

## 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Requirements 2020-2021 School Year

Information provided below is based on online classes and may change as our ability to gather at church changes.

### 1. Attendance

- All classes will be held online (via Zoom) until further notice. Wednesdays at 5:00pm
  - Lessons will take place from 5pm-6pm. There will be a short break from 6-6:15pm and class will resume at 6:15pm for the worship service. (Confirmation students will provide the topic for one Wednesday night service each month.)
- Confirmation students are required to complete a make-up assignment for all missed classes.
- If a student will be missing a class, please email [savinggraceeducation@gmail.com](mailto:savinggraceeducation@gmail.com) to let us know.

### 2. Homework

- A lesson book will be provided to each student.
- Homework will be assigned after each class and is expected to be completed prior to the start of the next class.
- Homework answers will be entered into the Google Sheets file for your child. The Pastors will review and correct homework in the file.
  - Homework can also be emailed to the Pastors at [ibn1irgs@yahoo.com](mailto:ibn1irgs@yahoo.com) (Pastor David) and [pastordansglc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordansglc@gmail.com) (Pastor Dan)- please make sure that the picture of the homework page is clear

### 3. Sermon Reports

- 20 sermon reports are required to be completed each year.
- Sermon reports can be completed from Wednesday night services (the easiest, as attending the Wednesday night service is now integrated into our class time) and/or Sunday services
- Sermon report forms are currently available on the church website and in the shared Google Sheets file. Printed copies will also be available in the vestibule of church (please email [savinggraceeducation@gmail.com](mailto:savinggraceeducation@gmail.com) for copies of the sermon reports.
  - The Pastors will review the sermon notes and will provide feedback within the file.
  - If using printed copies, please drop off or mail completed forms to church. (4 can fit in a regular envelope with 1 stamp)
- A change for 2020: there is a separate form for Wednesday. The format of the Wednesday night service is different from the Sunday services and we have changed the form to reflect this (for better understanding/comprehension).

### 4. Community Service

- 20 hours of community service is required each year of confirmation.
  - Volunteering at church: any of the services including ushering, offering, Communion, technical-sound board or computer, Sunday School, reading to youth during Sunday Night Stories, Parents Night Out, Vacation Bible School, Shoe Boxes (Christmas), etc.
  - Volunteering in the community
- A community service form must be filled out for each community service experience\* and turned in to the Education Director.

- Don't forget to have the person supervising your service sign your form
- \*If volunteering for an extended period of time (ex. each week at Sunday School) only one form will need to be filled out- the dates, times, and a short summary of what was completed that day will be recorded- the remaining portion of the form will be filled out upon completion of the entire service time.

#### 5. Actively participate in the Illumin8 Youth Group

- Illumin8 meetings are built in to the 2020-2021 calendar on Wednesday evenings
- TBD youth mission trip or conference

#### 6. Things to Memorize

- The Lord's Prayer
- 10 Commandments
- Books of the Bible

#### 7. Additional required activities

- Serve at Confirmation Dinner on May 1, 2021 (6:30 pm)
- Christmas Caroling TBD
- Christmas Eve service
- VBS

#### Additional Requirements for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Begin to work on your Faith Statement
  - ✝ Talk to others (parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins) about their faith- what does faith mean to them, how has their faith impacted their lives
  - ✝ Think about your faith: what impact has Jesus had on your life, why is faith important to you, have you struggled with your faith, how has faith helped you through a difficult time, etc. (Your completed faith statement will be due October 1, 2021.)

#### Additional Requirements for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Faith Statement
  - ✝ Your completed faith statement is due by April 7, 2021
  - ✝ See the separate faith statement guidelines document for information
- Important dates and information for 9<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Confirmation date: Sunday, May 2, 2020
  - Confirmand Dinner: Saturday, May 1, 2020 6:30 pm
  - Choose your favorite and most meaningful memory verse. Why is it important to you? Memorize it! Meet with a Pastor to talk about it.