



ST. MICHAEL

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Forming Great Hearts & Minds to do Great Things

ENROLLMENT : 2020-2021



88 FRESHMEN, 89 SOPHOMORES, 91 JUNIORS, 65 SENIORS

A college preparatory school of the Archdiocese of Mobile, St. Michael Catholic High School was founded in 2016 and currently serves students from 9th through 12th grades.

IN SPRING 2020, SMCHS GRADUATED THE SECOND SENIOR CLASS IN ITS HISTORY, WITH 98% OF STUDENTS COLLEGE-BOUND.

STUDENT : FACULTY RATIO



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ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

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St. Michael Catholic High School, a college preparatory school of the Archdiocese of Mobile, aspires for its students to become scholars, leaders and disciples of Jesus Christ.

THE FOUR YEAR PROGRAM: *St. Michael requires a minimum of four years of Religion, Math, English, History and Science, and one year of Physical Education. St. Michael students also take two years of foreign language and the arts and may elect to take a third or fourth year, if they so choose. Students will be placed in Collegiate Studies (the standard curriculum), Honors or Advanced Placement based on past performance, test scores and work ethic. As partners with the school, parents are welcome to discuss placements with the school and ask for modification of these placements based on their knowledge of their son or daughter.*

FRESHMAN

- ✓ THEOLOGY 9
- ✓ ENGLISH 9 (*Collegiate Studies or Honors*)
- ✓ WORLD HISTORY, RENAISSANCE-PRESENT (*Collegiate Studies or Honors*)
- ✓ MATH (*Collegiate Studies or Honors Algebra I, Honors Geometry*)
- ✓ PHYSICS (*Collegiate Studies or Honors*)
- ✓ FINE ARTS I (*Band, Chorus or Art*)
- ✓ FOREIGN LANGUAGE I (*Spanish or French*) or AEGIS
- ✓ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SOPHOMORE

- ✓ THEOLOGY 10
- ✓ ENGLISH 10 (*Collegiate Studies or Honors*)
- ✓ WORLD GEOGRAPHY/AMERICAN HISTORY I*or AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
**One course per semester*
- ✓ MATH (*Collegiate Studies or Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra II*)
- ✓ CHEMISTRY (*Collegiate Studies or Honors*)
- ✓ FINE ARTS I or II (*Band, Chorus or Art*)
- ✓ FOREIGN LANGUAGE II or III (*Spanish or French*) Honors
- ✓ ONE ELECTIVE or AEGIS (*PE with Driver's Ed, Aegis or another elective*)

JUNIOR

- ✓ THEOLOGY 11
- ✓ ENGLISH 11 (*Collegiate Studies or A.P.*)
- ✓ AMERICAN HISTORY II (*Collegiate Studies or A.P.*)
- ✓ MATH (*Collegiate Studies Algebra II or Honors Pre-Calculus*)
- ✓ BIOLOGY (*Collegiate Studies or Honors*)
- ✓ THREE ELECTIVES

SENIOR

- ✓ THEOLOGY 12
- ✓ ENGLISH 12 (*Collegiate Studies or A.P.*)
- ✓ GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS (*Collegiate Studies or A.P. Government*)
- ✓ MATH (*Collegiate Studies Trigonometry/Statistics or A.P. Calculus*)
- ✓ SCIENCE ELECTIVE (*Coding, Health/Physiology, Engineering, Forensics or AP Physics*)
- ✓ THREE ELECTIVES

ELECTIVE POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE: *3rd & 4th year Foreign Language, 3rd & 4th year Fine Arts, Resource Classes, Athletic P.E., ACT Test Prep, Personal Finance, Independent Study, Electives in English, Math, Science, Psychology and Philosophy*

ACADEMIC COURSE LEVELS

The academic program seeks to provide coursework which challenges students from a broad range of talents and areas of strength. As a college preparatory school, all levels are designed to prepare students for college; there is no "remedial" track. Coursework is offered at several levels of challenge:

COLLEGIATE STUDIES | HONORS | ADVANCED PLACEMENT (A.P.)



COLLEGIATE STUDIES

Coursework at this level requires a variety of study skills and learning habits. Independence in completing daily assignments, accomplishing individual projects and understanding the major concepts of content is expected. Students must display sufficient motivation to complete tasks. Competent performance at each level of the critical thinking hierarchy will be strengthened in order to ensure that students are well prepared to meet the academic demands of college.



HONORS

Coursework at this level requires that students demonstrate a higher degree of self-direction and performance. They will manage more extensive projects and reading outside of class. Both a faster pace and frequent demands for higher level thinking and problem solving are expected. Students will be expected to demonstrate greater knowledge and analytical criticism in all areas of assessment.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Work on the advanced placement level is comparable to college level work. College-level textbooks, outside reading, various types of research projects and presentations, as well as rapid pacing, establish rigorous academic demands. Regular demonstration of higher-level cognitive skills and wider command of the content must be demonstrated in all academic activities of the class. Students are instructed in both the content and skill areas particular to the College Board A.P. examinations for the course. Sitting for the National A.P. Examination in May is a requirement and will count as the second semester final exam for that course. Students are able to take one AP course their sophomore year, three their junior year, and a maximum of five their senior year.

A.P. COURSES

A.P. Calculus BC;
A.P. English Language & Composition; A.P. English Literature & Composition;
A.P. Human Geography;
A.P. Physics C: Mechanics;
A.P. Psychology; A.P. Spanish Language and Culture;
A.P. United States Government and Politics;
A.P. United States History



St. Michael Catholic High School is a member of the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA). We recently completed our **NCAA compliance** survey and have students who are receiving athletic scholarships to attend college in the fall. Last year **75% of our student body participated in at least one athletic team.**



Cardinal Athletics

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VAR-SITY

BASEBALL
BASKETBALL (Boys & Girls)
BOWLING (Boys & Girls)
CHEERLEADING
CROSS COUNTRY (Boys & Girls)
FOOTBALL
GOLF (Boys & Girls)
SOCCER (Boys & Girls)
SOFTBALL
SWIM/DIVE (Boys & Girls)
TENNIS (Boys & Girls)
TRACK (Boys & Girls)
VOLLEYBALL

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CHEERLEADING
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SOFTBALL
TENNIS (Boys & Girls)
TRACK (Boys & Girls)
VOLLEYBALL

Arts, Clubs & Student Government

ART CLUB	HEALTH & WELLNESS CLUB
JAZZ ENSEMBLE	KEY CLUB
CARDINAL CHEMCLUB	MODEL UN
CHAMBER SINGERS	MU ALPHA THETA
CREATIVE CARDINALS	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
DISC GOLF CLUB	PRO-LIFE
DRAMA CLUB	SAILING
ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB	SCHOLAR'S BOWL
EQUESTRIAN CLUB	SPANISH CLUB
FISHING CLUB	YEARBOOK

Our **STUDENT GOVERNMENT** is led by a School Council President and Vice President with leadership from each house: **PORTIER, QUINLAN, O'SULLIVAN AND ALLEN**



GRADING SCALE

St. Michael follows a ten point grading scale.

LETTER	NUMERIC	UNWEIGHTED GPA
A	90-100	4.0
B+	88-89	3.5
B	80-87	3.0
C+	78-79	2.5
C	70-77	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	0-59	0.0

ONLY SEMESTER GRADES AND YEARLY AVERAGES ARE KEPT ON SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS. Semester grades are determined by two quarter grades (40% each) and one semester exam (20%). Yearly grades are determined by averaging first and second semester grades (50% each). Yearly grades are not averaged if the course is a stand-alone semester class.

WEIGHTED GPA for Honors & A.P.

St. Michael keeps two grade point averages for students: an **UNWEIGHTED GPA** and a **WEIGHTED GPA**.



We encourage students to take demanding classes commensurate with their abilities. In recognition of the more rigorous demands of honors and A.P. classes, the weighted GPA gives a mathematical bump to "Honors" and A.P. grades. Students in Honors classes receive a +.5 bonus in a weighted grade point average, whereas Advanced Placement students receive a +1 bonus. Thus an A in an A.P. class = 5.0, and an A in Honors class = 4.5. A "B" = 4.0 in A.P. classes and a 3.5 in an Honors class, etc.

On report cards and other internal school documents, grades are reported as unweighted only, with a 4.0 as the highest grade. For any document external to the school, such as transcripts, only the weighted scale is reported.



ST. MICHAEL Scholars

Seniors who have taken four or more Advanced Placement classes, three or more years of a foreign language and maintain a weighted average of 3.8 or higher after seven semesters, will be named "**ST. MICHAEL SCHOLARS**" at graduation and given a stole to be worn as part of the formal commencement exercises. We anticipate that students wishing to do so will be able to take approximately 9 A.P. courses over the course of their careers as part of the Honors program at St. Michael.

Class Rank

Class ranks are determined on the basis of a **WEIGHTED GPA**. The valedictorian, salutatorian and those eligible to receive recognition as St. Michael Scholars at graduation are all chosen on the basis of the weighted GPA. We do not publish class ranks, but they are available to a college or university upon request.

FACULTY & PRINCIPAL Honor Roll

The school publishes a Faculty and Principal Honor Roll at the end of each semester to recognize outstanding scholarship. Students who earn a 3.6 or better **UNWEIGHTED GPA** will be recognized as making the Faculty Honor Roll. Students achieving all A's are named to the Principal Honor Roll.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

2019-2020

St. Michael students have been admitted to the following institutions over the past two years.
The institutions in **bold** indicate students' enrollment after graduation.

Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Auburn University - Montgomery
Baylor University
Belhaven University
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Birmingham-Southern College
Carroll College
Catholic University of America
Clemson University
Coastal Alabama Community College
College of Saint Rose
Culinary Institute of America
Emory University
Flagler College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia State University
Guliford College

High Point University
Huntingdon College
Iowa State University
Jacksonville State University
James Madison University
Lehigh University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University New Orleans
Lyon College
Marion Military Institute
Mary Baldwin University
Middle Tennessee University
Millsaps College
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
Morehouse College
Pensacola State College
Pennsylvania State University
Rhodes College
Saint Louis University
Samford University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee - University of the South
Southern Union State Community College
Spring Hill College
St. John's University
St. Mary's College

St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary
The New School - Parsons
The University of Alabama
The University of Alabama - Birmingham
Trinity University
Troy University
Tulane University
University of Arkansas
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Dallas
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of Mobile
University of Montevallo
University of North Carolina - Charlotte
University of North Carolina - Greensboro
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Richmond
University of South Alabama
University of Southern Mississippi
University of Tennessee
Villanova University
Washington & Lee
William & Mary
William Carey University