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St. Michael's School is a 1st through 12th grade school with rigorous academic demands and a sound character education program. The school's international curriculum is delivered in the English language, and complemented with *Lengua Española and Estudios Sociales* classes offered in Spanish in compliance with MINERD requirements. Founded in 1991 by educators Roxanna Soto, Christian Virginia Heinsen, and Michelle Morel, St. Michael's is committed to forming well-rounded individuals and life-long learners who will make a difference in the world.



#thirstforknowledge

St. Michael's School offers a rigorous academic curriculum designed to prepare our students to succeed at the most competitive universities in the world.

Academic Foundation



The 21st Century Skills prepare students for success in learning, work, citizenship, and life.



Singapore Math emphasizes the development of strong number sense, excellent mental math skills, and a deep understanding of place value.



Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by investigating and responding to an authentic, engaging, and complex question, problem, or challenge.



The Common Core is a set of high-quality academic standards created to ensure that all students graduate from high school with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in college, career, and life.



Advanced Placement courses are rigorous, college-level classes in a variety of subjects that give students an opportunity to acquire college credits.



Our main instruction delivery is in the English language, but we also comply with all MINERD requirements for *Lengua Española and Sociales*, and with the French Ministry of Education for our French classes.



Ranging from fine arts to science, literature to sports, electives may spark a new passion or inspire a career path.



#moralvalues



It is our commitment to form beings with a positive vision, promoting virtues and cultures that allow for the maximum development of social, emotional, moral, and academic achievements, based on a well-rounded education of continuous improvement.

Character Education Program



The Character Education class promotes the integration of morals and values to everyday life.



“Una Esperanza” is a monthly publication focused on the different values that are the core of SMS.



Escuela de Padres is a continuous guidance plan for parents to foster a culture of open and healthy dialogue within the community.



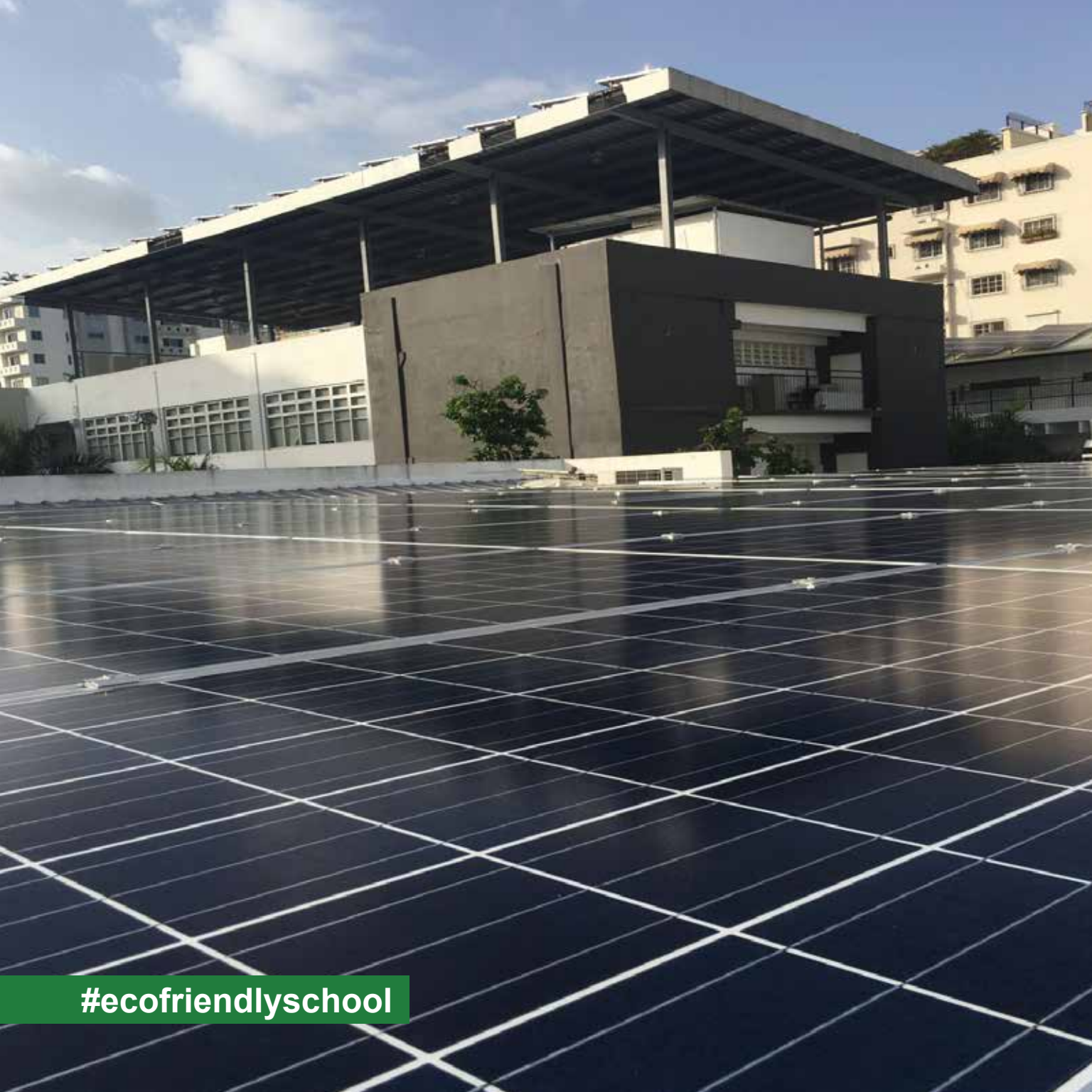
Digital citizenship is defined as the norms for appropriate and responsible behavior regarding technology use.



The purpose of our Zone-3R program is to promote Environmental Education in the daily life through school-wide activities and events.



Students receive religion classes starting in the 1st grade all the way through 10th grade. Every year SMS offers the opportunity to prepare students for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



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Students need to be able to turn information into knowledge and thus use that knowledge in a responsible way to better the world around them.

21st Century Themes



Global Awareness is the ability to understand and address global issues, learning from, and working collaboratively with, diverse individuals in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in multiple contexts.



Environmental literacy allows students to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the environment and the circumstances and conditions affecting it, particularly relating to air, climate, land, food, energy, water, and ecosystems.



Civic literacy promotes exercising the rights and obligations of citizenship at local, state, national, and global levels, and understanding the local and global implications of civic decisions.



Every year students can join a number of different clubs and organizations that aim to give back to the community and help them develop new skills.

Clubs, Activities, and Student Leadership



The Model United Nations is an engaging and challenging club where students emulate the activities of UN delegates. SMS is the proud host of one of the largest models in our area.



The National Honor Society serves four main purposes: to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in secondary school students.



Students who join the Debate Club practice developing sound and logical arguments, obtain the opportunity to practice public speaking, and increase their understanding of important global issues.



The Cub Scout program is a fun and educational experience that enhances values. Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

"Try to leave this world better than you found it..." -Robert Baden-Powell



FIRST LEGO League teams research real-world problems and are challenged to develop solutions. They also must design, build, and program a robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology, and then compete nationally on a table-top playing field.



The Junior Achievement program ignites the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.



Student council members are elected by peers to participate in designated areas of school government, present ideas, requests, and feedback in the meetings, and through a democratic process, students are given a voice to make decisions.



In the Yearbook Club, students design and promote the SMS Yearbook. This club will help reinforce a diverse set of skills, and is a positive experience for its members.



The Parents' Association, in conjunction with the school staff, organizes an annual Family Fun Day. This event consists of sports competitions, games, and rallies that brings the SMS family together.



At the SMS Talent Show students dance, sing, tell jokes, play an instrument, etc. Staff members may even surprise us with their own acts too!



Semana Dominicana is a traditional celebration where students perform and present aspects of Dominican culture and traditions. The week ends with Dominican Night where the entire community joins the school in celebration.



Mind Sports are games of skill where competition is based on a particular type of intellectual ability as opposed to physical exercise. These games help students develop many 21st century skills.



#SMSfamily

SMS Champion of this
year's 2016 – 2017
ACCA

Leadership

Teamwork

St. Michael's School

#SMSdolphins



Our sports program promotes competitive, loyal, and disciplined sportsmanship. Through it, students engage in appropriate physical activities designed for children to enhance their fitness, gross motor skills, and health.

Sports Program



The Dolphin is the official mascot of the school. The student body voted for this mascot more than 10 years ago.



The SMS sports curriculum follows the seasonal calendar, offering students the opportunity to learn and improve their skills in soccer, tennis, basketball, and volleyball, among others.



In the 2016-2017 school year, SMS was proudly recognized as the overall champions of the ACCAS League (Association of Colombian-Caribbean American Schools). SMS participated in all of the tournaments that took place for each of its sports.



The school participates in most of the national competitions held each year, including the Copa Coca-Cola, Copa Claro, Copa Lide, as well as all the intercollegiate tournaments.



#success

Our Counselor guides 9th through 12th grade students through the highly selective college admission process, increasing their opportunities of getting into their top-choice school.

Our Graduates

**More than 70%
of our students receive
scholarships**

**Students were offered
US\$732,000
for Freshman year**

**MARIA ISABEL
GARRIGOSA FERRUA**
Masters in Special Ed.
Class of 1999

“From the teachers, to the students, to administration, there is such a family atmosphere that is perfect for nurturing academic ability. St. Michael’s School contributed in shaping me into the educational professional I am today.”

ARMANDO MESSINA
PhD in Structural Engineer
Stanford University
Class of 2010

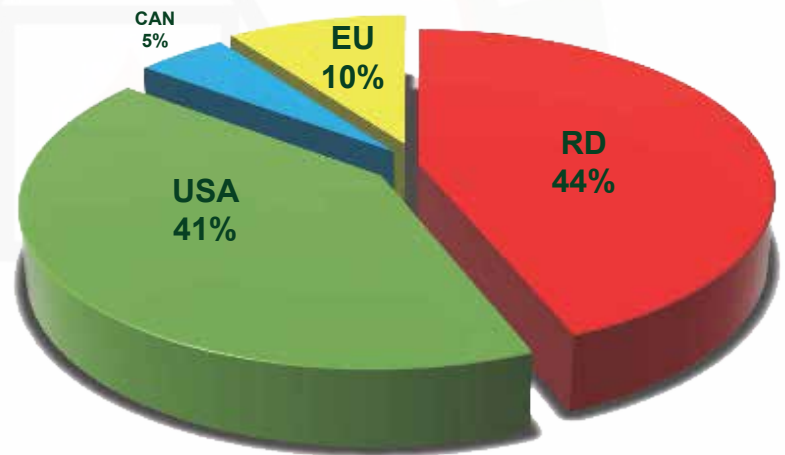
“I am very grateful for my experience at St. Michael’s School. The school got me very well prepared for my university studies. Also, during the 10 years I spent there, I made valuable friendships that have grown and stayed strong to this day.”

CARLOS MELLA
Creative Design Lead for
Ad Product Innovation
Class of 2010

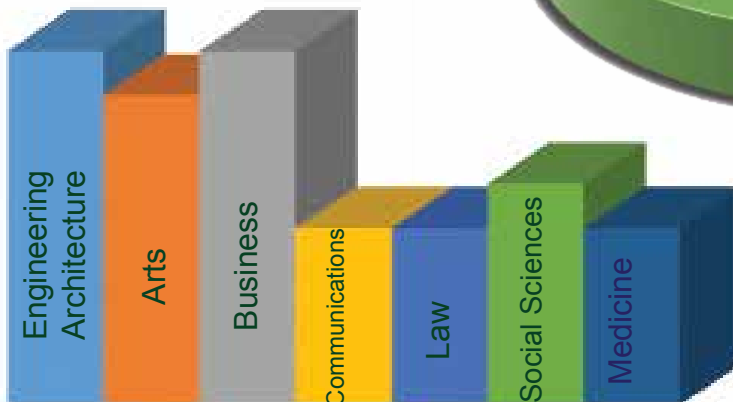
“School is hard. This is a simple fact; school, be it a good or bad one, is going to knock you down sometimes. The difference between a good school and a great one, however, is how you learn to pick yourself up after these falls, and how it teaches you to make sure it doesn’t happen again. I think that’s what I remember most about my time at SMS. Classes were challenging, extracurriculars sometimes felt like they were going to swallow me whole, but through every second I knew I had an amazing team of teachers and counselors who helped me rise to every challenge, and fostered in me a drive to be better, which helps me every single day.”



Regional University Placements
Class 2017



Career Selections
Class 2017



St. Michael's School was many things to me over the years: during my Elementary School years, it was the place I wanted to come back to after a long summer to see all my friends again in the playground. In Middle School, it was the place where I started to develop as a person with my very own opinions and convictions. In High School, it was the place that knocked me over the head and told me to grow up and take responsibility for myself, because no one else would. Throughout my eighteen years of life I've learned many tough lessons, but some of the most important ones by far I learned at SMS. Yes, it's a very good academic institution, but it's the people there that I take the most from. The teachers and staff here taught me the insurmountable value of human connection, and the longstanding effect my actions could have on other peoples' lives if only I tried hard enough and put my heart and soul into what I did. I learned never to give up my own convictions and to fight for what I want, because that's the only way I could ever get anywhere in this world. So thank you, SMS, for helping me get to where I am today."

-Jaqueline Pérez,
International Criminal Justice, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, Class of 2017.

Jaqueline Pérez received the 2017 SMS Student Award at her graduation for combining academic excellence with sound moral and ethical values evident in all realms of our community.



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