

St. Michael's Catholic Academy

Kindergarten Orientation





What Makes St. Michael's So Special?

- St. Michael's has been serving the Flushing community since **1851** (172 years in September).
- Faith, morals, and discipline are instilled in our students with the teachings of the Catholic faith.
- St. Michael's welcomes **children of all faiths and races**. We are **inclusive** with 70% of our student non-Catholic.





Curriculum

- St. Michael's Catholic Academy follows the same curriculum as all public schools in New York City and New York State. This curriculum is based on the Next Generation Standards.
- The curriculum includes a Dual Language Immersion Program with **English and Mandarin** as the target languages.
- Both languages are taught daily to kindergarten students.
- Physical Education, Art, Music, Library, and Technology are included in their weekly schedule.

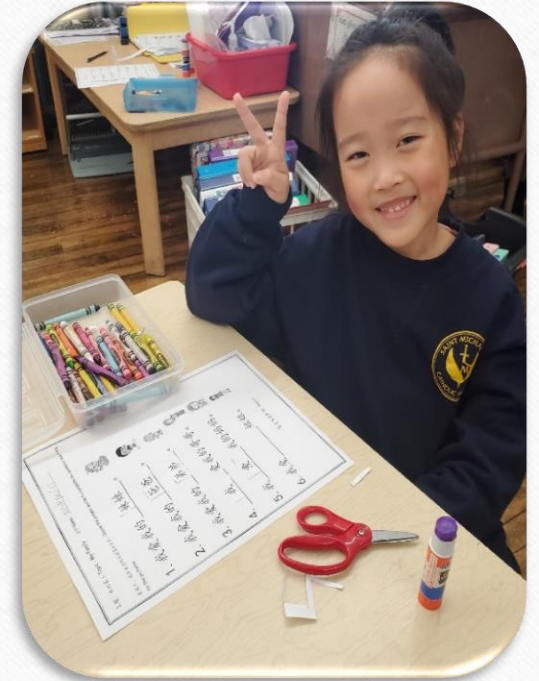




What Is The Language Program?

Why Should Students Learn Another Language?

- Learning another language **increases** the child's brain functioning (cognition).
- For those who speak Mandarin, they will be proficient in both their native language, and a second language, English.
- For those who do not speak Mandarin, they will learn a second (maybe a third) language.
- Academic performance is **stronger** in a bilingual student. Research shows that bilingual students **outperform** monolingual students by **up to 20%** in State Assessments.





Kindergarten Schedule

Arrival: 7:45am - Dismissal: 2:45pm

- 50% or one half of the instructional time is in English. 50% or one half of the instructional time is in Mandarin, **for all students.**
- The Mandarin lessons are developed with the English curriculum. It is more intense than the introduction in Preschool. Writing, speaking, listening skills are developed.
- In Kindergarten, there is more of a need for conforming and being able to transition to various activities.
- Snack time is provided mid morning for all students.
- Free breakfast and lunch is also available for students in all grades.





How Do We Measure Your Child's Growth?

- In English, the **iReady** assessments are given. Instructional support materials are then assigned to the students based on their levels. Our reading series also offers us testing tools to evaluate the students. **HMH** provides additional reading readiness materials.
- The **Level Learning Assessment Diagnostic** is used to measure the growth in the Mandarin language.

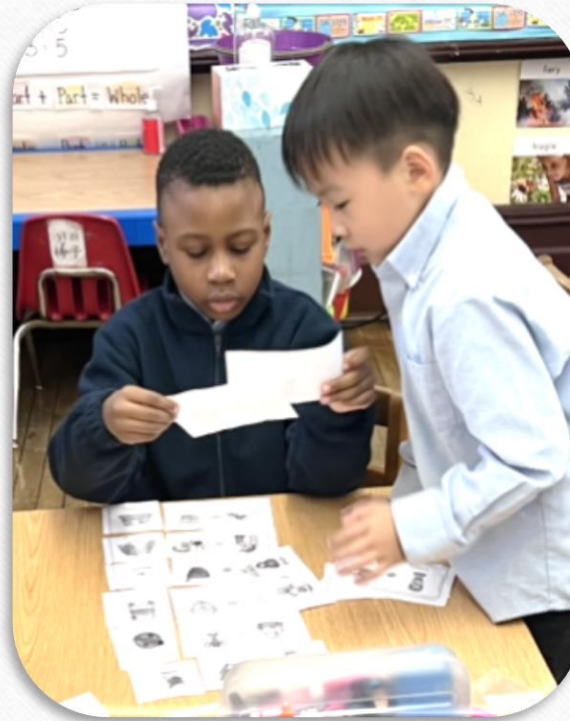




Tuition and Fees (2023-2024)

Total Tuition (2023-2024)

- One child \$581.40 (monthly); \$5,814.00 (per year)
- Two children \$877.20 (monthly); \$8,772.00 (per year)
- Three or more Children \$1,076.10 (monthly), \$10,761.00 (per year)
- Fees:
- \$150 Registration fee per application, due at registration (**non-refundable**).
- \$200 Fundraising fee per family, due in February
- Chocolate Sale





Help For The Families



- **Financial Aid applications** are released usually in January (2024). You will need the W2 and 1040 completed for 2023; Food Stamps, Social Security, or proofs of other yearly income or assistance. Financial Aid applications have a **non-refundable fee** payable to the scholarship program by credit or debit card.
- **85%** of our families receive help with the tuition from the scholarship programs in the Diocese of Brooklyn.
- **5% discount** off 2024-2025 tuition for early registration. **Deadline May 1, 2024, no exceptions.**
- **\$775.00 credit** for referring another student. The referred student must attend the entire 2024-2025 school year. The credit will be added to your tuition bill by May, 2025.



We Look Forward To Working
With You And Your Child!

