



ST JOAN OF ARC
CATHOLIC CHURCH

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE EIGHTH GRADE YEAR

Parent and student: please fill out the bottom of this form and submit to mspawork@stjoanofarcpowell.org

To comply with the “Graded Course of Study” for Confirmation preparation provided by the diocese, St. Joan of Arc Parish School of Religion requires the successful completion of both 7th and 8th grade curriculum for Confirmation. In order for our 8th grade students to receive adequate preparation for Confirmation, we have implemented the following requirements:

ATTENDANCE:

As with any activity (e.g., education, music, sports, drama), students experience greater benefit with consistent participation. In order to provide consistent content and the critical faith formation we value, students are expected to attend class each week. To ensure that our students receive all pertinent information before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation they are responsible for each week’s lesson material. Realizing that extenuating circumstances beyond your control happen, we allow for 3 lessons to be made up outside of the classroom. Another option is to attend a makeup class, information below. Please let the middle school coordinator know if/when extenuating circumstances arise. We are willing to work together to find a solution that works for you and your child. Without an established arrangement, absences that are not made up will require a meeting with the Youth Faith Formation Director Shana Leonard to determine a course of action.

A courtesy email will be sent each week to those students who were recorded as absent on our attendance records. This gives you an opportunity to have us update our records if an absence was recorded in error as well as keep you informed on the number of absences we currently have on record. Regular attendance is important. **Please call the Youth Faith Formation (YFF) Office at 614.761.0903 or email mgesell@stjoanofarcpowell.org if your child will not be attending class and to sign up for a possible makeup class.**

MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

The following makeup opportunities have been incorporated into our program:

1. If a student must miss a scheduled class, the student may attend another session during the same week the regular class is missed. We have 8th grade classes on Sunday and Monday. For example, Monday students should come to a makeup class the Sunday *before*; Sunday students should attend a makeup session the Monday *after*. This situation works best when you know of a conflict ahead of time. In order to attend a makeup class it is important that you call ahead to schedule your child. ***Please do not just show up expecting to get into a classroom, due to our large classes and fire codes, we may not always be able to accommodate everyone.***
2. If a student is unable to attend another session for a makeup lesson, an assigned take-home makeup lesson sent home by email must be turned in to the middle school coordinator in the YFF office upon returning to class. Lessons may also be scanned and submitted to mspawork@stjoanofarcpowell.org. ***Only three take-home lessons are acceptable per semester.***

SERVICE:

The service hour requirement is a focus throughout the Middle School years. The requirement for 8th graders is 10 hours of service. We request that one service project take place outside of the St. Joan of Arc community and that one involve people less fortunate than ourselves. **Performing chores around the house and helping members of your family is part of being a family and will not count toward middle school service hours.** Opportunities for service hours are on the bulletin board in the religious education hallway; however students are not limited to those posted. There are many opportunities in and around the community, city, globally. Parents sign off on all service hours. **DUE: Week of March 8, 2020**

I have read the above information and understand the outlined requirements. I will honor my requirements in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____