

Dear parents,

Confirmation instruction is ready to begin. Once again we gather together to study the Word of God as it is interpreted through the Lutheran Doctrines. This three course is designed to give the students a solid foundation of the Lutheran faith and better equip them to defend the Gospel.

Class meets every Sunday during the Bible study hour. It is important that students are in class regularly as much discussion goes on which will enhance their learning. Weekly assignments are given which should not take very long to do, but will train the student to search the Holy Scriptures for answers. Weekly memory is also given at the beginning of each class period and is graded in class.

At the end of each assignment there is a place for a parent signature. Please sign that when your child has completed their assignment. You do not need to correct it, we will do that in class together, just see that it is done. It is vital to the success of their learning that they do their assignments each week.

Below are the standards that the Board of Elders adopted which grants the completion of the Confirmation Course at Our Savior Lutheran Church:

1. Memory: Can be found in their workbook, "Learn By Heart." All memory must receive a passing grade or must be retaken by the student until it is passed. Retake times are set up between the student and Mr. Armstrong.
2. Homework: There is a homework assignment given each week. This should not take a great deal of time, be must be completed each week with a parent's signature. Homework without a parent signature will be not be accepted.
3. Tests: Tests are given at the end of each unit. Tests are given in class and like memory; all tests must receive a passing grade. Test retakes are arranged with Mr. Armstrong
4. Sermon Outlines: Two Sermon Outlines are to be turned in each month. It seems to work best if the student chooses which Sundays they are going to do one and get into a routine.
5. Acolyting: Each student enrolled in Confirmation is automatically put on the Acolyting list. Training will be given to the new students and they are paired with "veterans."
6. Service Hours: Each student will complete 5 service hours during the confirmation year. These activities must be pre-approved by Mr. Armstrong and must be services to Our Savior Lutheran Church. Forms are in the classroom.

7. Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. Much discussion is done during class. These students are preparing to pledge themselves before God and His church to be in regular worship and study. These three years will help set that pattern.

Students are asked to bring a NIV Bible, pencil, and workbook each week to class. We use the Bible and go through their work. It is difficult for a student to get everything out of class if they do not have all the materials.

In the past cell phones have been an issue and in many cases has been a distraction. Students are asked not to use their cell phones during class. If a student is caught using their phone, it will be taken away and returned when class is over. If the student continues to be distracted with their cell phones, a phone call home will occur.

In addition to class work, we will be taking a few field trips this year. We are going to tour different churches and learn about other faiths. These trips will be announced in advance and we would like as many to come that can. Parents are welcome to attend and drivers are always welcome.

This is also the time when your child can become involved in Jr., CIA. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 4:30 – 6:00 pm. We meet for a short devotion, activities, social outings, service projects and just getting to know each other.

If you ever have any questions or would like to know how your child is doing, please do not hesitate to phone me at church 713-290-9087 ex. 23 or email at jeffarm@oslschool.org or home 713-640-5873.

Please return a note giving me your mailing address, email and a phone number where you would like to be reached.

I am looking forward to a great year with your child as we study the Word of God together.

Blessings,

Jeff Armstrong