



2019-20 CONFIRMATION CLASS For 6th & 7th Graders AND their Parents

There is a HUGE need in the lives of students and their families for this Christ-centered opportunity. WE CONSIDER THIS A STRONG INVESTMENT IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS & PARENTS WHO ATTEND!

The word "confirmation" literally means "to make firm". In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens ("makes firm") a person in his or her discipleship. Around 6th grade, children are at an age where they have the capacity to reason not only concretely but also abstractly. Because of this we desire to teach them clearly the Essentials of the Christian Faith and God's Church, giving them the opportunity to respond by accepting for themselves the Christian faith. They will also then have the opportunity to officially join Hillside church for themselves, becoming full-fledged members.

Because this is such important and foundational TRUTH, we require the parents to attend this class as well. We do this so that parents can be fully in touch with what we are teaching their children and families can carry on engaging conversations as they live life together at home.

The class incorporates:

- Icebreakers, Lectures, Skits, Videos, and Breakout Group Discussions upstairs in The ROCK
- Students sit up front together as a class, along with several senior high student leaders
- Parents sit together around tables in the back. Coffee, hot tea, and water are available! (Parents have told us consistently that they have very much appreciated being a part of this Confirmation experience!)

Hillside's 2019-20 Confirmation Class Info:

- **Registration Required:** Please register online at our website - under Jr High Youth Ministry.
- **Cost** is \$50.00 for material & event costs
- **Schedule:** Class will be held in the ROCK each Sunday from 10:50-12:10pm from Sept. 8th through Nov. 24th
 - Not meeting on 9/22 due to the school break
- **Late Night Event:** Saturday, Oct. 12th from 5-9:00pm at Hillside. -Students only, Info below.
- **Attendance Requirement:** Cannot miss more than 2 meetings, Late Night included. We also ask each family to attend the 8:30am or 9:30am worship service to continue or begin the blessing of attending worship as a family. If a session is missed, the family will be expected to watch it on video together in order to not miss the lesson.
- **Parent Involvement:** At least one parent, preferably both, needs to attend each class. This truly enables great parent-child discussions and a much deeper and sustainable growth in the students. Feedback from parents is that they LOVE the content and the depth of conversation this provides with their children & with other parents.
- **Confirmation Service:** November 24th at our 9:30am Contemporary Worship Service. This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving break. Please try and make sure your school-break plans include this very important service. Thank you!

Special Late Night Event: Saturday night, October 12th, from 5-9pm "Going Deeper"

This is a HIGHLY **IMPORTANT** and **VITAL** Event for the students only. This has proven to be a truly pivotal night for the confirmands as they experience an incredibly fun and spiritually rich evening with spiritually grounded Sr. High Students who truly pour into them in an amazingly Christ-centered way. The confirmands have continued to be encouraged and blown away by this powerful experience.

***"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15***

In Support of Students and their Families,

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