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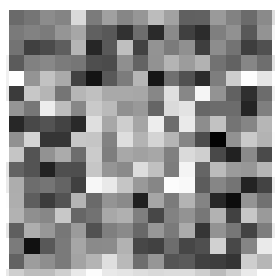


#OURSECONDHOME



SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

St. Michael's School is a 1st through 12th-grade school with rigorous academic demands and a sound character education program. The school is accredited by Cognia and MINERD. St. Michael's international curriculum is delivered in the English language, and as part of our essence, we highly value the Lengua Española and Estudios Sociales curriculum 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.



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LEARN MORE ABOUT SMS

ACADEMIC FOUNDATION

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

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** standards are 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.

AP Capstone gives students a pedagogical foundation, called the QUEST framework, to develop, practice, and hone their critical and creative thinking skills as they make connections between various issues and their own lives.

SUPA is one of the leading concurrent enrollment programs. Students who succeed have the opportunity to earn college credits, which can result in a savings for college through the significantly reduced tuition rate.

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.







CHARACTER EDUCATION

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.

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-3Rs** 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**.
- ◀ Our **social-emotional retreats** are an integral part of our students' journey at SMS, serving as pillars in building students' self-esteem, confidence, and social skills.

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.
-  Educational technology provides both students and teachers the access to a wide variety of resources that motivates critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration. it promotes digital skills.

“ 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. ”



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CLUBS AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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.



MUN
MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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.



NHS
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.



FIRST
FLL JR, FLL AND FRC

Through FLL Jr, FLL and FRC, FIRST® inspires young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.



STUCO
STUDENT COUNCIL

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.



DEBATE
CLUB

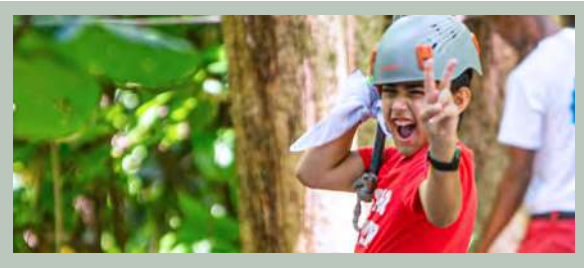
Students who join the Debate Club practice developing sound and logical arguments, obtain the opportunity to practice public speaking, and increase their understanding of important global issues.



YEARBOOK
CLUB

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.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES



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.



Every year, our community comes together for our traditional Thanksgiving Mass to give thanks for all our blessings. This mass is also dedicated to our graduating class and a special blessing is bestowed upon them.



30 YEARS
CELEBRATING
a love
THAT NURTURES



#SMSFAMILY



SPORTS PROGRAM

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.



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.



Through our **athletics department** we promote respect for others, positive attitude, team loyalty and competitive spirit. Our greatest pride is not only the athletic skills our students demonstrate within the game, but more importantly the **Sportsmanship Award** they constantly receive after each match.



The school participates in most of the national competitions held each year, including the **Copa Malta Morena, Copa Scotiabank**, as well as all the intercollegiate tournaments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF

2022



OUR GRADUATES

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.



75% OF OUR GRADUATES
ATTEND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
INTERNATIONALLY.



OUT OF THESE
**70% WENT TO USA
AND CANADA
AND 30% TO EUROPE.**



MORE THAN 95%
OF THE US BOUND GRADUATES
OBTAINED SOME FORM OF
SCHOLARSHIP, RANGING FROM
US\$5,000 TO US\$50,000.



MARÍA JOSÉ TEJON

MAJOR IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
IE UNIVERSITY MADRID, CLASS OF 2018

"During my twelve years at St. Michael's School I became part of a welcoming and loving community that I will forever keep in my heart.

The teachers encouraged me to explore my creativity and they incentivized my curiosity. They taught me the importance of speaking up for what I believe and they motivated me to pursue my passions. I will always be grateful for their guidance and dedication. My classmates, who became the best support system, were the source of constant laughter that brightened every day. The electives and clubs offered by the school became one of the most important pillars of my daily life.

From Debate Club to Model United Nations, having these accessible activities gave me the opportunity of learning invaluable skills and sharing ideas with the students and experts from all around the world. St. Michael's School is much more than just a school; it is a family filled with constant support and exciting new opportunities. It is an honor to be a part of this extraordinary family."



IGNACIO FERNÁNDEZ

CLASS OF 2022 VALEDICTORIAN

"And while we're on the subject of teaching, teachers, no, I haven't forgotten about you. How to thank you for the extraordinary dedication you've put into this perfect, amazing, and well-behaved class? Year after year we've been lucky enough to have you not only as academic instructors but also as personal mentors. I know from my own experience that teaching isn't remotely close to being an easy task; I still can't fully comprehend how you manage to come to school every day, with a smile on your face and the motivation to teach us something new. For that, I truly admire you. From elementary to middle school to high school, you have slowly but surely shaped us into the outstanding individuals we are today. As we move on to our adult lives I know our hearts will forever remember all the times we spent together – and we hope yours too, never forget."





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