



**August 10, 2017**

**RE: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Dates and Calendar of Events for 2017-2018 School Year**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is my privilege to be welcoming you and your child to our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Program!! We are very proud of our Confirmation Program, and we pray for a great year of **“Growing in Faith and Service”** together!!

Over the past few years, we have seen a “shift” in the needs of our young people. We not only want to meet their needs, but also to help instill a sense of faith into their day to day world. We are committed to prepare them not only for the **“Sacrament of Confirmation”**, but also for a lifetime of making **good choices!** Confirmation is not a “means-to-an-end”, but a beginning of a wonderful life of living and experiencing the **faith!**

Our eighth graders meet once per month, **mostly**, on Sunday afternoons, from 12:00pm – 3:30pm. (This is the equivalent of three classes each month.) Students must arrive by 12:00pm, as class begins at 12:10pm sharp. Students should go directly to their classrooms for attendance and to prepare for Mass. They will sit with their fellow students and teacher during Mass. After Mass, they will participate in one group activity, one lesson, and of course pizza! **All parents are invited and expected to attend the 12:30pm Mass as well!** 😊

All students are expected to attend class each month. In case of an extreme emergency or illness, we have a **“one absence”** per student policy. Please note that there are certain class dates where attendance is mandatory. We ask that you pay careful attention to these dates.

We monitor the students’ attendance, and we strictly enforce the **“one absence only rule”**. Please make all necessary arrangements in regards to any extracurricular activities ahead of time. We have had support and cooperation from sports teams, etc. in the past, if the dates are given to them ahead of time.

We have seen a change in the attire that the students are wearing to Mass, and, unfortunately, we will begin implementing a dress code for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The **dress code** is as follows: No shorts, No strapless, midriff, low cut or tank tops allowed. No offensive T-shirts or ripped jeans. No short skirts. We are asking for **“proper Church attire”** each month. Please be sure that your child is dressed properly each month before they leave your home.

**The Dates for our 2017-2018 Confirmation Program are as follows:**

**September:**

- Sunday, September 24

**October:**

- \*Wednesday, October 4 - Parent Meeting 7:00pm (All parents are asked to attend)
- Sunday, October 15

**November:**

- Sunday, November 19

**December:**

- Sunday, December 10

**January:**

- Sunday, January 21

**February:**

- Sunday, February 11

**March:**

- \***Saturday, March 10 (Mandatory Attendance)** 9:00am - 12:00pm.  
Pam Stenzel Presents: *"Nobody Told Me"* at St. John Vianney H.S. All parents asked to attend.  
(Information will be given at October parent meeting.)
- \***Sunday, March 18 – Make-Up in case of Inclement Weather**  
(Mandatory Attendance, only if necessary)

**April:**

- \***Thursday, April 12 (Mandatory Attendance)** 6:30pm - 8:30pm. St. Leo's Parish,  
(This is the Confirmation Retreat.) Presentation by: Chris Stefanic
- \***Monday, April 23 (Mandatory Attendance)** 6:30pm - 8:30pm Penance Service  
(Time may change slightly)
- \***Thursday, April 26 – (Mandatory Attendance)** 6:00pm/7:30 p.m. Confirmation Practice  
(Details to follow)
- \***Friday, April 27 - Confirmation: 2:30pm & 6:00pm** (Details to follow)

We truly thank you for your support and cooperation, and we look forward to a wonderful year of "Wonder and Awe" with you and your child.

Blessings and Peace,

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