

## **Confirmation Information**

### **Timeline for Confirmation**

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| Wednesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30-5pm  | - | Confirmand meeting                    |
| Wednesday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 3:30-5pm | - | Confirmand meeting                    |
| Wednesday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30-5pm    | - | Confirmand meeting (Banner due)       |
| Wednesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30-5pm   | - | Confirmand Meeting (Faith Essays due) |

Students **may not** miss these meetings as they are crucial to preparing the students for confirmation. During these meetings we will prepare faith essays, discuss banners, chose confirmation verses, and prepare students for the rite of confirmation.

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| Sunday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> , 12:15  | - | Confirmation Rehearsal for Confirmands and Parents          |
| Saturday, October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30 | - | Set-up for Confirmation (putting up banners, archway, etc.) |
| 6:00                                      | - | Confirmands present their Faith Essays during Worship       |
| Sunday, October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 9:30am | - | Confirmation Reception in Gym                               |
| 10:15am                                   | - | Confirmands downstairs to prepare Worship                   |
| <b>10: 45am</b>                           | - | <b>Confirmation Worship Service</b>                         |

### **Dress for Confirmation**

We would like the confirmands to wear nice dress clothes for both of the services in which the students will be participating. Girls should wear appropriate skirt and shirt or dress that is light in color and dress shoes. Boys should wear dress shoes, slacks, and a collared shirt, preferably with a tie. If you have any questions about clothing, please contact Pastor Todd or Julianna Shults.

### **Flowers**

Each girl wears a corsage and each boy a boutonniere. In addition, flowers and palm branches are used to decorate the alter arch. We order the palm branches and flowers, which are delivered the Friday before confirmation, and we will need your assistance in using them to decorate the church on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30.

### **Confirmation Robes**

Robes have been ordered and we will give them to your child at the October 24<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Rehearsal. Please remember to have the robes pressed for the service. Girls must wear the collar provided and we do not receive extra collars, so you must bring them with you to church. The robes do not have to be returned.

### **Confirmation Pictures**

Each year a group photo is taken. The photo will be taken directly after the service. You can take family photos after the profession photographer is done.

### **Faith Essays Practice**

If your student would like to practice reading their faith essay in the sanctuary, Julianna is offering two opportunities to practice. We will meet Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> right after school in the sanctuary. We want all our confirmands to be comfortable sharing their faith essays on October 30th at the 6pm service.

### **Family Cost for Confirmation**

Each confirmand family is responsible for helping offset some of the cost of the Rite of Confirmation. We have tried to make the cost reasonable. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Checks are to be turned in to the office as soon as possible.

\$15 for Robe

\$10 for Flowers

\$10 for Pictures

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\$35 Total Cost for each Confirmand Family

### **Confirmation Banner**

The Confirmation Banner is an opportunity for you to express your unique faith in God. It should be a visual representation of what God has done in your life and a chance for you to show what you have learned about who God is during your lifetime, including what you have learned in the Confirmation program. Each banner is different and it is our hope that you can create something that will be a lasting memento of your faith.

There are a few requirements for your banner. You must include...

- Your name and your confirmation verse (text or location)
- A special coloring for your lettering
- At least three pictures/words which are descriptive of your faith
- At least one of those symbols should represent Christ
- Symbols that are reflective of faith rather than culture

Get creative. Your banner is due at the meeting of Confirmation students on October 6th. It will be hemmed and ready for you to hang the Saturday before Confirmation. Supplies for these banners will be provided for the students.

### **Other Notes**

St. Paul participates in a Jr. High retreat at Walcamp in November. This is not a requirement, but we strongly encourage all 7th and 8th grade students to attend this awesome faith opportunity.