



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 Years of Catholic Education

Dear StMCS Families,

A New School Year Is Taking Shape!

There is a wonderful energy around St. Michael Catholic School as we prepare to welcome our students back! Our amazing custodians have worked hard all summer to make our school spaces shine, creating clean and welcoming classrooms and common areas for the year ahead.

Our new staff members were back this week for orientation, and teachers are beginning to trickle in as they prepare their classrooms and make their spaces ready for our students. Next Monday, our entire staff will be back together for workshops and time to prepare our hearts, minds, and classrooms for a new year.

As we prepare to welcome our students, we are reminded of how important it is for each child to know that they have a place here, that they matter, and that they are cherished. What a beautiful reminder we find in Scripture: *"I have called you by name; you are mine."* (Isaiah 43:1)

We are so excited to welcome our families back! We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House next Tuesday and beginning another wonderful year together.

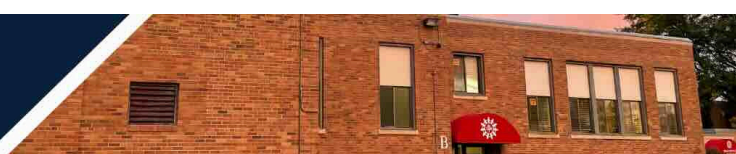
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Heidi Gallus, Ed.S.
Principal

Ben Sartori, M.A. Ed.
Assistant Principal

OPEN HOUSE

Schedules & Details



Grades K-8 Open House

Tuesday, August 25, 3:30 PM-7:30 PM

Open House is an opportunity for **all students and parents** to:

- Meet teachers
- Unpack school supplies and explore classrooms
- Walk through the building, greet school staff, and mingle with friends
- Locate lockers and practice walking their schedule to each classroom

Parents should plan to:

- Bring your **red Family Folder** with completed paperwork to drop off
- Meet support staff and ask questions, learn about special events, volunteer opportunities, the parent portal, and more
- Check out **sample uniform shirts**. Orders placed by August 4 will be ready for **pick-up at Open House**. Orders placed after August 4 will be **delivered to students at school**. There will not be items on-hand for purchase and no orders will be taken at Open House. All orders must be placed [online](#).

To help manage the number of families meeting teachers during any given time and to provide meaningful time for everyone, **please sign up for an arrival time slot**:

[Grades K-8 Open House Sign Up](#)

These links can also be found on our website at stmccatholicsschool.org >Our Community>Current Families>August Folder.

Preschool Open House

Tuesday, August 25, 8:00-11:00 AM & 1:00-6:00 PM

Students and parents will have the opportunity to:

- Meet teachers and staff
- Unpack school supplies and explore classrooms
- Locate cubbies
- Ask questions...and more!

Students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 begin school on Tuesday, September 1.
Preschool begins on Wednesday, September 2.

WEEKLY UPDATES

All School Weekly Updates



2026–2027 School Counseling Information:

At St. Michael Catholic School, we are **committed to partnering with families** to support the spiritual, emotional, and academic well-being of every child. Our **Student Services and Counseling Team** provides short-term, school-based counseling, consultation, and resources to help students thrive. **Please take a few minutes to review this important document**, which outlines our counseling services, referral process, and the supports available to students and families throughout the school year.

View the full **2026–2027 School Counseling Information** [here](#).

[School Counseling Consent/Sign Up Form](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION



Back-To-School Prayer Vigil- August 27

Men are invited to gather in prayer for our school community. Join us for a Prayer Vigil Thursday **August 27, 6-10PM**, as we **pray for protection over our school, students, and staff**.

Bring a chair and stay for five minutes, an hour, or the whole evening. **No RSVP needed**. Contact Ben Sartori with any questions.

2026 Marathon

The 52nd St. Michael Catholic School Marathon is coming up on October 3! More information and details will be shared in the next couple weeks.

You can also check the Marathon page on our website for more details [here](#).

Ted Neitzke Parent Night- September 21

Join Ted Neitzke **September 21, 6:30-8PM** for an informative and engaging **90-minute parenting session** focused on supporting children through the academic, emotional, and social challenges of growing up.

Learn practical strategies to support your children at home, at school, and in their relationships, along with resources to help navigate different stages of development with greater confidence.

More information about the event [here](#).

[Register Here](#)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Catechesis of the Good Shepard (CGS) invites children to explore these essential questions about God through a weekly, Montessori-based approach to faith formation.

Rooted in Scripture, the Church's liturgy, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. CGS gives children the opportunity to slow down, reflect on God's love, and encounter their faith through hands-on materials in a peaceful community.

[CGS Information](#)

VOLUNTEER REMINDERS



Volunteer registration opened Monday but there are still volunteer opportunities available. Please **note the first bullet** below, this is a new change for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please ensure that your virtue is up to date before your shifts, if you're unsure of your virtue status please email Keri Schoen kschoen@stmccatholicsschool.org with any questions.

YEARLY REQUIREMENT REMINDER:

- **One volunteer opportunity needs to be either with the Marathon OR Bids for Kids.**
- Each family is required to complete 10 hours throughout the school year between August - June (last day of school).
- Unfilled hours will be billed at the rate of \$100 per hour.
- Failure to pay may compromise your child(ren)'s enrollment status.

RESOURCES

Quick Access Links

- [2026-2027 Calendar](#)
- [Staff Roster 2026-2027](#)
- [School Supplies List](#)



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