**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week the week of January 27. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 30, at 8:50 AM in the Multipurpose Building. Students are to wear their dress uniform. Parents are welcome to join us for this beautiful liturgy. Please sign in at the front desk before going to the Multipurpose Building.

Every year for Catholic Schools Week, each school in the Diocese is asked to collaborate and bring items for Catholic Charities. Our items help Catholic Charities to continue their mission and help each family that is in need of a new start. This year, St. Michael has been requested to bring linens. We are asking each student to donate at least $1 to this drive. With this donation we will purchase sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, shower curtains/rings, and rugs to give to Catholic Charities. We will collect money from Monday, January 13, through Friday, January 17. Thank you in advance for helping us to help those in need.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Once again students and faculty will travel to Washington, D.C. for the National March for Life, with 460 participants from across the Diocese. St. Michael High School has 131 participants! We will depart on Monday, January 20, and return Saturday, January 25. You are invited to pray for us during this journey by reciting the March of Life Novena found on the website: www.youthmarchforlife.org.

**MP3:** There will be an MP3 on Saturday, February 1, from 5:00-9:00 PM in the SHMS Cafeteria. This event will be a reunion for all the March for Life participants, as well as an opportunity to share the beauty of the March with other youth who were not able to attend. It will be a night of music, fun, witness and prayer – including Adoration and Confession. Cost is $5 to attend. Food will be served.

**INTELLECTUAL**

**CLASSES RESUME:** Classes will resume on Monday, January 6. The St. Michael shuttle bus will run its regular schedule. There will be no EBR buses on this day.

**COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INTERN:** The counseling department is welcoming a new intern, Ms. Kamryn Bossom, for the Spring semester. She is a graduate student at Southeastern Louisiana University, pursuing a career in counseling. Ms. Bossom is going into her last year of her graduate program and previously counseled students in a public school. Under the supervision of the SMHS counselors, she will be working with students throughout the semester.

**INCOMING FRESHMEN INTERVIEWS:** Interviews for prospective 2020-2021 9th grade students will be conducted on Wednesday, January 8, and Thursday, January 9, from 4:00-7:00 PM. If you know of anyone who tested but did not receive an interview card by January 3, please contact Mrs. McLeod, Registrar, at 753-9782, Ext. 12.

Admission letters will be mailed on Wednesday, February 19, with the deadline for returning registration forms and fees on Monday, March 9.

**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 on the lookout for an email from Mrs. Dutreix, the Junior Counselor, with the presentation link and dates for Coffee with the Counselor in mid-January. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Dutreix at ldutreix@smhsbr.org.

**LATE START FOR STUDENTS:** On Monday, February 3, school will start two hours later than usual due to Faculty Professional Development. Dismissal will be at the regular time. The first bell will ring at 9:10 AM. The library will be open at 6:50 AM for any students dropped off early. EBR Parish school buses will run at their regular time. The St. Michael shuttle bus will run two hours later than usual in the morning.

**RE-REGISTRATION FORMS:** Registration forms for returning students will be handled online. Current parents will receive an email in early February with a link for re-registration and instructions on how to complete the process. Deadline for re-registration and payment of fee is Monday, March 9.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY:** There will be NO school on Monday, January 20, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**REQUESTS 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 to cmontgomery@smhsbr.org, or by fax 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 and students share this information with us. Please provide Ms. Montgomery with copies of acceptance and scholarship letters as soon as they are received.

**SEVENTH SEMESTER TRANSCRIPTS:** Parents, if your senior applied to a private and/or out-of-state college or university which requires that a 7th semester transcript be submitted, please remind him/her to email or drop off to Ms. Montgomery a signed Document Request Form in order to mail a transcript. Seniors who have applied to in-state public institutions do not need to follow this procedure as their 7th semester transcripts are made available to colleges and universities electronically through the Student Transcript System (STS).

**TOPS APPLICATION:** Parents, in order for your senior to receive a possible TOPS scholarship, please assist your child in completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the only application for TOPS. Visit www.fafsa.gov to begin. The deadline for TOPS eligibility is July 1. Visit www.osfa.la.gov for TOPS eligibility criteria.
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

FOOTBALL CONVOCATION:  The SMHS Football Convocation will be held Thursday, January 16, starting at 6:30 PM in the SMHS Cafeteria. Players and parents are invited.

PEP RALLY:  The Spirit Club will host a Pep Rally honoring Winter Sports on Friday, January 10. Join the fun, including live action Hungry, Hungry Hippo and a Spirit War between grades.

SENIORS:  Balfour will be on campus Wednesday, January 15, during all lunch periods, to collect payments or add to any orders. This will be the last day you can add to an order. All balances must be paid in full by March 31.

WINTER DANCE:  The Winter Dance presented by the Student Council will be Saturday, February 15, from 8:00-11:00 PM. Any student bringing a guest from another school must fill out the guest contract form.

EVENTS

SMHS DANCE LINE FUNDRAISER:

KENDRA GIVES BACK PARTY!
Enjoy sips, sweets and jewels while you shop for a cause! 20% of proceeds benefit St. Michael Dance Line
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH
6PM-8PM
KENDRA SCOTT
Perkins Rowe  10156 Perkins Road Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Can’t make the event? Call 225-384-5157 to place a phone order!

MOONLIGHT AND JAZZ:

What:  SMHS Band’s ONLY fundraiser
When:  Sunday, March 29, 2020~
      Seating is at 5 PM/Concert is from 5:30-7:30 PM
Where:  White Oak Plantation~
      Enjoy fine dining and wine, served while jazz band performs.
Questions:  Mrs. Kris Hardee smhswarriorband@gmail.com
Tickets:  https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/smhsbr/moonlightandjazz2019?token=1355320342

WARRIOR CLUB NEWS:

The SMHS Warrior Club has NEW merchandise—drawstring bags, sweatshirts, pajama pants and more!

The Warrior Club store will be open to sell merchandise during home basketball games on January 3 and January 21.

Warrior Welcome Baskets for new students are available for pre-orders through February 5. Check out all new items and order online: www.smhswarriorclub.com.
All online orders will be available for pickup in the school office.
LOOKING FOR OUTSTANDING PEOPLE

The Alumni of the Year Award is given every year to an alumnus of St. Michael High School who has been graduated five or more years. The alumnus should be someone who has an established career. It should be evident that this person holds a sense of pride for the school and has actively given back to the school and his/her own community. This individual should participate in school related events, fundraisers, and/or school organizations.

Nominate a Candidate: https://www.smhsbr.org/alumni/alumni-of-the-year/

The Warrior Sword Award is awarded annually to an individual whose selfless dedication to both St Michael High School and the Baton Rouge community is beyond compare. He or she must exemplify basic Christian values and the spirit of good will through his/her actions on behalf of St. Michael High School and its mission. The nominee must be a role model of faith for students to emulate and must demonstrate service to the Church and community.

Nominate a Candidate: https://www.smhsbr.org/giving/warrior-sword-award/

For additional information on either of these awards, please contact Mr. Josh Galasso at 225-755-3618 or advancement@smhsbr.org.

The Mother Seton Award is presented annually to honor one individual from 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 the 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 three years of involvement within the local 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.

At the end of this newsletter please find a nomination form for the Mother Seton Award.
Please submit your nomination with qualifications to SMHS Home and School by Friday, February 7.
You may fax to school at 225-753-0605 or email to homeandschool@smhsbr.org.

SMHS
Holly Volleyball 2019
Team Winner-
Santa’s Elves

Elise Watkins, Bella Bull, Mia Scott, Olivia Pinell, Lily Dumas, and Allie Waguespack
St. Michael Students Give Back

The Student Council partnered with the Live2Serve organization to host a school-wide Toy Drive December 4—11. Almost 500 toys were collected and given out at the Live2Serve’s annual Christmas Drive. The success of the drive was due to a contest among home rooms:

3rd Place-Mrs. Messina’s Class; 2nd Place-Mr. Baldridge’s Class; and 1st Place-and winning donuts-Coach Leger’s Class

Class Order: 3rd Place-Freshmen; 2nd Place-Sophomores; and 1st Place-Seniors

A Message from the Principal

A New Year, A New Decade

As we begin the year 2020, the St. Michael faculty and staff recommit ourselves to partnering with you, our parents, to do everything we can to assist with the growth and formation of the students you have entrusted to our care. If we work together, we can better support the students in their positive efforts, as well as hold them accountable for their poor choices. It is our responsibility, parents and school, to help them grow into the person God calls them to be.

Report cards for the first semester have already been posted on PlusPortals. If you haven’t yet, please discuss with your child his/her academic progress. If grades are not up to his/her potential, please make a plan to improve during this second semester. Feel free to contact your child’s teachers and counselor so that we can work together to help your child be successful.

The administration, faculty and staff will begin working on our accreditation through the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The accreditation is a self-study process in which the school evaluates itself and then is evaluated by a visiting team of educators. This process allows us to identify our strengths and our weaknesses so that we can continually improve. We will involve parents in the process through a survey this Spring.

At the end of this month, we will join with Catholic schools throughout the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Although a Catholic school education is a sacrifice for the family, it is an investment in the student that has value beyond the years spent in school. Faith formation, academic excellence, and personal development are the foundation of the mission of our school. Thank you for your trust in St. Michael High School.

As we begin this new decade together, I ask for your continued prayers for our students, our families, and our faculty and staff. May we recognize the Joy of Christ in our hearts and share it with all we encounter.

Happy New Year!

Ellen B. Lee, Principal
Warrior Fund for Excellence – Annual Fund

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 the opportunity to give to one of three designated areas including: academics, scholarships, and athletics. You can also select to give to the greatest area of need at the school.

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

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

**Thanks to our Warrior Fund for Excellence Donors**

| Anonymous (6) | Paul & Melissa Guarisco | Brian Merkel |
| Myka Agnew | Sidney Guerra | CJ & Pam Mistretta |
| Dr. Cynthia Baker | Garrett Neal Halphen | Bret & Courtney Moore |
| Mark & Cindy Beuerle | Fred & Jane Hattabaugh | Carol Mulhearn |
| Shon & Jenny Bourgeois | Bill Hoang | Dixie Mulhearn |
| Bradley & Sarah Brelans | Allison Hoffpauri | Ronald & Wanda Naquin |
| Anh & Cam Bui | Daniel Hotard | Duc & Cindy Ngo |
| Dr. & Mrs. William Buller | Phillip & Michelle Hines | Daniel & Katie Owens |
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| Josh & Darla Garon | Clay & Marsha McIntyre | Leland & Cynthia Vidrine |
| | John & Adrienne McVea | Richard & Patricia Whitlow |
Continuing the Warrior Legacy Capital Campaign

Construction has been completed on the $7 million Capital Campaign project that has provided our school with much needed enhancements and additions to our campus, including a place to hold mass, theatre & performing arts facilities, state-of-the-art band hall, a secondary gym, and much more. We need your help and support of our campaign efforts so that we may continue moving forward to the next phase of our campaign project, which will address the back of the campus and our athletic facilities. In order to reach this next milestone in our school history, we must diligently continue with our fundraising efforts. Your cooperation and support in this endeavor is vital to our continued success. Help continue the Warrior Legacy by making your gift today!

Make your gift online at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1587/Home/NewQuickGive
If you have questions on how to make a gift, please contact Advancement Director Josh Galasso via email at JGalasso@smhsbr.org or by phone (225) 755-3618.

Thank You to Our Recent Campaign Donors

Anonymous (3)                               Brad Rodrigue
Anonymous Alumni (2)                         Brian Strupp
Rachel Deville-Duet                         Regina Thomas
Vincent & Patty Fell

St. Michael Annual Auction Fundraiser

The school will be holding its annual auction fundraiser, A Night in Italy, on Saturday, March 7.

We are in the process of securing donation items and sponsorships for this event. If you would like to be a sponsor or have an item you would like to donate, please contact Advancement Director Josh Galasso at (225) 755-3618 or email JGalasso@smhsbr.org

Procurement forms for this event may be downloaded at https://www.smhsbr.org/event/a-night-in-italy-smhs-auction/

A Night in Italy with the Warriors
March 7, 2020

Save the Date
Mother Seton Award Nomination

The Diocesan Home and School Association is a Catholic parent organization that serves as a liaison among the local Home and School Associations, Catholic Schools, and the Catholic Schools Office. We are committed to enhancing the overall education of our children through the promotion of Gospel values, Catholic tradition, communication, and service.

WORKSHEET

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE: ____________________________________________________ PHONE: ______________________

PARISH /CHURCH AFFILIATION: ___________________________________________________________________________

NOMINEE FAMILY INFORMATION (Name of Child/Children, grade, and school attending):
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LIST THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL (attach additional sheet if necessary)

HOME AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEER EFFORTS:
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NON—HOME AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEER EFFORTS (Church, Parish, School, Civic):
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WHAT CHARACTERISTICS AND ATTRIBUTES OF THIS INDIVIDUAL MAKE HIM/HER A PERSON DESERVING OF THIS AWARD?
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Has this individual been a St. Michael High School Mother Seton Award recipient in the past? __Y / N__

An individual may receive this award more than once if presented by a different school.

Please submit your nomination with qualifications to SMHS Home and School by Friday, February 7.

You may fax 225-753-0605 or email homeandschool@smhsbr.org