



1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year Confirmation 2010-2011

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

This letter outlines the important dates, procedures, etc. that will be part of the confirmation ministry this year. **The first day of confirmation class for all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students will be Wednesday, September 1st, 2010 at 7:00pm. The last day of confirmation classes is Wednesday, April 20th, 2011.**

Class Schedule

Confirmation classes will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights at Trinity. The first class period will be Wednesday, September 1st, at 7:00pm. Parents are asked to stay for the first part of this class period so that we can address any questions or issues regarding the up-coming year. There are some exceptions to this schedule. The entire schedule is as follows:

September 1 st through November 17 th	Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
November 24	No Class
December 1 st through December 15 th	Advent worship services held each Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is expected. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 7:40 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
December 22 nd and December 29 th	No classes
January 5 th through March 2 nd	Classes meet Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
March 9 th and March 16 th	No Classes Attendance at one Ash Wednesday service on March 9 th required. Services are held at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
March 23 rd through April 13 th	Lent worship services held each Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is expected. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 7:40 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
April 20 th	No Class for Holy Week.
April 25 th	Confirmation Banquet for 3 rd year students 7:00p.m.
Sunday, May 1 st , 2011 10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Service at 10:45am

Requirements:

Confirmation will include:

- Weekly Bible readings and memorization
- Weekly worship attendance and reports
- Memory Work
- Weekly class attendance and participation
- A minimum of 30 service hours
- Attendance at the Confirmation Retreat

Bible Readings:

As the forgiven children of God, we look to His Word, the Bible, to grow in our faith walk with Him and to seek His face. In order to help the Confirmands develop an appreciation for God's Word and to always have its words of truth and guidance with them, each week the Confirmands will be given a verse or two of Scripture to have memorized for the following week and recited to the class.

*I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.*

Psalm 119:11 (ESV)

Public Worship:

Gathering together with fellow believers to worship our God is an integral part of the Christian faith. In order to encourage our youth to develop this discipline, each confirmand is encouraged to attend one of the services offered here at Trinity each weekend (or elsewhere if the family is on vacation, etc.). After worshipping, the student fills out a "Worship Notes" page (these can be found in a folder labeled "Worship Participation" in the "auto secretary" located by the door to the church office) and turn it into their instructor the following class period. If the folder is empty, please copy down the questions from the page that is taped to the back of the folder and turn in the answers on a piece of notebook paper. A **minimum** of 27 "worship notes" reports are required to be confirmed.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

Service to Others:

As followers of Jesus Christ, it is our privilege to serve others just as He served us. To this end, each confirmand is required to perform 30 hours of service. Anything that the confirmand does to help another, but does not receive payment for, may be counted as service hours. In order to report these hours, I would like a note, signed by a parent, stating the type of service and total number of hours. For example, if Tom mowed the grass for his grandmother from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and **was not paid for his work**, Tom's mom/dad would then write me a note stating that Tom had performed 2 hours of service for his grandmother by cutting her lawn. A total of 30 hours is the minimum requirement. Hours beyond this are, of course, highly encouraged.

"[E]ven as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28 (ESV)

Class Attendance and Participation:

Regular attendance of scheduled classes as well as active participation during class is essential to the learning and growth process. If it is necessary that a confirmand miss a class period, one of the parents should contact their student's teacher and set up a way of making up the missed material. This may range from one on one meeting with the confirmand to an additional homework assignment. This is at the instructor's discretion.

Homework, written tests, memory work, and various projects may be assigned throughout the course of confirmation.

Class Discipline:

If a student should become disruptive to others in the class, he/she will be asked to correct his/her behavior. If the behavior continues the student will be asked to leave the classroom and continue his/her studies in the hall until the class period is over. The pastor, student, and parents will then have a conference regarding the problems faced during class.

It is our fervent hope and prayer that we will grow together in the faith, knowledge, and love of our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We look forward to this year being an exciting time of learning and discussion. Please feel free to contact either of us at church (913-682-7474), or at home (Pastor Damian: 913-651-6620), (Denise: 913-250-0397) about any concerns you may have. We look forward to meeting all of you.

Fees:

The cost for confirmation classes is \$50.00 per student. This includes the cost of the retreat, and all books necessary for class. If this fee is beyond the ability of any of our families to pay, please speak with Pastor Snyder as it is not our desire for money to keep anyone out of confirmation classes!

Inclement Weather:

From time to time it becomes necessary to cancel confirmation classes because of the weather. When this is the case, we will make every effort to contact each family via the telephone number that they have provided to us. If we cannot reach you, we will leave a message on your answering machine, if available. If you do not have an answering machine, we will make 3 attempts to reach you at your contact number. If it appears that inclement weather may have caused the cancellation of classes, please be sure to check the answering machine/voice mail at the contact number that you have provided to us before coming to church. We will observe the above procedure if regularly scheduled classes need to be cancelled for any reason. **Please ensure that we have a valid, current contact number where you can be reached or a message can be left to alert you to class cancellations.**

May God richly bless us as we study His Word!

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