



St. Michael School prides itself on its rigorous and challenging Catholic Classical Curriculum. We have well qualified teachers who care about their students. Our graduates excel in high school and beyond. We have standardized test scores that are well above the national averages.

Yet St. Michael School is more than just academics. Our faith is integrated into all of the academic subjects. A Catholic education must be more than just Religion class and weekly liturgies. Our mission guides us to form our students in our faith and lead them to become disciples of Christ.

Our curriculum is integrated and historically based. Students study the great ideas of Western Civilization with Christ as the center. Democracy, science, art, and literature provide the impetus for understanding how the past influences and unifies our culture. We utilize great classical literature by authors such as Aesop, Twain and Shakespeare, along with primary sources so students are able to discern the original intent of the writers and the truths of the documents.

Our curriculum has a strong emphasis on language. We want students to be able to think well, write well, and speak well. Reading, writing, phonics and vocabulary are emphasized. The study of Latin begins in the early grades and continues through grade eight. As the basis of all the Romance Languages, Latin study is beneficial not just to the acquisition of these languages but also to the teaching of logic, grammar and vocabulary. In the middle school students not only learn the Latin roots of their science vocabulary, but the Greek roots as well.

Age appropriate methods of teaching are utilized. In the early grades children are ready and able to memorize and be taught large amounts of information. This stage is referred to as the “grammar” stage. The “logic” stage begins as students approach the middle school years. Here students’ ability to reason develops and so we teach logic and reasoning skills. Students learn to debate and think critically, evolving reasoning skills to aid them not only in math and science, but to excel in life as they encounter problems and decisions.

The classical model of education was the model of Catholic education until the first half of the twentieth century. It is proven to produce some of the highest SAT scores of any curriculum. It

prepares students not just for high school, college or a career, but to become lifelong learners who are informed, engaged and faith-filled members of society.

St. Michael School is the first school in the Diocese of Norwich to become a Catholic Classical School, a model that is not only attracting schools throughout the country, but is attracting students back to Catholic education. Catholic education has provided strong leaders throughout its history. We believe that Catholic education and this model in particular, are important for the future of our faith and our country.

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God Bless,

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