Principal’s Message

It Starts Here! Service, care, and compassion for others are basic pillars of the St. Michael's Academy student pledge which is recited by all students every morning. Examples of living as Jesus would want us to live are woven into daily class lessons and service projects. Our task is to educate the whole child by providing opportunities for our students to live a Christian life and practice spreading the “Good News”.

Thank you for supporting our mission which allows us to continue educating our students in the conduct of Christ. Because we are able to practice and appropriately model God’s plan at school, that lifestyle becomes part of the fabric of our students’ lives at home and throughout the community. Your spirit of giving propels our program forward and assures us we are living the mission.

With Gratitude,
Ann E. Dougal
Principal

The Good Neighbor Program

The Good Neighbor Program was created in the fall of 2014 to strengthen the community relationship between St. Michael’s Academy and our closest neighbors. Every month, a designated class creates special cards or mementos for our neighbors directly surrounding our campus. At Christmas time, St. Michael’s Academy students deliver calendars with photos of our students as they live our mission.

Living in such close proximity to a school of our size may produce certain challenges for our neighbors. This is especially true during morning drop-off, afternoon dismissal, and major events. For this reason, we are deeply grateful for their patience and understanding. It Starts Here by reaching out to them through our Good Neighbor Program!
The spiritual atmosphere at St. Michael’s Academy is an essential part of our fabric. Celebrating Mass as a school is a special monthly occurrence. Confessions during Advent and Lent, reciting the rosary during the months of October and May, presenting the Living Stations during Holy Week, and the May crowning of Mary are all components of the religious experience at St. Michael’s Academy. Living our faith is practiced and celebrated daily on campus. All students have the opportunity for spiritual growth through prayer, liturgy, retreats and the sacraments.

“Living Our Faith

“It Starts Here” at St. Michael’s Academy with a well-rounded education that includes the opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents.

Beautiful vocals with rich harmonies filled Holy Cross Church and stunning artwork filled the halls of St. Michael’s Academy as the Academy presented “An Evening of the Arts” this year on Thursday, May 19th, 2016. The evening was presented to the community to highlight the scope of artistic programming offered at the school and showcase the cultivated talents of the students.

The music portion of the evening featured St. Michael’s Academy students performing a variety of popular cover songs as well as student original songs. Students were featured on the piano, recorder and guitar. The music portion of the evening wrapped up with the choir singing a heart-warming rendition of “Fix You” from Coldplay, as students used sign language in addition to voice.

Immediately following the music portion of the evening, an art exhibit featuring artwork from students in grades Pre-K through 8th grade filled the cafeteria and halls of St. Michael’s Academy. Creativity and talent were in full swing and showcased through many different mediums of art.

The evening was such a wonderful reminder that St. Michael’s Academy provides a whole child educational experience that encourages students to explore their God-given talents!
Academic excellence is an integral part of the mission of St. Michael’s Academy in educating the whole child. SMA faculty are reaching our students through new programs such as Math’s Mate, Moby Max, and assessment portfolios. Math’s Mate, a comprehensive spiral mathematical review program used in grades 3-8, was implemented this past year to improve retention skills through weekly assessment and track each student’s progress. Moby Max, a comprehensive online program that creates an individualized plan for each child, allows students to work at their own pace. It was introduced to all grade levels (PreK-8) this past summer.

Finally, our newly appointed department chairs have implemented the use of portfolio assessments in Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight. The purpose of these portfolios is to collect and analyze student work in order to improve critical thinking skills which in turn will improve academic outcomes. Class work from each of the four main subject areas is being evaluated and stored for comparison. Each student has an individual portfolio that will be used to measure progress over the course of their years at St. Michael’s Academy.
Our SMA Alumni fall into two distinct categories. The first group is comprised of graduates of our Heritage Schools; the 14 original Catholic Elementary Schools in the city of Springfield. These are the Schools of our Heritage and the Foundations of our Faith. The second group represent our Young Alumni, those students who have graduated from St. Michael’s Academy since its inception seven years ago.

Last February we helped Mr. John Carberry, one of our Holy Name Alumni celebrate his 99th birthday in our cafeteria.

In June, Mr. Philip H. Ryan, another Holy Name Alumni, joined us in our gym to honor our 8th grade graduates during our annual pinning ceremony. We are blessed by their commitment to our mission and proud to say they are Heritage Alumni!

In August, we invited ALL of our Young Alumni to our Back to School BBQ. Many attended, enjoyed sharing memories, flipping through yearbooks and reconnecting with old friends. We are proud of our SMA young adults and wish them the best as they continue their education and pursue their dreams.

“"I am so blessed to have been able to be a student in a school that so obviously cared for my well-being and development as a whole person. I was challenged intellectually, physically, and spiritually.”

— Annie

“"For me, Saint Michael’s Academy was a unique mixture of academic rigor and strong community. SMA gave myself and all my peers the opportunities we needed to develop as students, leaders, and Catholics, while also forming lasting friendships.”

— Brendan

SMA Class of 2012: Dominic, Kayllyn, Austin, Julia, Brian

Annie Rodriguez Providence College SMA Class of 2010

Brendan Markey Notre Dame SMA Class of 2012
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Our Mission
It is the mission of St. Michael’s Academy to teach and share the traditions of the Roman Catholic faith and promote academic excellence within a safe and nurturing environment that welcomes and respects individuals of all backgrounds, cultures, and faiths. In partnership with parents, we guide students to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world, instilled with a strong set of moral values, a sense of service, and a love of learning.