

Saint Elizabeth School

PARENT FAQs



Virtus Training

Q: Who needs to get Virtus Trained & Fingerprinted?

A: All parents who volunteer as a coach, in the classroom, at lunch, at recess, on field trips and at school events must be Virtus Trained and fingerprinted.

Please visit our [website](http://www.stelizabethschoolmd.org) or contact Mrs. Torre Parra at tparra@stelizabethschoolmd.org if you have questions about the process!

Keeping our children safe!

Thank you for your diligence in completing this process. It is best to start it as soon as you can so that you will be cleared for the new school year.



Communication

We know that school-parent communication is so very important! We have many ways of communicating with our families for this reason.

Q: How will I receive messages from the school, my student's teachers, and about special events and volunteer opportunities?

A: Here are the top ways through which you will receive communication as a parent:

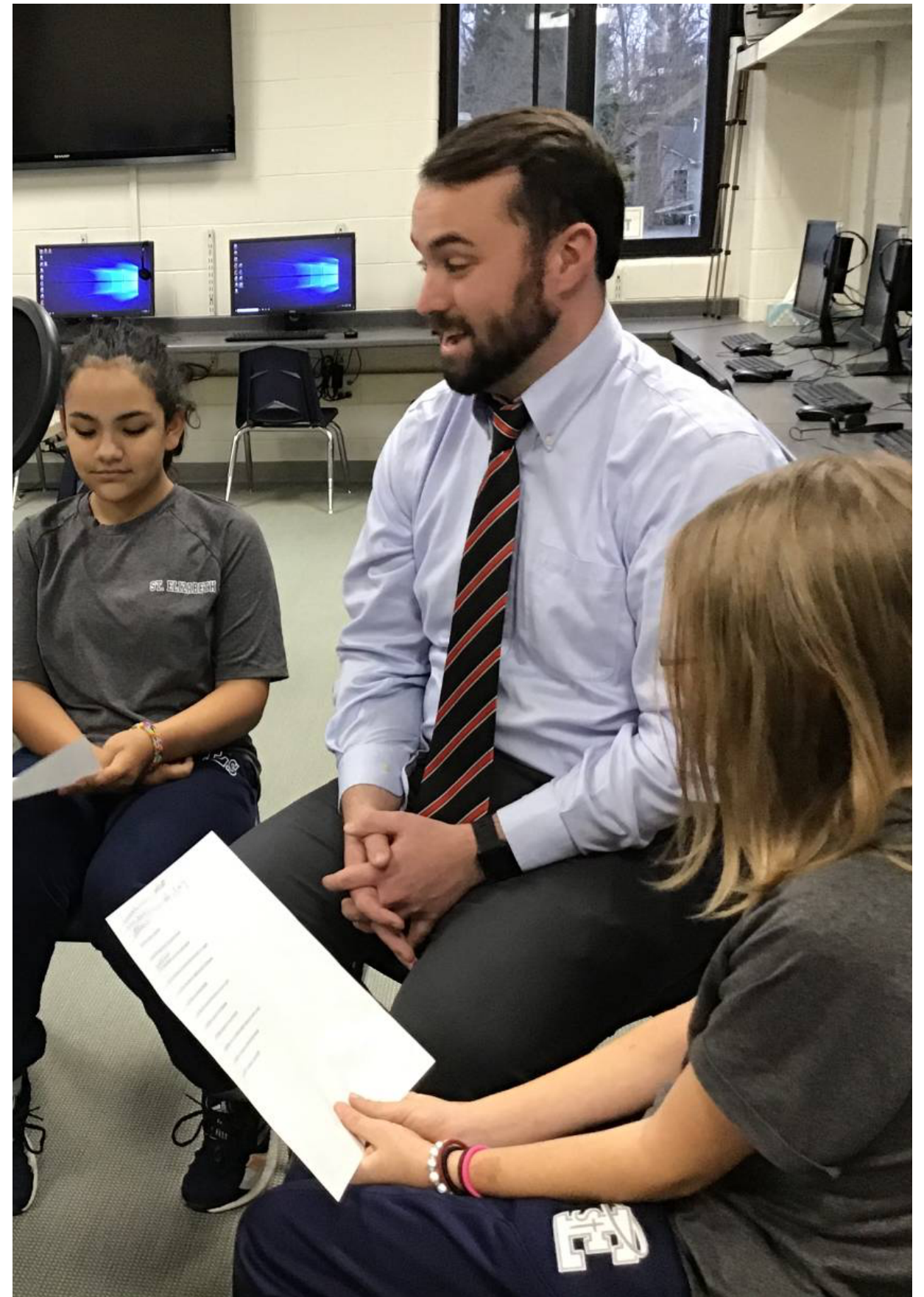
News and Events (on our website): Mrs. Woo updates and sends an email every Thursday. All school events, activities, ongoing are communicated through here.

Plus Portals (Rediker system): This is our school's teacher-parent-student communication system, and you will be set up with an account at the beginning of the school year.

Google Classroom: This teacher-student platform often supports classroom learning. At the beginning of the year, your child's teacher will explain the classroom system.

Mrs. Woo emails: Mrs. Woo will often send out time sensitive email blasts on behalf of Mrs. Penny, event chairs, or to update parents on relevant school info.

Homeroom Parents (HR) /HR Parent Coordinator: Emails from your student's HR Parents or the HR Parent Coordinator are HSA's primary means of communication. We'll make sure to keep you in the loop for all of the fun events & traditions!





Uniforms

There seems to be a lot of information on uniforms! I need a few additional explanations.

Q: Are there really TWO places to order my uniforms?

A: Yes! Our P.E. Uniform is ordered through the [Spirit Shop](#) and the regular school uniform is ordered through [FlynnO'Hara](#). It will make sense once you visit their sites, but if not, just let us know. We are here to help!

Q: How can I find out which items students wear more than others?

A: Reach out to your HSA/Welcome Committee member when you are trying to figure out what to purchase! These parents can give you great insight into what items students really love.

Q: Does your school have a Uniform Exchange?

A: We do! Set up on the right hand of our stage in the APR (All Purpose Room), the Uniform Exchange is a great place to check for gently used uniform items. There is no charge for the uniform exchange and you don't have to make a donation to benefit. Look for information on a summer pop-up uniform exchange hosted by the HSA.



Order early if possible so that you have plenty of time for exchanges!

Carpool

The Ins and the Outs

Q: What are the basics that should I know about carpool?

A: “Carpool” is the shorthand for St. E’s pick up and drop off system. Students are dropped off in the morning during “Morning Carpool” (7:55 am-8:15 am) and are picked up at the end of the school day during “Afternoon Carpool” (3:00 p.m.).

Because there are a lot of St. E’s students to dismiss, we’ve gotten it down to a science in order to get everyone in and out as quickly as possible! The school’s system and reminders are detailed on our [carpool webpage](#).

Q: What is School-Pass?

A: School-Pass is our system for managing student pick-up, drop-off, late arrivals, early pick-ups, and absences. In the beginning of the school year, you will receive your log-in information from Mrs. Woo. This system will help you report daily changes for your student to the school.

Q: My child is still little! Do I really just let them jump out of the car in the morning and climb in the car at the end of the day?



While parents wait in cars, students have a few extra minutes to catch up with their buddies!

A: For your child’s first day of school, we invite all of our parents to walk their children in and get them situated in their new classrooms. On Day 2, we have our faculty, administration, as well as our 7th and 8th grade safety patrols outside and ready to help all of our students with morning and afternoon carpool while they learn the ropes (or get reacquainted with them!)

Q: I still have a lot of questions because my child’s pick-up or drop-off routine may be different than other students’. Who can help me?

A: Start by asking your HSA/Welcome Committee Member when they contact you. They’re a great source of information and can also help point you to the right school administrator if you need additional support.

Extended Care

Many of our students participate in our extended care programs. We are proud to offer these options to our parents who need a loving, nurturing program for their children outside of school hours.

Q: What are the hours for St. E's Extended Care?

A: During regular school days, Morning Care is offered from 7 am to 8 am.

Aftercare is offered from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Q: Where can I find out more information on rates, availability, and program details?

A: Please visit our [extended care webpage](#)

For additional questions, please email stextendedcare@stelizabethschoolmd.org



Summer Learning

Over the summer, our students are assigned summer work or packets as a review so that students are ready to begin the next grade level in the fall.

Q: Where can I find my child's summer packet?

A: Once our teachers prepare them, they will be emailed and posted on [News & Events](#). We will be sure to be in touch so that all of our new families have this important information once summer begins.

More Questions?

All of our new families are matched with veteran St. E's families to help with this exciting transition.

Q: How can I contact my Welcome family?

A: If your family hasn't been in contact with you yet, please don't hesitate to reach out to [HSA](#) or to the school and we will help connect you. You can also check the New Family Welcome Contact sheet that was in your Welcome folder.

Again, welcome to St. E's! We are so very excited that your family has chosen to become a part of this very special school community.

