



ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL

A CHESTERTON ACADEMY



ANNUAL GALA 2023

GRATIAS TIBI *Thank you*

Dear Friends of St. Michael High School,

It thrilled me to speak with so many of you at our Second Annual Gala in April! Many of you told me how important the mission of St. Michael High School and our students are to you. Some of you said that the sort of education we offer is a game-changer in American culture. I was even told by someone at the end of the evening, "This school gives me hope!"

I say to all of you that *your support* will change the game, and your presence at the Gala *gives me* hope!

As I said in my remarks at the Gala, we must be the builders and guardians of the values and culture the next generation will inherit. I'm grateful that we can count on you to help us build and defend St. Michael High School!

May God bless you and St. Michael defend you,

Mr. Andrew Moe

HEADMASTER, MR. ANDREW MOE

UPCOMING

SPRING CONCERT

5.18 | 7pm

First Presbyterian
Petoskey, MI

SPRING PLAY

Twelfth Night

5.22 & 5.23 | 7pm

St. Michael H.S.
Petoskey, MI

BACCALAUREATE MASS

5.31 | 6pm

St. Mary
Charlevoix, MI

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

6.4 | 2pm

Grand Unity Event Ctr.
Petoskey, MI



WHAT ARE THE ENDS OF EDUCATION?

Enjoy these highlights from the remarks given by former and current students and our headmaster!

SIOBHAN WEED | CLASS OF 2023

Moral relativism claims that the conscience is responsible only to itself, and individuals are the judges of the morality of their actions. ... From this comes the approval of individual, conflicting realities, the idea of 'my truth' and 'your truth' rather than THE truth. St. John Henry Newman maintained that individuals who subscribe to moral relativism still choose between ideas of right and wrong, yet without acknowledging a higher order or standard of morality, they have no concrete way to differentiate between the two.

He stated, "What I desire in Catholics is the gift of bringing out what their religion is. I want a laity... who know their religion,...who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it... I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth." St. Michael High School cultivates precisely this kind of learning.

BARRETT MOORE | CLASS OF 2016

The soul of education is the education of the soul. Man ought to investigate truth not just in order to contemplate it (for only contemplating in and of itself is not very useful), but in order to practice virtue; we study what is true in order to do what is good.

The pagan philosophers who first pioneered classical education understood very well that virtue is an end unto itself; man ought to pursue virtue for virtue's sake. When Christ came, he renewed all things, and in so doing He gave things, including classical education, a higher end: now we don't try to be virtuous for virtue's sake, but we try to be virtuous for the sake of heaven. The goal of this life is heaven, and if we are not thinking about that and doing something about it every day, we're probably doing life wrong.

ANDREW MOE | HEADMASTER

What Siobhan and Barrett have described is a rebellion against a reductive definition of the human person as either a functionary -- a cog in a machine -- or a being built for the pursuit of ease and individual pleasure.

Humans aren't merely smart animals. They are in the image of God in clay, having the capacity to know truth, love the good, and desire beauty. What kind of formation is appropriate for such a creature? Should we say only that they need to be taught how to get good things, or should we not commit a great part of our time teaching them how to become good themselves?

This view of the student--the human person--as something greater than a tool for society's "use" or an independent pleasure-seeking thing, is what animates Catholic Classical education.

And it can change the world.



THE MISSION OF ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL

To nurture and elevate a new generation of joyful leaders educated in the classical tradition and truth of the Catholic faith.

We're grateful to everyone who supports our crucial mission by praying for our success, sharing our story, and donating to the cause.

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