



Church of Saint Elizabeth

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2016 Parent Page Grades K – 6

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1. Curriculum & Books

- Grade K – *Allelu!* (OSV)
- Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – *Alive in Christ* (OSV)
- Grade 2 Additional – *Various Resources*

2. Beyond the Book

- **Chapter Reviews** – Catechist will complete Chapter Review in class.
- **Unit Reviews** – Unit Review is always completed at home, and handed in to the catechist at the start of the next class. Catechist will record, correct, and return it to the child the following class.
- **Mass** – This is the single most important thing you can do as a family. Please look at the Mass schedule and commit as a family to go to Mass. St. Elizabeth's mass times are Saturday 5 PM; Sundays 7:30, 9, 10:30am and 12noon. If you cannot make it to St. E's, go to other local parishes or parishes near where you need to be on a given Sunday at a time that works for your family.
- **"Mass Sense"** – (1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade) Use Mass Sense as a tool to review Mass with youngsters getting prepared for reception of First Communion or those that just recently received. They should complete them and bring to class to discuss.
- **Prayers** – **KEEP PRAYER PILLOW FOR ALL 5 YEARS!** Keep working with children – Sign of the Cross; Our Father; Hail Mary; Gloria Be, Act of Contrition, etc. – See back of books for prayers. Practice **praying the prayers EVERY DAY**. Use the **Prayer Pillows** each night before bed and in the morning making the bed.
- **Season specials** – We will continue to pass along good family activities and events.

3. Procedures/Policy

- **Drop-Off & Pickup – Monday–Wednesday afternoons**, children will be dropped off by the doors of the Narthex and come into the Church. **On Sundays**, they will come into Cafeteria by the outside door across from Rectory. At dismissal, parents are required to come directly to their child's classroom hallway door to pick up child; do not use the outside parking lot door. Use both school and Church parking lots at pickup time. Drive slowly through the Church property at all times.
- **Attendance** - Weekly attendance of the full class session is required. Early dismissal/late arrival cannot be accommodated. In case of absence, students are required to complete entire chapter and chapter review. If a unit review has been missed, students are required to complete it. **After a 5th absence, students will be required to have a review with a Faith Formation staff member.**
- **Early Pickup** – Because class time is vital to our children learning, we do not allow early dismissal without prior notice. The Faith Formation Office should be contacted in advance. If there is a habit of early dismissal for a child, we will discuss other options.
- **Food Policy** – NO FOOD OR DRINK is allowed in the Church space or classrooms.
- **Religious Education Acceptable Use Policy for Technology** - See reverse side of this page. Please read.
- **Classroom Aide/Substitutes** – Please let your child's catechist know if you are willing to help.
- **Behavior** – Parents will be contacted if poor behavior persists beyond normal classroom management efforts. Cell phones will be taken, and returned only to the parent, if used during class.
- **Student Supplies** – Each child will receive a folder (with Books) and pencil (in class) from the Church. If additional supplies are need, the catechist will send a request to you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR TECHNOLOGY

FOR STUDENTS

The Church of St. Elizabeth holds specific expectations for students at each grade level regarding their use of technology. The following Rules of Conduct apply.

Students:

- Must cite properly all information that is acquired from electronic sources and used in their assignments.
- May not EVER instant message or text message in Religious Education.
- May not post private or personal information about or photographs of another student, catechist or staff member on the Internet, including without limitation, all social media networking sites (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Youtube, etc.) or via cell phone.
- May not post *any* picture or image of or about St. Elizabeth Religious Education on the Internet or via cell phone.
- **Cell Phones: Student Cell Phone Use is Prohibited.** Cell phones, iPods, cameras or other telecommunication devices may not be used during Religious Education classes. Cell phones and other devices must be turned off while classes are in session, unless directed otherwise by teacher or administration. **Student use of a cell phone (and other devices) on school premises is prohibited unless expressly permitted by the Administration.** If a student is found using a cell phone, iPod, camera or other telecommunication device during Religious Education, the device will be confiscated and the device will be returned to the student's parent at pickup. If a student is found taking pictures or recording videos of the students and/or teachers, with the intent of posting them on social media, the device may be confiscated and turned over to the Wyckoff Police Department for investigation if deemed necessary.

FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Parents and/or guardians of students at St. Elizabeth Religious Education are expected to support their child's adherence to the above-stated guidelines.

In addition, parents are expected to respect the privacy of the St. Elizabeth community and to help foster a safe and loving environment for all students. Therefore, parents may NOT share photos or videos of ANY STUDENT (*other than their own child*) on any Social Media Networking Site (i.e., Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Youtube, etc.) if the photos/videos are taken at ANY St. Elizabeth event including but not limited to: in-class presentations, class parties, field trips, sporting events, Masses and prayer services. Parents have sole control over pictures of their own children and may post these pictures as long as *no other students* appear in the picture. Because photos that are posted on any social media become public property and may be used by anyone for any purpose, Saint Elizabeth *strongly discourages* parents from posting ANY pictures of their children on social media.

In rare instances, special permission may be granted to share or publish a photo upon the EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION of the St. Elizabeth Church Administration and permission from all parties involved.