



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Our **application** window is open for the 2024-2025 school year. In a caring, safe environment, Saint Elizabeth Parish School teachers model and manifest Catholic beliefs, values, and attitudes. We offer a curriculum which leads to an awareness of the unconditional love of God. Thank you for caring to make a thoughtful informed decision on what is best for your child. We believe that in choosing a Catholic elementary school you provide your children with a school experience that educates the whole child. We know that students need to be engaged in their learning before they can apply higher order, creative thinking skills. They are most engaged when they themselves are part of constructing meaning, not when teachers do it for them. Our classroom instruction embraces both rigorous standards and accountability for students' learning. St. Elizabeth does not simply offer a traditional "textbook first" education. We use a holistic approach, rooted in Catholic values and traditions. Our goal is to enable students to thrive spiritually, cognitively, socially, emotionally, all within a community.

In encouraging students to meet challenges creatively, to collaborate, and apply critical thinking skills to real-world, unpredictable situations inside and outside of school, we strive to identify and address what works to educate the whole child. Our teachers continue to use "Second Step," an SEL (Social Emotional Learning) curriculum that has been proven to develop children's capacity for empathy and supports them in becoming effective "up standers" when confronted with injustice. In each subject area, the students' week begins with essential questions which are part of the UBD (Understanding by Design) planning process our teachers use. Throughout the week, there are multiple opportunities for students to practice skills and for teachers to differentiate and accelerate students as they are ready. To channel the leadership potential of our students, we have an active Student Council and are a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Our application packet for the 2024-2025 school year is included in this packet. Please visit our website stelizabethparishschool.org for more information including a look at our weekly communication to school families, and virtual tours. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram @stelizabethparishschool for a sneak peek into our daily activities and events.

Thank you for choosing Catholic Education. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diane Greco
Principal