

FAQ



Why should I contribute to the PAG drive?

Your participation in the PAG drive allows St. Michael School to continue to provide a quality education in a supportive environment for your child. Foundations that provide grant funding for St. Michael require that parents participate in our fundraising efforts.

Is my participation important?

Yes! Your participation is vital to the success of securing needed funding. In 2020, just one week after launching our PAG drive, our priorities shifted as a result of COVID-19. The health and wellness of our students and families became our prime concern. This past year we have faced many challenges. Notably, our fundraising efforts were significantly impacted. It's more important now than ever that we count on each family for your support.

What if I cannot afford to contribute the full gap?

Your participation is the most important part of this drive. Our goal is that every family will contribute. Gifts of all sizes will help us reach our goal.

How do I participate?

You may contribute by writing a check, paying by credit card, or through FACTS. To donate online, please visit www.stmichaelspecialschool.com.

Do I have to pay the full amount all at once?

No. We ask that you kindly make a commitment to donate by April 15, 2021. You may make payments as your budget allows. Families have until June 30, 2021 to make their tax-deductible donation.

Tell me about matching gifts.

If you or your spouse work for a company that has a matching gift program, a matching contribution will maximize your donation. You and your family will receive credit for the total amount of both gifts.

St. Michael School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

LEARN. GROW. BELONG.

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2021 PARENT ANNUAL GIVING DRIVE



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Did you know? It costs **\$15,326.³²** to educate your child.

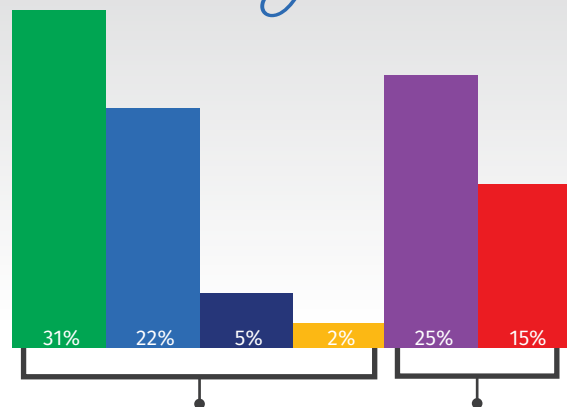


Since our founding in 1965, a priority for St. Michael Special School is to keep tuition affordable and accessible to all families. However, the operational expenses far exceed the amount of tuition. To keep high-quality teachers in every classroom, up-to-date technology and technology resources; student transportation; and safe buildings and grounds, we must fund the gap between tuition and actual cost. While St. Michael has a variety of events, fundraisers, and engages community supporters to raise the difference, it takes all of us! Applying for grants and foundational support requires SMSS to demonstrate parental support at our school. We need YOU to show your support by giving at any level. No gift is too small or too large! Every donation makes a difference!

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS FOR EVERY FAMILY TO CONTRIBUTE.

If each family gives **\$766 or **\$64** per month, St. Michael will continue to help students learn, grow, and belong.**

Funding Breakdown

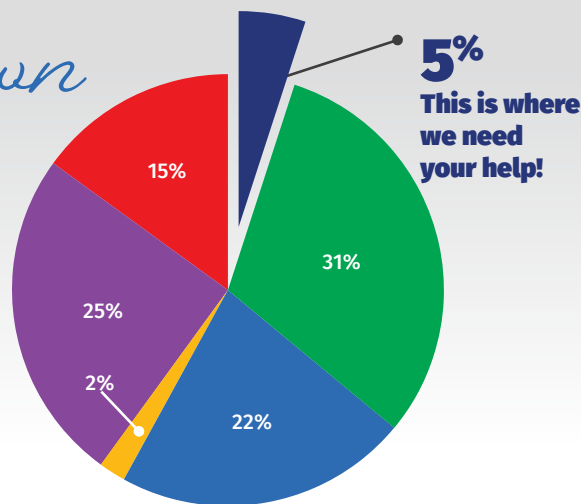


\$9,593.32 GAP per Student + \$5,733 Tuition =

\$15,326.32 COST
TO EDUCATE EACH STUDENT

\$766 per family will cover the needed 5%

This breakdown includes projected income needed to meet 2020-21 expenses.



- Grants & Donations
- Special Events
- Additional Need for Funding (Parent Annual Giving)
- Money from Student Artwork & Bead Fundraising
- Tuition (Paid by Parents)
- Tuition (Scholarships/Financial Aid)

Please accept my gift to the SMSS Parent Annual Giving Drive to ensure the continued spiritual, academic, social and independent growth of St. Michael students.

☐ **Yes, count me in for **\$766****

☐ **Additional Amount +**
= TOTAL AMOUNT

☐ Every dollar counts! I will donate \$.....

I would like to make a recurring gift of \$.....

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Other

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Pay Online ☐ Bill to FACTS

☐ I will contact my company about their Matching Gifts Program.

Name of Company.....

☐ I would like additional information about Stock Donations.

Name

Student Name.....

Homeroom Teacher

Giving Levels

- ☐ Sr. Lillian McCormack Founder's Club*\$10,000 or higher
- ☐ St. Michael the Archangel Society+\$4,000 to \$9,999
- ☐ Angels of St. Michael++\$767 - \$3,999
- ☐ Blue Roses Up to \$766

Your participation counts! If at least 90% of parents participate, all students will enjoy a special dress down day and virtual dance party.

A custom St. Michael aluminum water bottle will be awarded to students who **donate \$50 or more**.

The first **class to reach 100% participation** will be treated to lunch with Dr. Cissy and a free dress day!

Please contact Jodie Gallagher, Development Director with any questions.
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