anthony demonstrating outstanding behavior in church.

Grade 7



Mrs. Kasberg observed William being a great role model for his K-buddy during Mass.

Honorable Mention

Kindergarten

Gabrielle invited someone to sit with her at lunch when their 8th grade buddy was missing.

Grade 1

Noah showed a student how to use a step stool when she couldn't reach the board.

Richie helped a student with his math when the student was having trouble.

Grade 5

Ben demonstrated outstanding behavior in church.

Will demonstrated outstanding behavior in church

Grade 6

Jonathan helped a classmate log into his social studies book online.

Charlie helped a classmate log into his social studies book online.

Our SMS Family has grown a LOT since June!!!
Congratulations to Mrs. McGovern, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs.
Polcari and Mrs. Donegan and their families!

Claire McGovern



GOD
Bless
This
Child

Maeve Sweeney



Kenna Polcari



Children
are
A **gift**
FROM THE
Lord.
THEY are
reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3

Lachlan Donegan



Welcome to the Family!!!

SMS PTO

We had a great turnout
for the Welcome Back
Social!

What a fun way to kick off the
2025-2026
school year!



PTO is looking forward to a
successful year ahead!





NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten



KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Siddiqui



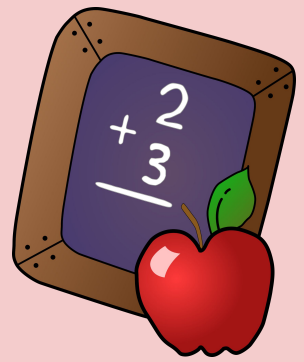
Welcome to Nursery! We can't wait to see what amazing things this year brings!



Nursery

Mrs. McGovern

Ms. Vazquez

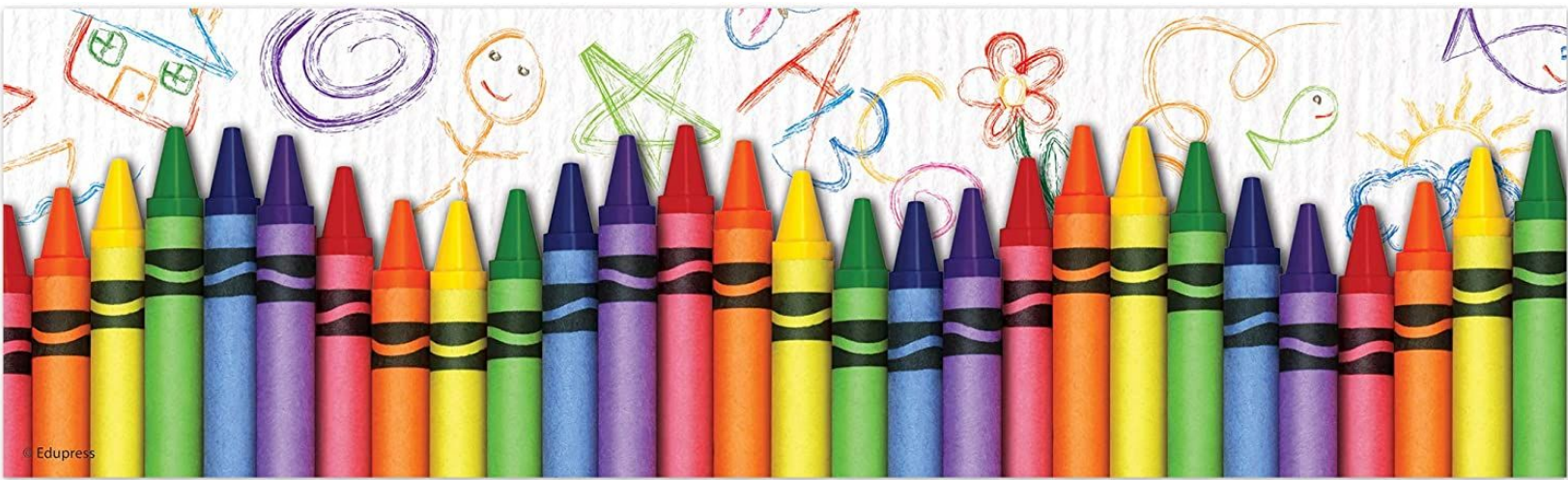


Off to a great start in Nursery!



PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

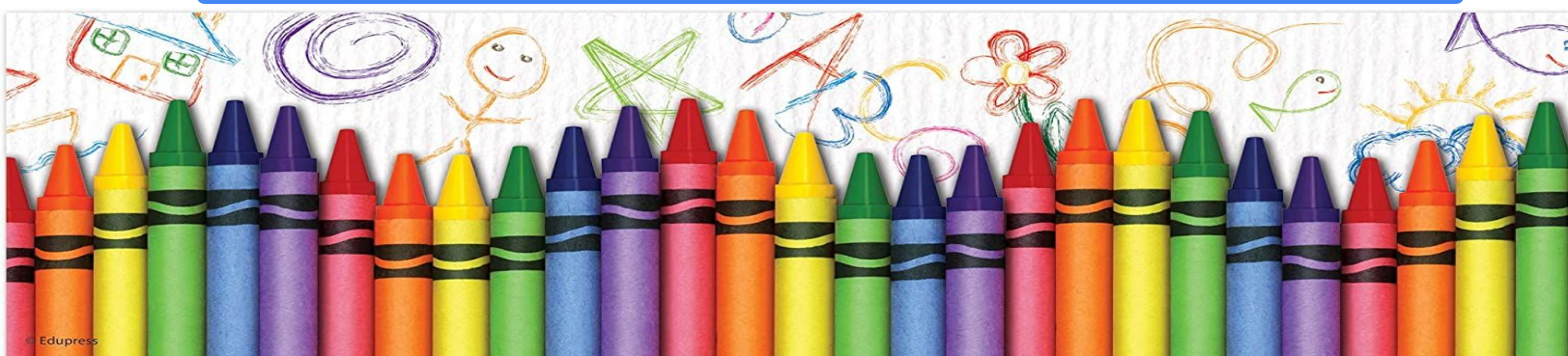
We are off to a great start in Pre-K. We are getting to know each other and forming friendships!



PRE-K

Mrs. Surprenant

Pre-K is off to a great start! We are all getting settled into our new routine. We are making friends and having fun! We can't wait to see what the school year brings.



PRE-K Mrs. Cali



Pre-K is off to a fantastic start!

We're truly enjoying getting to know one another and watching new friendships bloom. It's already shaping up to be a wonderful year, and we're excited for all the learning and growing ahead!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Tildsley



Kindergarten is off to a great start! We are so excited for a year full of learning and fun!



Kindergarten!

Mrs. Polcari

**Kindergarten is off to a fabulous
start to the school year!**

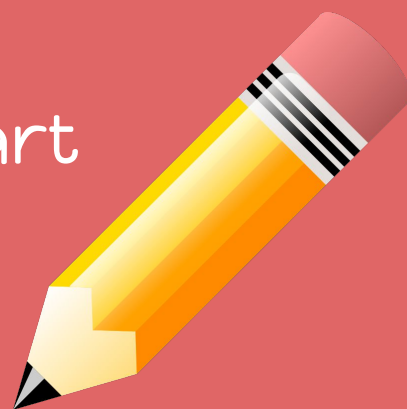


Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kasberg



We are off to a great start
this school year!





FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



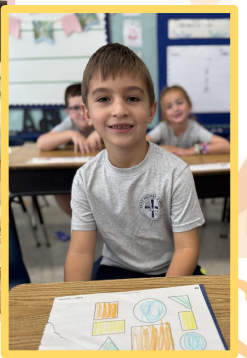
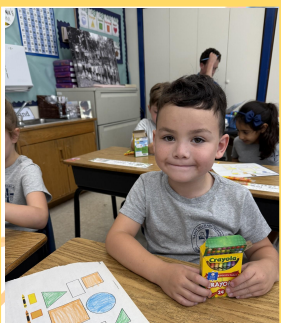
FOURTH GRADE

First Grade

1A- Mrs. Robidoux



Welcome our fabulous first graders!
We are going to have a fantastic year together.
A year full of adventures, learning, prayers and play.



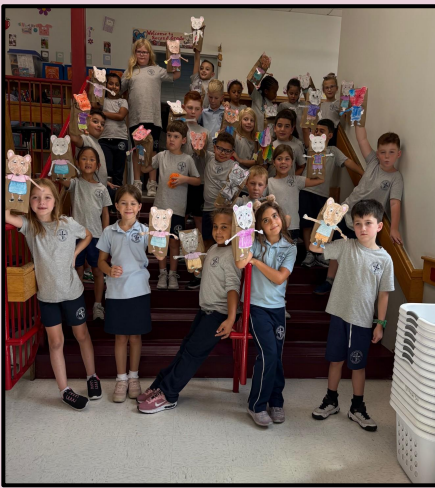
First Grade

IB- MS. BEDARD



Welcome Back everyone! We have had an exciting time getting to know each other and learn all about first grade! I can already tell it is going to be an amazing year!

Mrs. Caffrey 2A

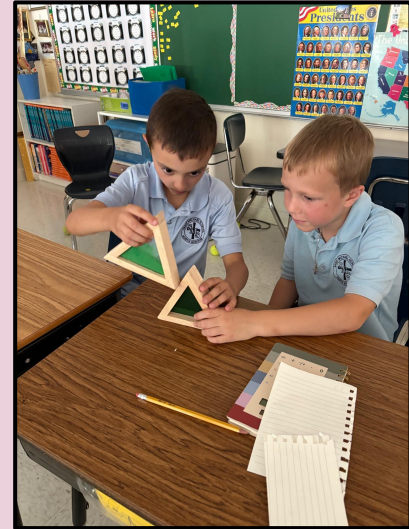


We are so excited to be in Grade 2A!

We have met new friends and were excited to see our old friends.

Mrs. Dinuccio visited our class and gave us Rosary beads.

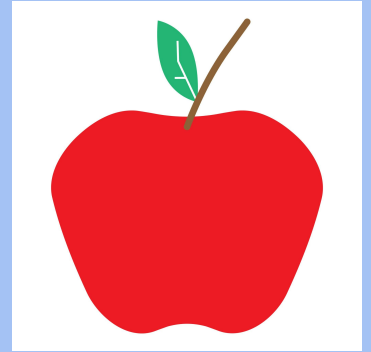
We are looking forward to a great year!





Mrs. Grant

Grade 2B has had a great start. We are working and enjoying second grade.



THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Torpey-3A

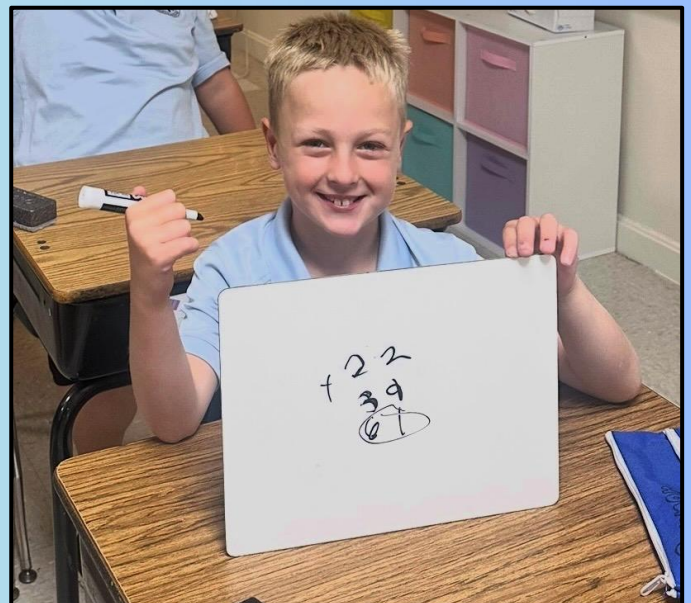
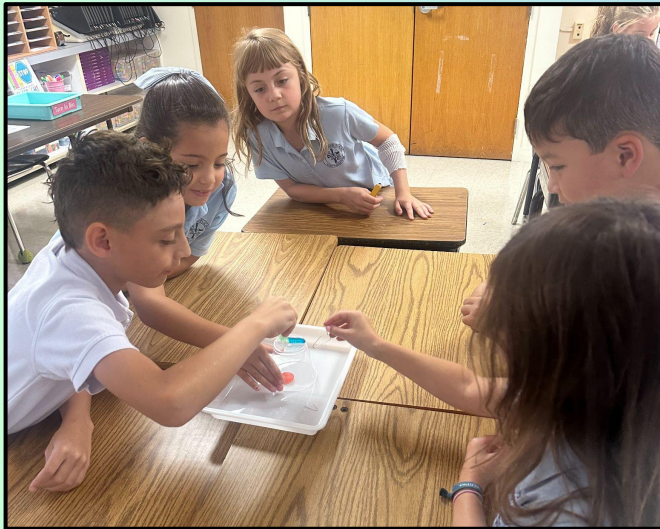
The third graders have had a great start to the new year! Students had fun working on a STEM activity on the first day of school! All groups were successful in "Saving Fred". They also had some fun playing Hopscotch and Four Square on the new painted pavement!



THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Grava-3B

We began the school year with a fun STEM activity called "Save Fred." Students loved trying different ideas and working as a team to complete this challenge! We have also spent some time reviewing addition and subtraction skills. The class loved rolling dice to create their own problems!



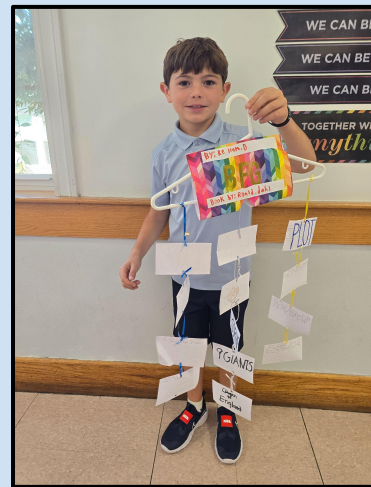
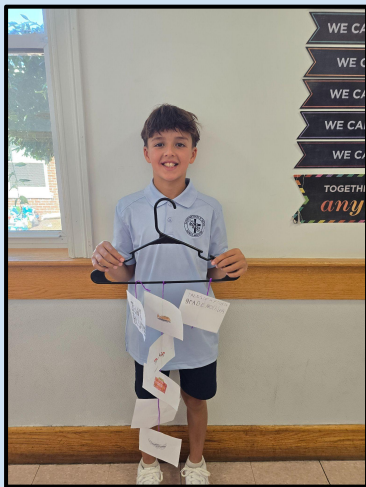
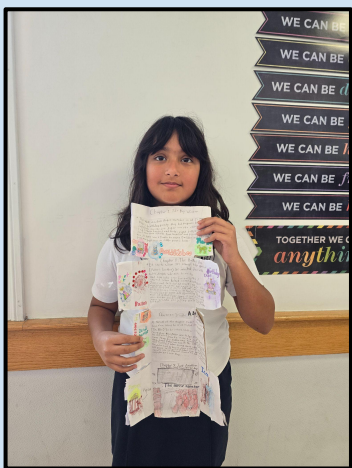
Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



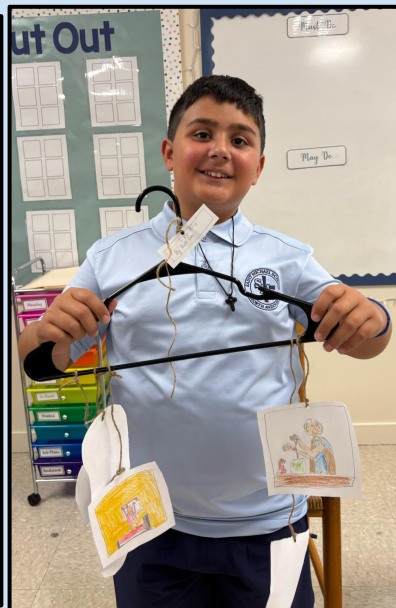
Welcome back!
Grade 4 is looking
forward to an
AMAZING school year!



Grade 4 with Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sweeney



The children in Grade 4 did an awesome job presenting their summer book projects! Looks like Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing was the most popular choice this year.





FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

Grades 5-8



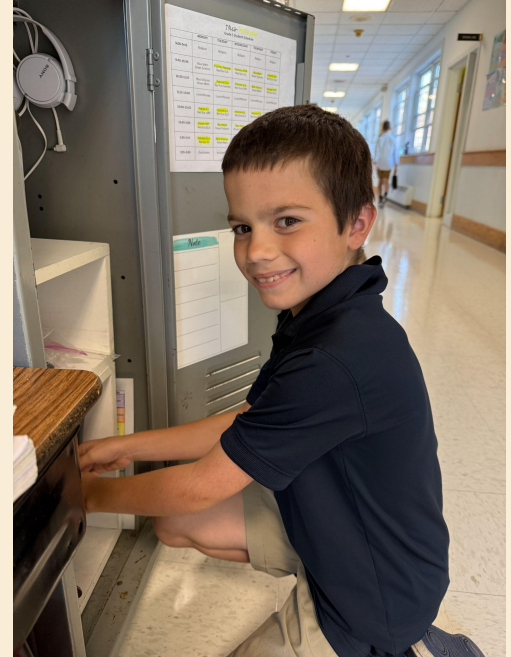
SEVENTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE

WELCOME

Mrs. Adam - ELA



5th Grade - Everyone seems to be settling into their new lockers and also, their classes. We finished our first narrative nonfiction story about Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. Now, they're preparing to write their first paragraph.



6th Grade - The students shared their summer reading projects with the class.



Now, they're reading *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

Mrs. Clifford

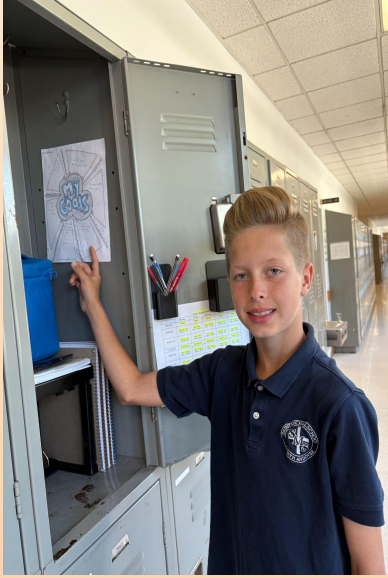
Grade 5 / 6 Social Studies



Grade 5 is adjusting well to 5th grade! We are studying early Hunter-Gatherers and how they will adapt over time.

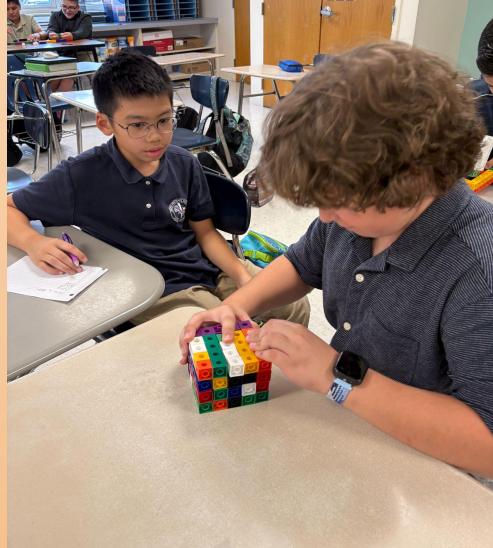
Grade 6 is learning about the ancient artifacts left behind from Prehistory and how these artifacts tell the story of the past.

Ms Decoteau Gr 5th/6th Grade Math



We are happy to be back in school with old and new friends. Grade 6 was eager to set up their lockers. Students set some attainable goals to work on this year and hung them inside their lockers; we look at them often as we work to be the best we can be.

6A experimented with volume by making different shapes with the same volume.



Mrs. Berard 5th/6th Grade Science



BACK TO SCHOOL



Welcome Back! 6B was ready to start the first day of school with smiles and lots of supplies!

Grade 5 is practicing using their senses and descriptive language to figure out what is in the bag. Observation skills are very important in Science!





Mrs. Nagle

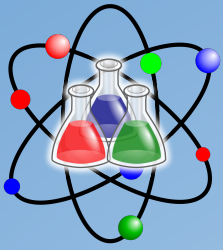
Welcome to 7/8 Social Studies

The students are already hard at work. Currently, grade 7 is learning about the roots of the American people and the exploration of the New World. Grade 8 is currently learning how our Nation tried but failed to deal with growing sectional differences in the 1800's leading to the American Civil War. This is going to be a busy and productive year filled with exciting lessons, activities, and re-enactments.



Mrs. Ordway - Religion - 7B
What a great start to the new year!
Gr. 7B spent time working on a team building
project and is looking forward to
strengthening their faith.





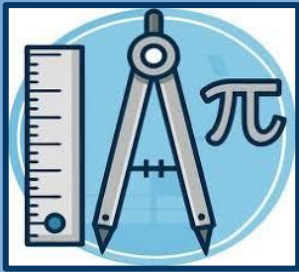
Mr. A: Science 7/8

Welcome back! This summer seemed to have passed by quickly. I enjoy coming back to school and seeing all of the students. It always surprises me how much all of them change both socially and physically in two and a half months. I am excited for the 8th grade students as the class starts its last year at St. Michael School. They are a special group and I am sure that all of the students will have an awesome year. It should be very exciting for both the class and me.

I am very excited to finally have the current grade 7 students in class. I have enjoyed their company so far and look forward to building a better relationship with all of them. They are all hard workers and want to do their best.



The Class of 2026 enjoyed spending time with their Kindergarten buddies at the opening school mass.



Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math

We are off to a great start this school year! The students came in eager to learn and have been doing well reviewing important concepts that are the foundation for the rest of the work we will do this year. Grade 7 has been working with rational numbers. Grade 8 has been solving equations using various methods. I am looking forward to all the possibilities this year will bring us!



The Class of 2026 was looking good on their first day of school!



SCHOOL COUNSELOR



MUSIC



GYM

School Counseling and Specials



TECHNOLOGY



ART



STEM



SPANISH

Saint Michael PE

Welcome to the 2025/26 school year! It has been great to see our returning students and to welcome so many new students.

Mr. A and I didn't waste any time getting the morning programs up and running. We have offered soccer, open gym, and volleyball!

I am wishing you all a great school year, especially our 8th grade who will be completing their final year!



“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”

— Albert Einstein

Welcome to Music Class with Ms. Lavallee

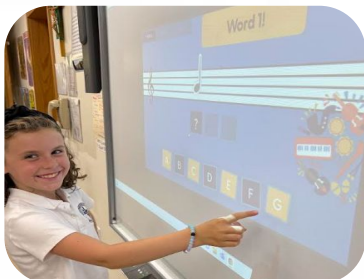
Get ready for a musical year!

... Discovering your singing voice, new rhythms, melodies, movement, recorders, music game activities and of course... **THE PERFORMANCE!**

“The only thing better than singing is more singing.”

Excellent... as usual
Musically yours,
Ms. Lavallee

-Ella Fitzgerald





STEM

TEAM CHALLENGES

Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



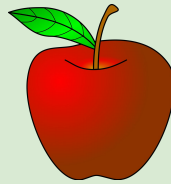
Grade 6



Technology

It is exciting to be back to school! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation and is ready to use technology as a learning tool!

I am happy to see you! - Mrs. Lesofsky



Spanish

with Mrs. Belitti

Grades five through eight have started their Spanish journey with Mrs. Belitti and Sarah's Spanish School . The students will be learning this language through an immersion style. They will listen to a story, practice with activities, and then answer questions based on the story in the lesson.



ART CLASS

*With
Mrs. Donegan and Mrs. Giordano*

Grade 1 and Grade 3 have been working on their personal sketchbook covers. Students will be using these throughout the year for drawing prompts and free sketch.





Meet the Counselor

Mrs. Rowley



How Can I Help?

Not only am I here for your student, but I am here for your entire family. I know that every student and family has their own unique story and experiences that are brought to school each day. Please let me know if there is anything that your family needs to make the school experience easier and more successful! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Contact Information:



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kara_rowley@saintmichael.org

About Me:

Hi! My name is Mrs. Kara Rowley, and I am your student's School Counselor. I am so happy to be starting another year here at Saint Michael School. I grew up in North Andover and now live here with my husband and my son. My son, Bodey, also attends SMS and is in the first grade!

My Favorites:

Food: Chicken Parm
Season: Summer
Hobbies: Reading, Exercise, Traveling
Sports: Soccer, Tennis
Restaurant: Jaime's
Place: Mount Rushmore



Education and Experience:

After graduating from North Andover High School, I attended Saint Anselm College. I earned a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and went on to become a police officer for 10 years in various departments. While working as a Police Officer, I earned my Master's Degree from Boston University in Education, School Counseling and have since been working here at SMS!