

ATTENTION

ALL 9TH & 10TH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS

Our 9th & 10th grade program is considered preparation for entering the Confirmation class in 11th grade. Students are expected to take responsibility for attending all classes and events. We try to run both Sunday and Monday evening classes so if your student cannot make one night they may be able to join a class on the other night. There may also be the possibility of a Sunday morning class depending on teacher availability. Students will be provided with a list of all 9th & 10th grade teacher's phone numbers and they should be the ones to contact them if they need to switch or miss a class, not parents. The discussions held in class cannot be duplicated and they are an invaluable way for the students to learn about their faith as well as to build a community with each other that is so important as they enter the Confirmation class in the 11th grade.

If a class must be missed, it is the student's responsibility to obtain any make-up papers from their teacher, complete and return them by the next scheduled class or event. If multiple classes are missed, students are required to attend and sign in at make-up classes (dates already on the schedule) and possibly extra Church events as well. If you know that there are going to be several classes missed, the teacher or I should be notified in advance so that other arrangements can be made. We want to work with you, but the lines of communication must remain open. Thanks to all of you who worked with us last year to make this happen.

While we understand the many demands placed on families each day as they work to coordinate all of their schedules, we also understand that their spiritual development deserves equal attention. We have tried to keep the number and length of classes down and generally there are only 5 meetings per session. We don't feel that this is a monumental commitment and we are willing to work with anyone who is having trouble with schedules. The students only need to show a willingness and desire to work with us as well.

The time spent preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation should be taken seriously. This Sacrament is not a graduation, but an ongoing conversion and development into a Christian way of life. It is one more step on our spiritual journey toward a deeper union with God. There is no age at which we stop learning or discerning about ourselves, or our relationship to God and others.

We work hard at St. Denis coordinating a program of this size and there are requirements that students are expected to meet, just as there is with school, sports and anything else that you are committed to. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding and look forward to another year as we learn together the messages of Jesus Christ.