

# *What is LOGOS?*

**LOGOS is not an acronym. In Greek, LOGOS literally means "The Word." In John 1:1 LOGOS is translated "Word"- *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us ...***

LOGOS is an after school, mid-week enrichment program that engages young people in the life of the church, providing opportunities to learn about God, have fun and create lasting relationships with others. During their time at the Community Church, children will experience five parts of LOGOS:

## **Bible Time**

Experience the stories of faith through engaging activities. Discover how God is still working in our lives today.

## **Worship Arts Time**

Explore the elements of Worship through a variety of activities and mediums, including creative arts, crafts and drama.

## **Recreation Time**

Participate in family style games and active play that reinforce life skills and consideration for others.

## **Music Time**

Express yourself through singing and musical instruments for fun and presentation to others.

## **Family/Meal Time**

A Dinner hour where "family groups," composed of children and adults, sit at the table. Adults serve as "table parents," guiding children in ways to have a respectful family meal.

*The only rule of The LOGOS Program:  
Everyone is to treat everyone else as a child of God.  
No one has the right to treat anyone else as if they do not matter.*

**You may find more information on the LOGOS program by visiting their website  
<http://www.thelogosministry.org>**

# *FAQ's (frequently asked questions)*

- 1. Do I have to be a church member in order for my child to participate in LOGOS?** No.
- 2. Do I have to be a resident of Richmond in order for my child to participate in LOGOS?** No.
- 3. May my child bring a guest?** Yes, provided you complete a guest form no later than 10:00 a.m. the Friday before visiting, and pay \$10 for their participation.
- 4. Do you provide transportation?** No; however, for Richmond Grade School, we provide two adult walkers to meet the children after school and safely escort them to the church. Please fill out the appropriate permission slip, provided in this packet, and turn in to the school.
- 5. Is scholarship help available?** Limited scholarships are available. Please see Director Jean Valsa.
- 6. When are fees due?** Wednesday before each quarter begins.
- 7. May I do a payment plan?** We are sorry, we are not equipped for that; however, you may take advantage of our “ala carte” option and pay per visit. Please see the “Fees” form.
- 8. What if my child arrives late?** Your child will join in the program wherever it is at that point. Because there are five parts in the sequence, please make effort to be on time, so your child will feel comfortable.
- 9. What can I do to help?** There are lots of ways for parents to volunteer and we welcome your participation. Please see the “Parent Participation” form.
- 10. What if I am late to pick up my child?** LOGOS staff will wait with your child until 7:30 p.m. If you must be late, please call 815-678-6521. This will relieve your child and help staff plan.
- 11. Is this a Safe Church environment?** Yes. Please see the “Policies and Procedures” form.
- 12. Is child care provided for children younger than LOGOS age (5 and younger)?** Yes, child care is available during the dates and times you are scheduled to volunteer.
- 13. What about my special needs child?** Our capability and facility are limited. Please see Director Jean Valsa to discuss your situation.
- 14. What is Welcome Time?** A time where children get acquainted with friends and staff while a light snack is served. This is an opportunity for children to relax and wind down after school. Children may participate in quiet games or finish any homework they may have.

# *Policies and Procedures*

## **Safe Church**

The Community Church of Richmond is up to date and compliant on issues of safety required of the church, as well as individuals working with children. Such issues include: regularly assessing the building for safety; performing background checks on each member of the LOGOS staff; making sure there are always at least two adults with our LOGOS students. Additionally, well-supplied first aid kits are located throughout the building.

## **Attendance/Absences**

All youth and children are asked to check in with the Greeters when they arrive. Greeters are folks who are here specifically to welcome the children to LOGOS, check in guests, and develop relationships with our young people and our adults. All our youth and children are expected to participate in all five parts of LOGOS with their group throughout the afternoon and evening. *PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH* if your child is going to be absent from all or part of LOGOS.

## **School Activities**

Bringing our children into a committed Christian relationship with GOD is an important parental responsibility, and a promise we as a congregation make at every child's baptism. The LOGOS Team is aware that sometimes school activities overlap LOGOS on Wednesdays. We ask that you make LOGOS a priority by making every effort to get your student here immediately following an after school activity. Please schedule music lesson, dental appointments, etc. on other days of the week.

## **Inclement Weather**

If schools are closed for the entire day or for the afternoon LOGOS will be canceled. If in doubt, call the church office at 815-678-6521.

## **Visitors**

Visitors are always welcome at LOGOS. To assure that we are adequately prepared, please call the church office at 815-678-6521 by 10:00 a.m. the Friday before to register the visitor. The visitor's meal and supplies will cost \$10 and we suggest the family who invites the guest pay for their participation. (Please give the money to the Director, Jean Valsa, when you arrive.) The visitor is expected to stay with the student and participate fully in all five parts. If after visiting the student wishes to join, please contact someone on the LOGOS Staff.