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COGNIA - MINERD  
ACCREDITED





# 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 delivers an international curriculum in English, while also placing high value on the Lengua Española and Estudios Sociales programs offered in Spanish, in full 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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**St. Michael's**





# 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 savings for college through the significantly reduced tuition rate.

**Our STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and innovation classes aim to foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills by integrating diverse disciplines. These classes encourage students to explore real-world challenges, think collaboratively, and develop innovative solutions using a blend of scientific inquiry, technological tools, artistic expression, and engineering principles. The goal is to prepare students for future careers in a rapidly evolving world, equipping them with the knowledge and adaptability needed to thrive in both academic and professional environments.

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

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





# St. Michael's



# CHARACTER EDUCATION

We are committed to shaping individuals with a positive outlook, fostering virtues and cultures that support the fullest development of social, emotional, moral, and academic achievements, all grounded in a well-rounded education focused on continuous improvement.

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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 para 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 First Holy Communion and Confirmation .
- ◀ 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.
- ◀ Each year, students at every grade level plan and participate in different **social work activities**, which aim to develop a sense of community, empathy, and responsibility. These activities, whether through volunteering, fundraising, or community outreach, allow students to engage with real-world issues and contribute to the well-being of others. The purpose is to instill values of compassion and service, while also helping students understand the impact they can have on society, fostering personal growth and a deeper connection to their community.





# 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.



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.

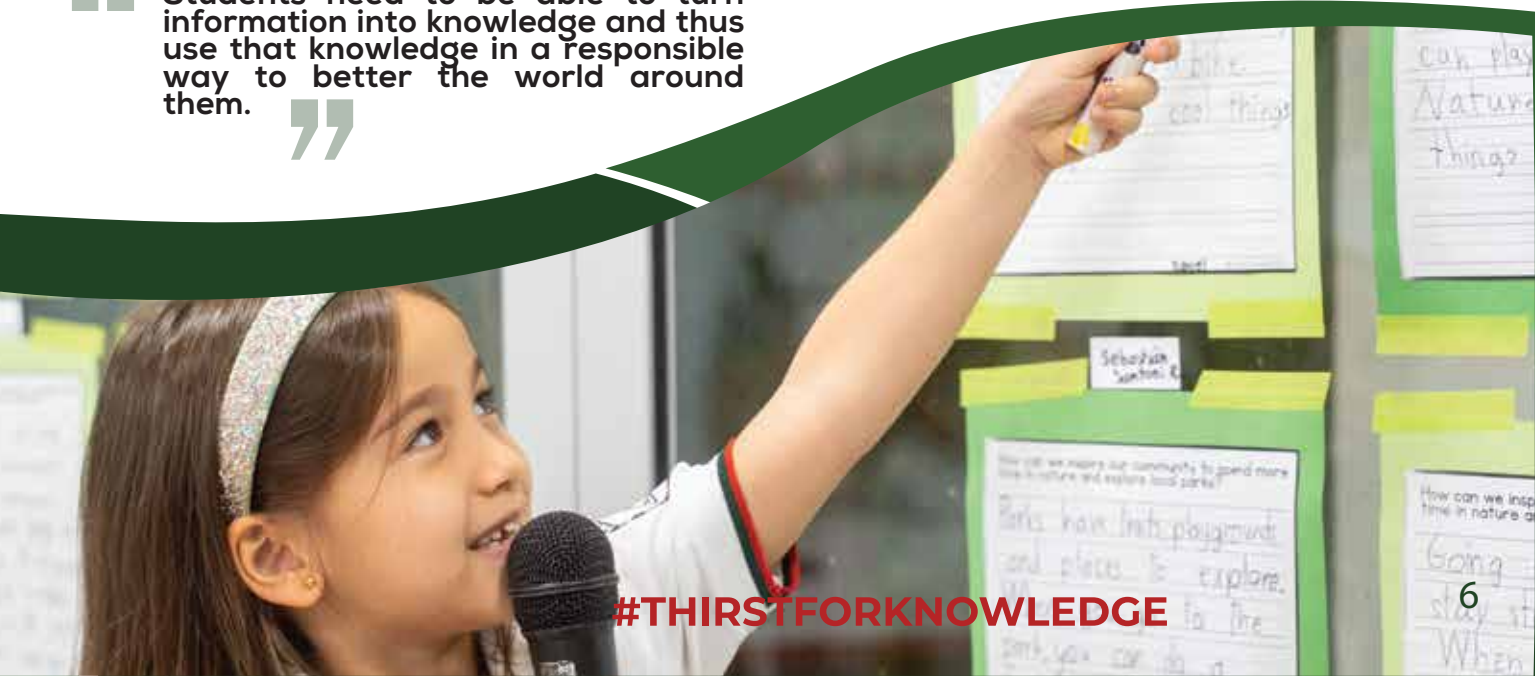


Environmental literacy allows students to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the environment and the circumstances and conditions affecting it, particularly relating to air, climate, land, food, energy, water, and ecosystems.



Educational technology gives students and teachers access to a wide range of resources that foster critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration, while also promoting essential 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.**”



#THIRSTFORKNOWLEDGE







# CLUBS AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Each year, students can join clubs and organizations that give back to the community and build new skills. In addition, our wide range of afternoon extracurricular classes—from dance, fashion design, and piano to Debate, Model UN, and FIRST Robotics—enrich students' education while fostering creativity, teamwork, and self-confidence, preparing them to excel both in and out of the classroom.



## **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 become leaders and innovators in science and technology. By engaging them in exciting, mentor-based programs, FIRST® helps build their science, engineering, and technology skills while fostering innovation and developing well-rounded life skills such as self-confidence, communication, and leadership.



## **STUCO** STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council members are elected by their peers to participate in specific areas of school governance, where they present ideas, requests, and feedback during meetings. Through this democratic process, students are given a voice in decision-making.



## **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.



# FAMILY 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.







# 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, chess, 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 actively participates in a variety of private and intercollegiate **national competitions** each year, providing students with the opportunity to represent their school and engage with peers from other institutions. Through these events, students not only refine their skills but also cultivate discipline, healthy competitiveness, and a strong sense of loyalty.





# SOCCER



# VOLLEYBALL



# CHESS



# BASKETBALL







# Congratulations to our class of 2025



on their acceptances to  
these outstanding **colleges**  
and **universities!**



Northeastern  
University



PennState

PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY



Universidad  
de Navarra



UNIVERSIDAD  
NEBRIJA



University  
of Essex



UNIVERSITY OF  
ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



University of  
Massachusetts  
Amherst



THE UNIVERSITY  
of EDINBURGH





# 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.



**100% OF OUR GRADUATES**

ATTEND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.



OUT OF THESE  
**81% WENT TO USA  
AND 18% TO EUROPE  
AND LATIN AMERICA**



**MORE THAN 1.89 MILLION**

OFFERED IN SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
FRESHMAN YEAR



**SARA PAGÉS**

**VALEDICTORIAN**

MAJOR IN DATA SCIENCE  
AND COMMUNICATIONS,

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**



**SARA GIL**

**VALEDICTORIAN**

MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY  
**UNIBE**

" Like trees, soil has been tilled for each one of our seeds to grow. This soil has been tilled by God, our family, and our school. The journey towards growing from this soil is not a linear one, and it will not be easy; we have already gone through the easiest part at least. Yes, it gets tougher from here on out, but it also gets more beautiful. Now is the time for our roots to grow and flourish as beautiful trees, because when God has something for you, it doesn't matter who or what stands against it, he will move whatever obstacle that stands in the way of a door that is meant for you to open. We don't know what each other's futures hold, but if you are willing to take the harder route, the complex one, holding more failures and lessons, you will accomplish whatever goal God has in the books for you. Face the stumbles knowing Inventio is stumbling along with you, even if it is on another side of the world, whether it be Amsterdam or Boston, let all of us fall and learn to get back up again together. Know that following the path meant for us doesn't mean our soil won't encounter drought or floods, it means that from every circumstance we will prevail. Take the complicated route, Inventio, we were not born to take shortcuts, and by our minds of right, we will take the right path, even if it takes another season, our trees will blossom unlike any other. Because you cannot lose when it's your time to win, and this time is determined by God. "



# Shaping the leaders of tomorrow

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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