



OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Dear 10th Grade Confirmation Students and Parents,

Welcome to the second year of the St. George Confirmation Program!

On Monday, October 23rd there will be an opening Mass and meeting for all **10th grade students AND their parents** at 7:00PM in the Church. After Mass, we will review the program and answer any questions you might have about the upcoming year and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Topics will include the weekend Confirmation retreat and choosing a Confirmation name and a Confirmation Sponsor. It is Essential that all 10th grade students and parents attend. ***Please note that this evening counts as a class for all 10th grade students.***

Enclosed you will find a reminder of the program requirements, the schedule of the Confirmation classes for the entire year and the Confirmation Covenant. Please return your signed Confirmation Covenant on Monday, October 23rd.

We look forward to seeing everyone on October 23rd!!!

Sincerely,

Claire

Claire M. Nicholls

Director of Youth Ministry

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 a number of components to the program and this will briefly outline them.

CLASSES: Classes meet on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the Father Sullivan Center unless otherwise noted on the schedule and are generally scheduled on a bi-weekly basis. This year there are a total of twelve classes scheduled, six in the fall and six in the spring.

Attendance: Students should make every attempt to attend all scheduled classes. If it is impossible to attend a class, please 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 ten of the fifteen hours must be completed on one specific project of the students choosing. The preliminary service report detailing their plan for this project is due on November 13, 2023.

A final report will be due, along with a service sheet verifying the completion of all 15 required hours by March 11, 2024.

We offer many possibilities for hours throughout the year and encourage students to participate with us to fulfill any balance of the service requirement beyond their individual projects. If a student prefers, he/she may choose to perform the remainder of his/her service work on an individual basis but must check with Claire or his/her teacher in order to get approval for a particular project.

RETREATS: Each student is required to participate in two retreats with the St. George community during the two- year period.

10th Grade Retreat: A weekend retreat (Friday evening to Sunday Afternoon) scheduled during the second year of the Confirmation Program. Students will be assigned to one of five weekends, with the option to trade weekends if there is a major conflict. **The retreats are scheduled for fall and winter. Please let me know which season is best for your child to attend the retreat taking into account all sports and other activities. (Email claire@stgeorgeguilford.org) The retreat must be attended in its entirety from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.** Retreat assignments will be mailed to you in the next several weeks. The conflicts must be addressed ASAP to guarantee availability.

Please Note: Retreats through the schools or other organizations DO NOT qualify as the student's "Confirmation Retreat" at St. George.

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

2023-2024

Freshman & Sophomore Schedule

*(Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held in the Father Sullivan Center
Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm)*

FIRST SEMESTER

10th GRADE

October 23rd Opening Mass & Meeting in Church (Students & Parents)

October 30th

November 13th

November 27th Joint Class for 9th & 10th grade in Church (Students & Parents)

December 4th

December 18th Joint Class for 9th & 10th grade in Church (MASS FOR
STUDENTS, BUT PARENTS are welcome TO JOIN US)

9th GRADE

October 23rd

November 6th

November 20th

November 27th

December 11th

December 18th

SECOND SEMESTER

10th GRADE

January 8th Joint Class for 9th & 10th Grade in Church (Students Only)

January 22nd

February 5th

February 26th

March 11th

March 25th

9th GRADE

January 8th

January 29th

February 12th

March 4th

March 18th

April 1st

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