

# **WELCOME, 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS, to MIDDLE SCHOOL!**

My name is Sister Elizabeth Hebert, SLW, and I am your Religion teacher. This is your first year in Middle School, and it is going to be a real learning experience as you adjust to new routines.

For us to have a successful year, it is important that you keep these points in mind:

1. Follow all the rules of the Student Handbook and the specific rules posted on the board.
2. Be in your seat as soon as the bell rings, with all the materials you need for this class.
3. Be ready to learn. Give 100% effort in class and on homework. Be a TEAM player!
4. Be cooperative and respectful at all times.
5. Spread the joy and love of Jesus!

To help you with these points, I will model these actions for you:

1. I will show respect and care for each of you.
2. I will provide a classroom environment that is welcoming and conducive to learning.
3. I will help you to grow in self-discipline, arranging for appropriate rewards and consequences.
4. I will be ready and eager to help you learn.
5. I will pray for you daily, that you will grow in the love and joy of Jesus!

In Middle School, if you choose to break the rules and expectations, you will have these consequences:

1. Points will be taken away from your weekly conduct grade, as stated on your "Personal Conduct Points" sheet.
2. For more serious infractions, Retentions and Detentions will be given and/or punish work will be assigned.
3. For repeated disturbances, you will be immediately sent to the office and your parents will be notified.
4. If the entire class is consistently disruptive, recess time will be taken away.

***If you treat others the way Jesus would treat you,  
you will have no problem with any of the school/class rules.***

***When Jesus was your age,  
Scripture tells us that he grew in wisdom, age, and grace.***

***You have the opportunity to grow the same way.***

***Remember to spread the joy and love of Jesus!***

Your overall grade for this class will be based on the following:

- **Class Participation/Classwork/Homework: 20%** of your grade
  - **Participation**: Be in class on time, ready to learn. When the bell rings, you should have only your Religion materials on your desk. Contribute to the overall learning environment by your attention and self-disciplined behavior.
  - **Classwork**: You will have a variety of work and activities, some done alone, some in pairs, some in small groups. Be sure to listen to directions and work well with others. An important part of our “work” will be praying and reflecting together with reverence and respect. At times you will be asked to write your prayers and reflections as a journal entry.
  - **Homework**: Some homework will be written. At other times it will involve talking with your family and sharing in class. There will always be study homework! Assignments must be complete, show effort, and be neatly done to earn full credit. If an assignment is incomplete or late, you will have one (1) day to complete the assignment for ½ credit. After that, the assignment will earn a zero (0). If you miss three (3) assignments, you parents will be notified. For every assignment you miss after that, you will receive a retention.
  
- **Quizzes/Projects: 25%** of your grade
  - Some class or home assignments that require more time and effort to complete will count as quiz grades. You may also be given quizzes on a portion of a chapter to check your understanding of the material.
  
- **Tests: 30%** of your grade
  - There will be a test at the end of each chapter and each unit. Some may even be open book tests! The test schedule will be posted on the calendar in the hallway outside my room, as well as online and on the homework chart in my room. Be sure to pay attention in class and review material throughout the chapter regularly so your final preparation for the tests will be easier.
  
- **Quarter Exam: 25%** of your grade
  - This will cover material for the entire quarter. You will have a study guide to help you prepare.

***Be sure to use correct grammar and penmanship on all your assignments. This is part of your grade!***

Keep this sheet in your folder at all times to guide you. If you still have a question about anything, come see me and I will be happy to help you understand.

I consider it a blessing to be part of your spiritual growth through our Religion classes. I pray that you will truly grow in wisdom, age, and grace just as Jesus did!

*Sister Elizabeth*