

Our Lady of the Snow Faith Formation Program

Level 9 Parent Meeting Notes

Level 9 is the immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Catechesis will occur once a month on assigned Thursday evenings.

2022-23 L9 Onsite Classes

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the large church on the following dates:

10/20/22, 11/10/22, 12/22/22, 1/12/23, 2/9/23 & 3/23/23(retreat)

Students are required to bring to classes the Student Bible they received in Level 6. They will be provided with a notebook for classwork purposes. Lesson plans were written by the Director of Faith Formation using objectives, vocabulary and concepts from the texts of several Catholic catechesis publications. The lessons have been reviewed by our Pastor, and are always being edited and updated by members of our Catechetical Board. Lessons include crafts and activities that reinforce concepts, short videos and music.

Family Mass- There will be Masses that highlight level 9 throughout the year. **Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be formally enrolled in the program in September at a Confirmation Enrollment Mass on Sunday, September 18th at 11 a.m. in the large church.** During this Mass, the names of all students enrolled in Level 9 will be announced and they will be asked to stand. We will pray for all our Confirmation students during the Mass.

Candidates are encouraged to attend, with their parents, the events of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. Emphasis will be placed on stewardship and service and most importantly on participating in the Sunday Liturgy. Students in Level 9 complete all Sacrament forms and projects within a Level 9 Google Classroom.

Sacrament of Confirmation- Students will be preparing to receive Confirmation shortly after the Easter holiday on a date determined by the Bishop's Office. **The date for this sacrament will not be available until the beginning of 2023.** As soon as the date is available, you will be notified via Remind, and students will be given dates through their teachers. The information will also be posted on the Stream page in Level 9 Google Classroom.

Level 9 Google Classroom Participation- All students enrolled in Level 9, regardless of whether they attend onsite, digitally or if they attend Catholic School, must join Level 9 Google Classroom. This is because all the Sacrament-related forms and projects are in Google Classroom. The two essential forms are the Confirmation Information Form and the Sponsor Testimony Form. The three essential projects are the Confirmation Service Project, the Sponsor Reflection and the Saint Name Reflection. There are many examples of these projects contained within a video of last year's class. The 2021-22 Confirmation Class video will be posted in the Level 9 Google Classroom this fall in order for students to have access to a model of past project examples.

Home Study- There are instances where a student cannot attend onsite classes, and the parent chooses to work at home digitally with him/her. While this is not an ideal situation, students can make up missed sessions in Google Classroom.

How do I get the Level 9 Google Classroom code?

**Currently the Level 9 Google Classroom site is being updated and the code will be sent via Remind over the summer when the new class is ready.

Confirmation Retreat- We have an amazing Confirmation Retreat planned with speakers/presenters of Sweethearts&Heroes.com. This fall the director will be participating in training sessions with the presenters, in order to expand on what was done at their initial visit this past Lent, creating a different experience for this year's group. The Confirmation retreat is required for all students in the Level 9 program and the date/time is Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the large church. The retreat lasts about 2 hours.

Absences- Occasionally students miss a class. *There are only 6 Sessions, so please make every effort to prioritize these meetings.* In the event of illness, a digital companion lesson can be accessed for the missed session number within the Level 9 Google Classroom.

For Confirmation gift items, visit Autom.com.

If you haven't already done so, please join Level 9 Remind by texting @6cefgk to 81010.

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