SPIRITUAL LIFE

MASS: St. Michael will celebrate an all-school Mass on Monday, December 9, at 8:50 AM in the Multipurpose Building. Bishop Michael Duca will be celebrating mass. Students must wear their dress uniform. Parents and guests are invited to attend. Please sign in at the front office.

HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECTS: St. Michael High School clubs are involved in many service projects throughout the year. The Beta Club is doing an Adopt-A-Family service project to provide families with Christmas gifts. The Student Council will be working with the Live2Serve organization to do a school-wide Toy Drive to start December 4—December 11. The Toy Drive will be a Class Cup competition.

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE: This January, over 100 St. Michael High School students and staff will join more than 450 participants from across Louisiana who will descend upon our nation’s capital to take a stand for life. The cost for students to go on this trip is $500. If you would like to sponsor a student for those who cannot afford the full cost of the trip, please contact Mrs. Froeba in the campus ministry office or via email at efroeba@smhsbr.org. Please pray that our students will have a safe and life-changing pilgrimage.

SERVICE HOURS DEADLINE: Students must complete half of their required service hours by Friday, December 6. To avoid having their second quarter Religion grade lowered, their hours must be turned in by December 6. Students who do not complete half of their service hours by the end of the semester will not take their mid-term exams until they have been completed, turned in, and accepted by SMHS. There are many, many opportunities to earn service hours, especially during this holiday season. See the Student Handbook for details.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: O Come Let Us Adore Him—Advent Adoration. On Sunday, December 8, we will have a Holy Hour, Praise and Worship, and prayer teams for students and parents who are interested in joining us. The evening of prayer will begin at 7:00 in the Commons. All are welcome to come and celebrate the season and adore Jesus.

INTELLECTUAL

SMHS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The school office will be open from 7:30 AM—12 noon on Monday, December 23; Friday, December 27; Monday, December 30; and Friday, January 3.

The Help Desk will be open Monday, December 23, from 8:00 AM to 12 noon.

STUDENTS RETURN: Students return to school on Monday, January 6. There will be NO EBR buses on January 6. The SMHS shuttle bus will run its regular route.

MID-TERM EXAMS: Students and parents are reminded that preparation for exams begins with daily work for class. Students should be working everyday on their daily lessons and on exam preparation. Mid-term exams count for 20% of a student’s semester grade in a subject. During exam time, it is essential that students get enough sleep and have healthy eating habits so that they can do their very best on exams.

MID-TERM EXAM SCHEDULE:

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Students are dismissed after their first exam if the second exam of the day is their lunch period. Seniors who have study hall do not report for an exam during their study hall period.

The dismissal bell will ring each testing day at 11:30 AM. Bus transportation will be provided with the exception of having no EBR buses on Friday, December 20. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 11:30 AM—12:30 PM each day to help any student prepare for the next day’s exam. Students will be dismissed for the Christmas Holidays at 11:30 AM on Friday, December 20. Students will return on Monday, January 6. There will be NO EBR buses on Monday, January 6. The SMHS shuttle bus will run its regular route.

GRADEs: First Semester Grades will be posted on PlusPortals by December 30.

**It is the policy of SMHS that all tuition and fees must be current prior to mid-term exams. Parent(s) will be notified if a student is to remain home on exam days if accounts are not current. Delinquent payments made prior to exams must be paid by cash, cashier’s check or money order to be deemed received by SMHS so the student will be allowed to take exams. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Thibodeaux, bookkeeper, at 753-2782 Ext. 25 or stthibodeaux@smhsbr.org.

COURSE CHANGES: Course change requests at the semester will only be considered for extenuating circumstances. Otherwise, students are expected to honor their commitments to their current classes. Students requesting a course change must first meet with their school counselor to discuss their options. If the counselor believes the request has merit and is possible, students will be instructed to have their parents submit a letter requesting the change with rationale to Mrs. Lechich, Assistant Principal of Academics. All course change requests must be submitted by Monday, January 6.

FILING THE FAFSA: Senior parents, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filing season began October 1. Please file your FAFSA early; it is possible some financial aid awards letters could arrive earlier in the year, giving your student enough time to make decisions on where to attend college. Waiting too late means risking the loss of financial aid based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Remember, the FAFSA is FREE so please be wary of websites asking you to pay a fee. Also, the FAFSA is the only application for TOPS. Visit www.fafsa.gov to get started.
JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT:  Junior Parent Night will be delivered through an online presentation and followed up with an opportunity to meet with the counselor. The presentation will discuss topics that include graduation requirements, Board of Regents requirements, TOPS, ACT/SAT testing, and college readiness. Information from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, Southeastern Louisiana University and Louisiana State University will also be included. Please be looking for an email from Mrs. Dutreix, Junior Counselor, with the presentation link and dates for Coffee with the Counselor in mid-January or early February. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dutreix at ldutreix@smhsbr.org.

LIBRARY NEWS:  Students who earn a 2.5+ GPA for the first semester grade will receive a free membership to the New Orleans Aquarium of the Americas, Butterfly Garden, Insectarium, and Museum of Art, courtesy of the Taylor Scholar Foundation. Students who earn a 3.0+ GPA will receive the same award PLUS a membership to the Audubon Zoo. These free cards allow unlimited access for the student and two parents until August of 2022. Study hard for semester exams so you may take advantage of this award when given out in April. See Mrs. Donaldson in the library for more information or at adonaldson@smhsbr.org.

PLACEMENT EXAM:  The school will administer the Placement Exam for admission to St. Michael High School for current eighth grade applicants from 8:00—11:00 AM on Saturday, December 7. The Warrior Club will be selling promotional items in the Commons from 8:30—11:30 AM. All are welcome.

REQUEST FOR COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTERS:  In order to assist in college preparation and planning, it is critical that seniors and their parents provide Ms. Montgomery with copies of all letters of acceptance and any scholarship and financial aid awards from colleges and universities, whether or not the senior will eventually attend that particular school. Please send copies of these documents via email cmontgomery@smhsbr.org; via fax to 225-753-0605; or in person. The names of the colleges and universities to which the senior has been accepted will be published in the Graduation Program, while a list of the scholarships which were offered to the student will appear in the Baccalaureate Mass & Senior Honors Convocation Program. The only way we may publish this information is if parents or students share this information with us. Please provide Ms. Montgomery with copies of acceptance and scholarship letters as soon as they are received.

THE MOTHER SETON AWARD:  This award is presented annually to honor one individual within the Home and School community who emulates the qualities and service of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, for whom the award is named.

The guidelines for this nomination are as follows:
Be a current member of Home and School Association (SMHS parents/guardians are members)
Be a parent, grandparent or guardian
Be recognized as a volunteer, not an employee of the school

Qualifications of the individual must include:
At least 3 years of involvement within the Home and School organization
Dependable, hard working, self-sacrificing
Attuned to the needs of the children and the school
Enthusiastic, generous, supportive of the educators and the administration
Concerned and ready to go the extra mile for Catholic education
A model of living Gospel values

Please submit your nomination and his/her qualifications to SMHS Home and School. You may send to school via fax 225-753-0605 or email jberthelot@smhsbr.org.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

SELF-CARE WITH THE COUNSELORS:  On Tuesday, December 10, students are invited to join the Counselors and the SADD Club in the cafeteria at all lunch periods for help in getting prepared for upcoming midterms. Students may participate in stress relief activities while enjoying a cup of warm tea or cocoa. The Spanish Club will also be providing treats.

COOKIES WITH SANTA:  The Alumni Office invites you and your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to join us for Christmas fun on Sunday, December 8, from 1:00—2:00 PM in the cafeteria. Cookies and juice will be served and Santa will be there for pictures. Please RSVP to kpage@smhsbr.org.

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT:  Come out and share an afternoon of Christmas music performed by the St. Michael Warrior Band by attending its annual Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 PM in the Multipurpose Gym.

CHRISTMAS DRESS DAY:  St. Michael High School will celebrate the Christmas season on Friday, December 6, with students wearing ugly Christmas sweaters along with Christmas accessories to school with uniform pants or skirts. Seniors may wear appropriate jeans.

HOLLY VOLLEYBALL:  The fun begins on Friday, December 13. Friends and family are invited to take part in all the festivities, which begin right after school. The entrance fee for all visitors is $2, with all proceeds going to our new Idea Lab.

USED UNIFORM SALE:  The SMHS Home & School Assoc. will have a used uniform sale on Saturday, December 7, from 11:00 AM—12:30 PM in the Commons. Unlike the summer sale, this event will feature only the current stock of used uniforms already on hand. Please come by and outfit your growing student.

WARRIOR MERCHANDISE SALE:  The Warrior Club will be selling promotional items in the Commons on Saturday, December 7, from 8:30—11:30 AM. Get your Christmas shopping started early.
NO SHAVE/SWEATPANTS:
Students may purchase No Shave/Sweatpants passes in the Commons on December 2

NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER & SWEATPANTS WEEK
December 2—6
$10—Shave Pass for the Week
$10—Sweatpants Pass for the Week

MOONLIGHT AND JAZZ:
Moonlight and Jazz tickets make great Christmas gifts!
Moonlight and Jazz is the Warrior Band’s only fundraiser currently scheduled for Sunday, March 29.
It includes a two hour concert by our very own Jazz Ensemble and a catered meal by world-class chef John Folse.
Contact Mrs. Kristine Hardee at smhswarriorband@gmail.com for tickets and more formation.

CLASS OF 2019 6 MONTH REUNION:
Friday, December 20, the St. Michael Alumni Office will host the Class of 2019 for its 6 month class reunion from 12:30—2:00 PM in the SMHS Cafeteria.
Join fellow alums for pizza and pick up the 2018-2019 class yearbook.
RSVP to Khloe Page at kpage@smhsbr.org

WARRIOR CLUB NEWS:
The Warrior Club will offer a Welcome Warrior gift basket to new students in February.
It is a great way to celebrate a new Warrior in the family!
BSN stores for Wrestling, Soccer and the General store will open soon.
Keep an eye out for an email with details.
The Warrior Club will be selling merchandise at home basketball games on December 9, January 3, and January 21.
New merchandise will be coming to the Warrior Store before the Christmas holidays.
Mark your calendars and come check out the new store.
ST. MICHAEL GIRLS BASKETBALL SUPER 6 TOURNAMENT: Congratulations to St. Aloysius for winning the 7th grade Super Six Tournament. Congratulations to St. George and St. Jude for finishing 2nd and 3rd place, respectfully.

LADY WARRIOR VOLLEYBALL: The Lady Warrior Volleyball Team finished the season in the State Quarter-Finals with a record of 23-16, and also earned a District Championship. Lexi Gonzalez was selected as the District MVP, and Karleigh Bourgoyn, Juli- ana Ghetti, and Jena Vavasseur were placed on the All District Team. Katlyn DeJean, Mindy Jones, Nicole Benigno and Camryn Wax earned All District Honorable Mention, and Coach Rob Smith was chosen as the District Coach of the Year.

WARRIOR CROSS COUNTRY: The Warrior Cross Country Team had another successful year in its long line of accomplishments. On November 19, the girls earned the school's 28th State trophy since 1998 by finishing as State Champion Runner Up. The boys won 3rd place honors. Rebecca Quebedeaux, Joshua Breaux, and Timmy Seiler won All-State Honors at that meet. During the regular season, the girls won meets at Dominican, Teurlings, and Warrior Run; and runner up at Episcopal and EBR Metro. The boys were top 5 at Episcopal, Teurlings, and EBR Metro.

WARRIOR SWIM TEAM: The Warrior Boys Swim Team placed 11th overall in State, with Joseph Miller placing 4th in the 50m freestyle and 9th in the 100m freestyle. Dylan Ngo placed in the Top 16 in the 100m butterfly. All relays placed in the Top 16. The 200m freestyle relay with Matt Howard, Logan Torr, Robert Alamirie, and Joseph Miller placed 7th in State and beat an SMHS record.

WARRIOR BOWL: The 2019 Warrior Bowl was held at SJV on November 10. The event featured two games from the 5/6 grade division. In the first game the SJV Crusaders defeated the MBS War Pelicans in a hard fought contest. The second game featured the undefeated St. George Dragons vs. the one loss St. Aloysius Lions. St. George remained undefeated as they took care of the Lions to win their second Warrior Bowl Championship. Thanks to all the teams that participated and all of those who helped make the 2019 Warrior Bowl a huge success.

WARRIOR FOOTBALL: The 2019 Warrior Football Team was the District 7-AAAA Co-Champions and made it to the Regional Round of the State play-offs. Congratulations on another successful and hard fought season.

WARRIOR COLLEGE SIGNING: Senior Ashlyn Schmidt signed her National Letter of Intent to play softball for East Mississippi Community College. She signed her letter at a special ceremony held in the library with teammates, coaches, family, and friends in attendance.

Principal’s Message:

As we begin this season of Advent, we are reminded to carry the Joy of Christ in our hearts. The faculty and staff of St. Michael High School wish all the blessings of this holy season for every family in our school community. We pray that the Light of Christ fills the hearts of all throughout Advent, Christmas, and the days beyond into the New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ellen B. Lee, Principal
#iGiveCatholic

St. Michael is participating in the fifth annual #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on December 3. #iGiveCatholic is a one-day online giving event for the faithful across the nation and the world to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries on the annually celebrated #GivingTuesday fundraising initiative.

Donations for the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day will be accepted on December 3 from 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM (midnight to midnight). Donations made to St. Michael will be used to install updated security cameras around campus and other campus improvements.

Make a Year End Tax Deductible Gift Today

Make your tax-deductible end of the year gift to St. Michael High School by December 31 to claim your tax credit for the 2019 tax year. St. Michael High School is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and all donations are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please visit www.smhsbr.org/giving or contact Advancement Director Josh Galasso at (225) 755-3618 to make your gift or obtain additional information on other available tax incentives.

SMHS AUCTION Saturday, March 7, 2020

Committee Members & General Volunteers Needed:

If you would like to serve on the committee or would like information on how you can get involved, please contact Advancement Director Josh Galasso at (225) 755-3618 or JGalasso@smhsbr.org
St. Michael High School’s Annual Giving Campaign, the *Warrior Fund for Excellence*, was recently launched. The generous support of parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends allows St. Michael to continue to strengthen for the future.

The *Warrior Fund for Excellence* is vital to the development and growth of our spiritual, academic, and extracurricular programs at the school. This year you are provided with the opportunity to give to one of three designated areas including: academics, scholarships, and athletics. You may also select to give to the greatest area of need at the school.

Thanks to the generosity of over 25 generous donors, we have successfully raised a quarter of our goal of raising $60,000 from parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends.

You may make your gift online today at: [www.smhsbr.org/giving](http://www.smhsbr.org/giving).

### Annual Fund Chair Families

- **Honorary Chair Family – The Tabor Family**
  - Class of 2023 – William and Faye Duncan
  - Class of 2022 – Lowell and Denise ’90 Hebert
  - Class of 2021 – Dr. Jason and Amy Allemond
  - Class of 2020 – Hudson and Marga Tabor

- **Alumni Chair Family – Aaron ’92 and Khloe ’05 Page**

### Thank you to our *Warrior Fund for Excellence* Donors

- Anonymous (6)
- Mark and Cindy Beuerle
- Eldine Burleigh
- Fred and Jane Hattabaugh
- Daniel Hotard
- Renee’ Indest
- Daniel and Chemaine Juneau
- Patrick Luckett
- Clay and Marsha McIntyre
- C.J. and Pam Mistretta
- Alan Powers
- David and Patricia Senn
- Hudson and Marga Tabor
- Ed and Brenda Vavasseur
WARRIOR GOLF CLASSIC:

The 32nd Annual Warrior Golf Classic was held November 11 at Greystone Country Club.

This annual event raises funds to help support SMHS athletic teams, clubs, and extracurricular programs. This year, thanks to the generosity of over 53 teams and over 110 sponsors, the event successfully raised over $80,000.

Special Thanks to our Major Sponsors:

Congratulations:
Michael Hebert, David Hebert, and Scott Freeland for placing First with a Round of 57
Gene Scoggins for receiving the Men’s Award for Closest to the Pin
Jeanne Kenney for receiving the Ladies’ Award for Closest to the Pin
Daniel Miller for receiving the Award for Longest Drive