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Dear Freshman Confirmation Students and Parents,

Welcome to our High School Religious Education Program. For the next two years we will be working with you in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program will include a regular schedule of classes, participation in volunteer service work, and various retreat experiences.

On Monday, **October 23rd** there will be a Mass and meeting for **all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students** at 7:00PM in the Church, remembering to wear a mask. After Mass we will outline the two-year program, which will help to prepare our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The requirements for successful completion of the program will be reviewed, and we will be available to answer any questions you might have. Please note that this evening counts as a class for all students. It is **ESSENTIAL** that students attend.

As you may know, the culminating event for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class is a one-day retreat here at St. George Church. This year retreat information will be forthcoming.

The retreat will be conducted by Sean Forrest. Sean and his program "Movin' With The Spirit" are well known throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. This will be his 21<sup>st</sup> year as the 9<sup>th</sup> grade retreat presenter at St. George Church! Stay tuned for details for this exciting and meaningful event!

Enclosed you will find a brief outline of the program, the schedule of Confirmation classes for the entire year, the Confirmation Covenant, a Baptismal Information sheet and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade retreat permission slip . Please bring the completed Confirmation Covenant, Baptismal Information sheet and retreat permission slip with you on October 26th.

We look forward to working with our young people and are thankful to have the opportunity to share in this very meaningful time in their lives. I look forward to seeing you at the Mass and meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

*Claire*

Claire M. Nicholls  
Director of Youth Ministry

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

2020-2021

Freshman Schedule

*Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm*

FIRST SEMESTER

9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

<b>October 26th</b>	<u>Opening Mass &amp; Meeting in Church for Students Only</u>
<b>November 9th</b>	Presentation in Church
<b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Google Classroom
<b>November 23rd</b>	Presentation in Church
<b>November 30th</b>	Google Classroom
<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Presentation in Church
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Google Classroom

SECOND SEMESTER

Schedule to be determined

Students should make every attempt to attend all scheduled classes. If it is impossible to make a class, please call the Religious Education Office at 453-3496 ext. 209 prior to class time. A maximum of two absences can be made up. More than two may jeopardize the successful completion of the program.

The High School Religious Education Program of St. George Church is a two-year program in which we seek to prepare our young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are several components to the program, and this will briefly outline them.

**CLASSES:** Classes meet on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm both in the Church and virtually (please see schedule), and are generally scheduled on a weekly basis. This year there are seven classes scheduled for fall session with the spring schedule to follow. It is my hope that we will be able to gravitate toward all in person classes as we proceed toward a healthier social environment.

**Attendance:** Students should make every attempt to attend all scheduled classes. If it is impossible to attend a class, call the Religious Education Office at 453-3496 x209 prior to class time. A maximum of two misses can be made up. More than two may jeopardize the successful completion of the program.

**SERVICE HOURS:** Each student is required to complete a minimum of **fifteen** hours of community service during the scheduled academic year each year of the program.

A minimum of five of the fifteen hours must be completed on one specific project of the student's choosing. The preliminary service report detailing their plan for this project is due on November 12, 2020.

A final report will be due, along with a service sheet verifying the completion of all 15 required hours by February 25, 2021.

**RETREATS:** Due to the global pandemic, we are exploring ways to satisfy this important and vital portion of our Confirmation program.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat:** Historically a five-hour retreat held on the premises of St. George Church. This is dependent on current safety practices. Please stay tuned for details