

Why I Love Saint Andrew School*

By Michael Oladosu – Grade 8

Saint Andrew School is important to me for many reasons. There are so many great things about the school that it's kind of hard to wrap around all the wonderful features. I've been attending Saint Andrew School for two months (my previous school, St. Philomena, was shut down and it has always been a second home to me) and on my first day of school, I was somewhat nervous; but the nervousness faded away quickly because the students and faculty were so welcoming that my first day seemed like my third week. They even had an orientation day so new students could feel welcomed. The experience so far has just been great!

I've learned a lot since I've been here. The way they teach is just so more advanced than my old school. They have SMART Boards, Netbooks, and a science lab. I wish I could have attended sooner (and it's the truth)! The curriculum is just so ... energetic and fun (I never thought I would say that about school) and there's never a dull moment when you're learning. And I know I'm not the only one that feels that way; I can see it in my classmates' faces (who have been here longer) that they really do enjoy learning.

That brings me to the teachers of SAS. The teachers here are so thorough, that they really get to the core of what they are teaching. It really does surprise me when they make things I thought I would never learn so simple. It happens so much it gets to the point where I just put my hand to my face and say 'duh.' For example, my social studies teacher who makes history come to life and really puts you in the mindset of the Civil War - sometimes I wonder why she's not a high school teacher and I remember that each and every teacher is devoted to their jobs as educators.

Even though I'm not Catholic, the Catholic faith has brought me very close to God. I feel very lucky to have been brought up with so many values that have helped me make good decisions in tough places. Even in my short time here, I believe Saint Andrew School offers a perfect example of how to live a Christian-Catholic faith and is truly dedicated to making better leaders of the future. I'm proud to say that I'm a part of the Saint Andrew School student body!



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It only took a few weeks for Michael to discover what many Saint Andrew School families have known for generations. "Building a Culture of Life, and a Civilization of Love through Faith and Knowledge" is not simply a catchy phrase or marketing device - it is indeed who we are and what we do each and every day!

*Upper Darby Township sponsored an essay contest entitled —"What Makes My School Special". Michael's essay won 1st place for the 8th grade. SAS also had first place winners in 3rd and 7th grades and a second place winner in 6th grade.