

AN INVITATION TO SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL INDIAN SCHOOL

Dear Cardinal Family & Supporters:

My name is Noah Zah. I have attended St. Michael Indian School since kindergarten and this coming June, I will graduate with 33 of my classmates. Reflecting on my time at SMIS, I am incredibly grateful for my educational journey and the learning experiences that have helped me become who I am today. These opportunities would not have been possible without the generosity of others.

This school year, I have had the chance to participate in several rigorous courses and programs that have expanded my knowledge. I am currently part of the first Pre-Med Society, a class in which we discover health careers and meet medical professionals weekly. My Small Business Accounting class is challenging me on the intimidating subject of accounting. This class has been particularly informational as I consider opening a local music shop. Although I plan to pursue my college education in counseling/psychology, I have always been interested in music and would like to own a related small business one day. Last year, I worked as a cadet teacher in the classroom with my three-year-old niece, learning the basics of being a teacher. These are just a few unique and valuable learning opportunities I have experienced at St. Michael Indian School. I appreciate the planning by our school leaders to create classes that encourage my creativity and passion for learning.

Around our school, the environment is very welcoming and collaborative. And the following is just a small sample of what the SMIS community has accomplished together:

- Renovated school chapel complete with new kneelers, carpeted floors, and new chairs.
- New Lego Education lab kits for every student in the school for STEM education.
- Inaugural elementary league sports of third to fifth grades participating in running and basketball.
- Opening a third preschool classroom to serve two-year-old students.
- Continued collaborations with the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Xavier University of Louisiana, Tufts, and many more universities to deliver new learning programs for students and teachers.

I hope this has been informative and helped you understand why St. Michael Indian School is essential to my life. As we begin the Lenten Season, I am committing to giving up my enjoyment of junk food and saving those funds to donate back to my school. I want the younger students at my school to enjoy the benefits of the gift of education that is only possible by putting every contribution to good use.

I ask you to consider sacrificing a little this Lent by making a gift to St. Michael Indian School. Remember, every amount goes a long way. With your help, we will continue to fulfill Saint Katharine Drexel's vision of building a school for the advancement of our Native American communities, their families, and our future leaders.

Praying for you this Lenten Season and God Bless,

- Noah Zah | SMIS Class of 2023



OUR MISSION

St. Michael Indian School provide students like Noah from local Native American communities with a quality education from pre-K through 12th grade that is rooted in Catholic values, is sensitive to Native heritage, teaches leadership skills, and enables students to contribute in a culturally diverse world.

NOAH'S JOURNEY THROUGH SMIS KINDERGARTEN TO SENIOR YEAR



BAPTISM

Noah baptized in April 2014



HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

Honor Roll recognition with his siblings



GRADE 7

Noah says farewell to Fr. Joseph at the end of the school year.



GRADE 8

Starting the first day of 8th grade.



GRADE 11

Junior prom night with long-time friend Dustin.



VARSITY BASEBALL

Varsity baseball returns to SMIS with Noah playing first and third base.



GRADE 12

Varsity soccer kicks off Noah's Senior year at SMIS.



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