

St. John the Evangelist Parish  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD

**Mission Statement**

The Religious Education Board of St. John the Evangelist Parish provides guidance to the Religious Education Program concerning ongoing faith development and outreach projects for children. The Board supports efforts to provide learning experiences designed to inform, guide and celebrate the understanding of our Catholic faith as disciples and witnesses to the mission of Jesus Christ. Parents are the primary educators of their children and the Religious Education Board and the Religious Education Program serve to enhance their efforts.

Registration Procedure

- **Print & Complete** registration form
- **Provide** Baptismal Certificate if new to program or in grade 2 or 10 UNLESS baptized at St. John the Evangelist
- **Include** any medical or developmental history we should be aware of so we can provide the best Religious Education experience possible
- **Write** check for appropriate tuition, made out to: St. John's Religious Education (*scholarships available upon request*)  
**Add** a \$25 per child *late fee* if registering **AFTER May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Volunteer** to teach by **May 31<sup>st</sup>** and deduct a \$75 **teacher discount**.

**Classroom Instruction Model**

**Grades 1-8\*** \$75 per student

*\*\$200 family maximum for grades 1-8, excluding Grade 2 fee and/or late fee*

**Grade 2** \$50 additional fee

*First Communion picture/ activity fee*

**Grades 9-10\*\*** \$150 per student

*\*\*\$300 family maximum for grades 9-10, excluding late fee*

**Family Cluster Model**

**Tuition** \$100 per family

- **Return** registration form, copy of Baptismal Certificate (*if applicable*), information about your child (*if applicable*) and registration fee by **May 31<sup>st</sup>**:

St. John the Evangelist Parish  
Religious Education Office  
9 Glen Road  
Wellesley, MA 02481

St. John the Evangelist Parish  
Religious Education Program

*Grades 1 – 12*



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**Schedule of Classes**

*Proposed class schedule subject to teacher availability*

**GRADES 1 - 6**

*Sunday*

Weekly, 10:00 am – 10:45 am

*Wednesday*

As scheduled, 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm

**GRADES 7 - 10**

*Sunday*

As scheduled, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## Classroom Instruction Model

### **GRADES 1 – 6**

- † Children meet with volunteer teachers in classrooms in St. John School & Parish Center.
- † Children follow a defined curriculum and are introduced to a safety program endorsed by the Office of Child Advocacy.
- † Students are invited to participate in a liturgy during the year.
- † A service project appropriate for all grades is part of your child's experience. Parental support is requested.

### **GRADES 7 – 10**

- † Grades 7 & 8 meet first with volunteer teachers in classrooms in the Parish Center from 6 – 7 pm. They meet in Philbin Hall for dinner, a community building activity and prayer from 7 – 8 pm.
- † Grades 9 & 10 meet on designated dates in Philbin Hall from 6 – 7 pm for dinner, a community building activity & prayer. They meet with volunteer teachers in classrooms in the Parish Center from 7 – 8 pm.
- † The portion of the evening which includes dinner, a community building activity and prayer is identified as **Friends for Good**.
- † **CURRICULUM**  
The classes use a specially designed curriculum intended not only to educate the students about our Catholic faith, but also to engage them in making connections between faith & their everyday lives. Throughout these four years, students study the Church, the Sacraments, Morality, Personal Safety, Scripture, the Creed, Social Justice, and Spirituality. The goal of this course of study is to assist the students in articulating their Catholic faith in both words and actions.

## Requirements for Sacraments

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION**



To receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, students must attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program, and it is expected that they have attended 1<sup>st</sup> grade religious education classes at either a parish, parochial school or cluster.

We must have a Baptismal Certificate on file for each student.

An informational meeting concerning First Reconciliation and First Communion for grade 2 parents will be held in the Fall.



### **CONFIRMATION**

St. John's Confirmation preparation is a two-year program beginning in ninth grade. Every student is required to attend a minimum of nine classes each year and complete twenty-five hours of community service over two years. Participation in a retreat each year is also required. Individuals enrolled in a Catholic school may be exempt from attending the first year of the St. John's program.

An informational meeting for grade 10 Confirmation parents will be held in the fall.

## Family Cluster Model

*Intergenerational learning for  
parents & children*

- † Clusters, which are self-selected and formed, usually consist of two to five families.
- † One or both parents and child(ren) participate.
- † Clusters meet monthly in one another's homes.
- † The families in the clusters determine monthly meeting times.
- † Adults share teaching, leadership and hospitality.
- † Cluster representatives meet with the Religious Education Team, as scheduled.
- † Participation in clusters involves a serious commitment to be present at all sessions.
- † Students preparing for Sacraments must enroll in the traditional Religious Education Program.



*Faith in Action*

### Peer Ministry

Eleventh and twelfth graders are invited to participate in St. John's Peer Ministry Program. Peer Ministers meet prior to each Sunday evening class to build community among themselves and to facilitate activities and prayer services for the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grade Religious Education students. They serve as outstanding examples of faith in action.