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Angels Baseball 2009 the Midseason Update

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Well it has been an interesting season so far with a young and talented 2009 Angels Baseball Team. Last season was a tough one to swallow with St. Michael's struggling to find a win in a 0-9 season. This year, however, has been quite a different story! With half the season in the books, St. Michael's has a 3-4 (W-L) record and is looking for more. With many experienced 8th graders and new talent from the 6th and 7th grade classes, the program has been revitalized. Many more players are bringing outside experience with them from programs such as Cary Recreation and West Raleigh Baseball. This year also brings forth some new coaching to assist in the Angels program. Keith Alexander has stepped up in the Assistant Head Coaching role and last year's graduate Victor Rizzo and Cardinal Gibbons student Davis Dandurand have agreed to volunteer their time and work with the players.

This season has been filled with excitement, stemming from a 21-1 victory over Cathedral in our first win at home to a thriller in 8 extra innings over Immaculata 6-5. "It has been exciting and fun to watch." says one parent. St. Michael's has actually outscored all opponents 48-36 to date and have stolen more than 50 bases. Our most recent outing had the Angel's winning 18-9 in another marathon game that went 2 hours and 45 minutes against St. Thomas More. Battling through some injuries and weather delays have always been part of the game, but the Angel's keep responding with hard work and dedication in practice. With 4 of their remaining 5 games at home before the tournament, St. Michaels has a legitimate shot at a winning season. With a few home games remaining, we encourage the students and faculty to come out and support the team as they streak towards the playoffs!