

Church of St. James the Apostle

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Dear 8th Grade Parents,

Happy New Year! The time for Confirmation is approaching rapidly. Please find enclosed some important information regarding the schedule of Confirmation ceremonies, room assignments for the day of Confirmation, and finally a list of scheduled rehearsals. Please call my office if any of the material found herein is unclear. Rehearsal is mandatory. Gowns will be distributed after rehearsal only to those who have all requirements completed.

May I remind you that in order to have your child participate in the ceremony of Confirmation certain criteria must be met prior to the date of Confirmation. Please review the list of 8th grade criteria printed below to be sure all is in order.

Confirmation Criteria

1. Excellent Mass attendance.
2. Excellent discussion class attendance.
3. Completed 10 hours of Community Service (due by February 2010 class).
4. Essay handed in.
5. All paperwork handed in:
 - Confirmation Information sheet (sponsor, etc.)
 - Gown Measurement Form
6. Participation in the 8th Grade retreat, Sunday, March 7, 2010 (see information on reverse side).
7. Gowns will be distributed after rehearsal to those students who have handed in all paperwork and have successfully completed all class and Mass attendance requirements.

Sincerely,

George A. Bovino, Ed.D.
Director of Religious Education

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Retreat Notes

- 1. Date: Sunday, March 7, 2010**
- 2. Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**
- 3. Please arrive promptly at 9:00 am. Go directly to the registrations tables located in the front lobby of St. James School.**
- 4. Lunch will be provided during the day.**
- 5. Students will need to bring a pen – no paper or notebook is needed.**
- 6. Full, respectful and appropriate participating is our expectation. Participating in this retreat is a prerequisite for Confirmation. It is mandatory.**

Confirmation 2010 Information

Please find listed below some important reminders for Confirmation. If you still have questions or concerns after reading this list please call the CCD office at 845-225-6504.

We are very proud of our young Confirmation candidates and continue to be grateful for your involvement in this process.

Reminders:

1. The student and sponsor need to be in the “organizational room” (see reverse side) 30 minutes before Mass time.
2. Sponsors do not have to be present at the rehearsal.
3. Student rehearsal is mandatory – there is only one.
4. No tickets are needed for Mass. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis. Please do not save seats. There is no limit to the number of people you invite to the Mass.
5. Confirmation gowns will be distributed after the rehearsal.
6. All paperwork must be completed (including the community service project) for a student to receive their gown and participate in the ceremony.
7. I will speak with sponsors over the PA system in the school to advise them of their responsibilities during the Mass.
8. The Confirmation Mass should last approximately 1½ hours, (dependent on the length of the Bishop’s homily).
9. No one will be allowed to leave their seat to take flash pictures. You may videotape from your seat. You may take pictures from your seat. The entire Mass will be professionally videotaped. You can order this tape if you wish. Forms are included in this mailing. Please return forms at the time of rehearsal with the appropriate check.
10. Some female gowns may come with white collars; do not use these, they are too much trouble.
11. The Bishop will remain outside after Mass for pictures.
12. The students and their sponsors will occupy almost all of, if not the entire center section of pews. All other pews are open to you and your family.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE
April 10, and April 17, 2010

All candidates and their sponsors are to report to their assigned rooms (all located in the St. James School Building) 30 minutes prior to the ceremony. Sponsors are not expected to attend the rehearsal. The one rehearsal is mandatory for all students.

April 10, 2010 10:00 am	
Teacher	Organizational Room
St. James School students	Room 21
J. O'Connor / Hartshorn	Room 22
Mazzoni	Room 23
Barone / Andalia	Room 24
DelDuca	Room 25
Rehearsal and Gown Distribution – April 6, 2010 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm St. James Church	

April 10, 2010 1:30 pm	
Teacher	Organizational Room
Breslin	Room 22
Roncallo	Room 23
Parisi / Geoghegan	Room 24
C. O'Connor	Room 25
Britt	Room 26
Rehearsal and Gown Distribution – April 7, 2010 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm St. James Church	

April 17, 2010 10:00 am	
Teacher	Organizational Room
Schofield	Room 21
Xavier	Room 22
Rapacioli	Room 23
Arroyo	Room 24
Manzo / Piazza	Room 25
Lopes / Recine	Room 26
Schiavone	Room 27
Rehearsal and Gown Distribution – April 8, 2010 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm St. James Church	

April 17, 2010 1:30 pm	
Teacher	Organizational Room
Blank / Youssef	Room 21
Lugo / Silke	Room 22
Schanil	Room 23
Davidson	Room 24
Loughran	Room 25
Miller	Room 26
Rehearsal and Gown Distribution – April 12, 2010 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm St. James Church	

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