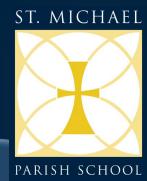


# MAKING IT GREAT

*Notes from Principal Ferguson*



## FIRST DAYS

### We Exclaim

Dear Parish Friends,

We reach out to you this weekend with exclamation-point-worthy excitement! We had a great beginning to school, so we cry out with praise and thanks, for "God is great!"

As I make it through the hallways and into the classrooms, I am continuously reminded of what amazing students we have here at St. Michael Parish School. The kindness and generosity they show to each other, their classmates, and other visitors to our building is a testament to the core values that serve as the foundation of our Catholic Faith.

This was explicitly shown in our spontaneous "Clean Jeans" day drive to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. In addition to perpetual prayer for everyone affected, as a school community, we raised \$1,960 to support those affected by the Hurricane.

Thank you for sending your children to our school!

### Getting to Know Principal Ferguson

**Q:** We hear you saying, "make it a great one, Lancers!" often around school...why?

**A:** I have a sign in my office that reads, "I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow." We are the only ones who control our destiny. If you strive to make every day God gave you great...you'll always be happy.

**Q:** What is your favorite thing about being Principal at St. Mike's so far?

**A:** All the children. No matter what kind of day I am having, I can quickly walk down any hallway and see dozens of faces greeting me with a smile or a high five!

**Q:** Do you have a favorite prayer?

**A:** Of course...my favorite is the Prayer of St. Michael. This school is deeply rooted in traditions, and I love that we continue to pray for guidance and protection from our namesake, St. Michael the Archangel.

**Q:** How do you spend time outside of school?

**A:** I enjoy the time with my family. We all enjoy walking to downtown Wheaton on Saturday mornings for the French Market. In the evenings, we love grabbing a sweet treat from one of the ice cream shops in town. Fall is my favorite time of year. I can't wait to sit outside by the bonfire on the crisp evenings.

**Q:** Any advice for your students?

**A:** Enjoy the moment! "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." (Ferris Bueller)



### PRINCIPAL FERGUSON'S "CATHOLIC SCHOOL" POP QUESTION

**Q:** How many of the 8 current Supreme Court Justices went to Catholic school?

**A:** 5! Wow!

NOW...WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

