

St. Michael Catholic School Profile 2008 - 2009

St. Michael's Catholic School was founded in 1942 by the Sisters of Mercy in a parishioner's house. In 1952, the school moved to its current location as the first building on our campus.

The school is an integral part of the St. Michael's Parish Community, but serves students from Shelby, Belmont, Lincolnton, River Hills, Clover, South Carolina and other areas as well.

A new addition in 2002 enhanced our educational program with a new Media Center, art room and new classrooms for the Middle School and new Science facilities for the school.

Student Enrollment

Grades Pre-K-8
Total: 217
Girls: 113 Boys: 104

Catholic: 198
Other Faiths: 19

Student-Teacher Ratio:
K-3 - 13
4-5 - 13
6-8 - 12



Faculty

Principal
13 Full Time Teachers
7 Part-Time Teachers
6 Teaching Assistants
1 Part-Time Counselor
1 Part-Time Learning Support Teacher

Accreditation

St. Michael's Catholic School is fully accredited by the Diocese of Charlotte and the N. C. Department of Public Instruction. St. Michael's School has also been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1977.

Areas of Study

All students receive instruction in Religious Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, English/Language Arts, and Physical Education.

Expanded Programs with Specialist Instructors

Computer Art
Music Spanish
Learning Support for students with identified needs
Instrumental music Library



School Year

St. Michael's School year is divided into two semesters of 18 weeks each with 4 ½ week interim reporting periods and 9 week reporting periods.

A school day is from 7:55 am until 2:55 pm. A teacher is on duty at 7:30 am for early drop off.

An After School Care Program is available from 2:55 pm until 6:00 pm on school days only. There is a fee for this program as well.

St. Michael's school offers a Federal Hot Lunch Program for all students. Food is prepared here in our own cafeteria.

Athletics

Mascot: Tiger
Girls & Boys Basketball Teams - Grades 4-8
Cheerleading Grades 6-8
Boys & Girls Soccer Grades 5-8
Girls Volleyball Grades 5-8
Boys & Girls Tennis Grades 6-8
Cross Country Grades 6-8

Clubs and Activities

Student Council Prayer Club
Newspaper Band
Yearbook Service Club
Weekly Newsletter
Math Super Stars
Accelerated Reader
Jump Rope Club

School Traditions

Catholic Schools Week
Mass and Prayer Services
May Day Procession
Spelling Bee
Geography Bee
All School Skating Party
Book Fair
Fun Fair

School Awards & Honors

NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award
NCEA/Diocesan Distinguished Teacher Award
Presidential Physical Fitness Awards
Honor Roll/Principal's Roll - Grades 6-8
Ft. Gregory Citizenship Awards - 8th Grade
Mother Margaret Mary Achievement Award - 8th Grade
Fr. George Kloster Academic Awards - 8th Grade
American Jr. High Math Award
Duke Talent Identification Award - grade 7
Duke MAP Program - Grades 4 & 5
National Jr. Beta Club

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Parent Organizations

Parent Teacher Organization
Athletic Booster Club
Parish Council
SM School Board
SMS Endowment Fund Committee
Eunice & James Cherry
Scholarship Fund
SMS Tuition Assistance
Committee
Sisters of Mercy Scholarship fund