

OUR SCHOOL MISSION

St. Michael Catholic School's mission is to educate and guide students by providing academic excellence, spiritual development and strong Catholic values.

Our school will maintain a safe, nurturing environment that inspires a genuine love for learning, and encourages a lifelong quest for knowledge.

St. Michael Catholic School is a pre-k (4) through eighth grade Catholic elementary school located in Garden City, South Carolina, open to students of all faiths.

For additional information visit us online
www.saintmichaelsc.org
or call 843-651-6795.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Catholic Schools help students understand every person is unique and valuable.

The integration of everyday life with religious values distinguishes the Catholic school from all others.

"The gift of a good education is one of the greatest blessings parents can give their children."

*Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston*



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Parents choose a Catholic school education because of our reputation for high academic standards, a safe environment, and a faith-based education.

STRONG ACADEMICS

- In 2006, eighth grade reading scores for Catholic schools were 18.1 points higher than public school students. In math, they were 12.3 percent higher.
- In 2007, Catholic school students (testing only grades 4 and 8) scored higher than the national public school average in every category by as many as 21 points.
- In 2008, SAT students in Catholic high schools scored higher than the national public school average in every category, by as many as 65 points.
- In 2009, Catholic school eighth-graders outperformed their public school peers in math and reading by almost 15 points
- 99.1% of all students attending Catholic schools graduate from high school, compared to 70% of all public school students nationally.
- 97% of Catholic high school graduates attend post-secondary school (college) compared to 33% of public school graduates nationwide.

Sources: NCEA, NCES, Gallup, NAEP, ITBS,
And US Census Bureau

Catholic School students consistently score significantly above the national averages on standardized testing like the IOWA Test of Basic Skills. (ITBS)

STRONG COMMUNITY

Catholic schools strive to create a strong sense of community where mutual respect among students, faculty, and administrators generate an atmosphere of care and concern. Research shows that such a partnership results in higher attendance, better grades and lower dropout rates. According to the US Census Bureau, approximately 16-22% of U.S. students in public high schools drop out compared to 1-3% of all U.S. Catholic school students.

St. Michael Catholic School is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Together with our Diocese and School Board we are consistently looking for new ways to improve our school's safe, nurturing environment.

STRONG CHRISTIAN VALUES

A Catholic education emphasizes the importance of strong Christian values, good character and self-discipline. We encourage family involvement through an effective PTO that sets a good example of stewardship.

St. Michael Catholic School is an integral part of our Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel, build faith communities, celebrate through worship and serve others. Last year, our students logged over 4,000 service hours by sharing their time, talent and treasure with our parish family and neighboring community. From Robotics to Latin, and a wide assortment of unique electives, sports and activities, our students are able to explore a variety of subjects in an atmosphere where mutual respect and charity prevail.

By emphasizing strong values and focusing on the presence of God, Saint Michael Catholic School encourages each student to accept the challenge of becoming a better person in today's world.