



# WELCOME TO CONFIRMATION

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Confirmation at Calvary looks different from years in the past. Traditionally, students in grades 6-9 would attend every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. from late August through May (excluding Lent). Students would sit together and focus on one aspect of curriculum (Old Testament, New Testament, Catechism) during each year. Pastors would begin by giving a message, and then students would split into small groups for the relationship building and discussion part of the evening.

### WE DON'T WANT YOU TO JUST MAKE TIME, WE WANT YOU TO ENJOY THE TIME.

Students and parents alike have schedules much different than the schedules people had 20, 30, 40 years ago. School schedules, athletic schedules, and other activities no longer revolve around the church schedule. We want to be flexible in the timing and frequency of classes, in order to make them both achievable and accessible.

# 2 Class sizes were too large

### SPACE ALLOWS FOR GROWTH. IT'S AS TRUE FOR GARDENS AS IT IS FOR KIDS.

Ideally, a small group Confirmation class would consist of 6-8 students and two small group guides. With the amount of students in our program and the amount of space in our building it worked to do it this way, but it didn't work as well as it could. After a long day of learning at school, sitting in a big room of 200 people trying to learn was difficult for students. Offering multiple classes throughout the year allows for class sizes to be smaller and for relationships to develop much better.

# 3 We heard your feedback

### YOU SPOKE AND WE LISTENED.

We heard from students, group guides, and congregation members alike that Confirmation programming was too long, and that students weren't able to articulate their faith

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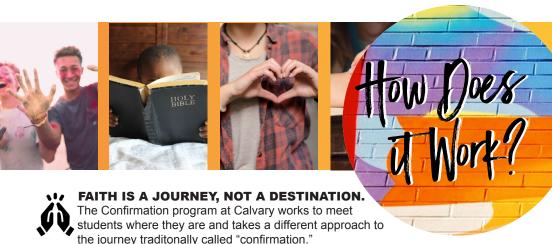
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Our goal is to build relationships in small group settings and helps students explore, engage and encounter faith as they study side by side with peers and other leaders. *The goal is not to reach a destination; the goal is the journey itself.* 

The opportunities offered in this guide resemble the university model of "credits." After completing 40 credits through this program, participants are encouraged to publicly celebrate this segment of their journey through the Rite of Confirmation. Students are encouraged to complete credits at their own pace.

Students take classes that fall under three categories: core classes, elective classes, and enrichment experiences. All core classes and certain enrichments are required. The goal of this program is for students to complete 40 total credits.



**CORE CLASSES** 

15 Credits

### CORE

- Bible Basics\*
- Sacraments\*
- Creeds & Commandments\*
- The Lord's Prayer\*
- The Seven Habits of Effective Christian Families\* (attended by student and a guardian)



ELECTIVES

20 Credits

### **ELECTIVE CLASSES**

Elective courses allow students and families to choose what they would like to learn more about. Elective opportunities vary from year to year.



ENRICHMENTS

8 Credits

### **ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES**

- Worship Participation\*
- Service Opportunities\*
- Faith Expression\*
- Bible Camp
- Mission Trips
- Confirmation Retreat
- Mentor Year\*

\*Required





### **CONFIRMATION GRADE GOALS**

The table below is an example of how credits can be divided out if students wanted to begin classes in sixth grade and publicly Affirm their Baptisms in tenth grade. Students are encouraged to work at their own pace - this experience is not a race. Every students' journey will look different.

GRADE GOALS *		
Sixth	"Seven Habits" core class     Three additional electives/enrichments	
Seventh	"Creeds & Commandments" core class     "Lord's Prayer" core class     Two additional electives/enrichments	
Eigth	"Bible Basics" core class     Three additional electives/enrichments	
Ninth	<ul><li> "Sacraments" core class</li><li> Mentor year</li><li> Two additional electives/enrichments</li></ul>	
Tenth	"Faith Expression"     Rite of Confirmation	

# 2tte of Confirmation

Formally, we offer confirmation services each year on Reformation Sunday (and the following Wednesday), typically the last Sunday in October. This is a collective service when students who have completed the program publicly affirm their faith together. It is also possible for students to have individual Confirmation moments on any Sunday or Wednesday during the year. For more information about individual Confirmation moments, For questions about Confirmation please contact the Confirmation Ministry Team.



Confirmation is not a sacrament in the Lutheran church and is therefore not "required," however, it is highly encouraged. This series of worship, lessons, service, and fellowship help enrich and strengthen our students' faith lives. We hope the flexibility of this program will equip families to uphold expectations and requirements to the best of their abilities.



"Core Classes" at Calvary are the classes that have been identified as the classes that teach students the basics, therefore they are the only classes that are required. That said we know that everyone is different and there are many kinds of learners. We are willing to explore with students and families other ways to learn this information if this structure does not work for you. **Core classes are worth 3 credits each.** 



### THE SEVEN HABITS OF EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

You have to go to school for many years to qualify for most jobs in America. But we act like everybody is born knowing how to be a part of a family. Families come in all shapes and sizes. Learn to establish daily practices that keep God at the center of your family. Ideally this class is attended by the student and a guardian.

6 Sessions - 3 Credits

## 2 Creeds & Commandments

### WHAT ARE THE CORE BELIEFS OF CHRISTIANITY?

We will take a look at the Apostles' Creed, each article of the Creed, and its goal of unifying the body of Christ. In other words, we will explore the question "What do we believe and why?" We will move to the Ten Commandments. The list God gave us to help us live in harmony with others and with God.

6 Sessions - 3 Credits



### **LET'S DIG INTO THE BIBLE**

The Bible is an amazing collection of books. Some are stories, poetry, history, and letters. But they all point to Jesus! Learn how surprising God's Word can be!

6 Sessions - 3 Credits

# 1 The Lord's Prayer

### HALLOWED BE THY NĂME

We cannot have a relationship with someone we hardly talk to, yet prayer is one of the hardest practices. Jesus taught us to pray through the Lord's Prayer. We'll explore that, plus other ways to bring prayer into our daily lives.

3 Sessions - 3 Credits

# 5 The Sacraments

### **BAPTISM & COMMUNION**

Baptism and communion are an outward sign of the inward grace we have received but cannot earn. Learn about these sacraments of the church and how they center our daily living and faith life.

3 Sessions - 3 Credits



# 1 Can I Ask That?

### I HAVE ALWAYS WONDERED...

Sometimes, we want to ask questions, but we feel like we'll get in trouble if we ask. This is the class to ask those questions and explore the answers! What if I doubt? What does heaven look like? Can I trust the Bible? What are your questions? Each class is a stand-alone session. Sign up for one session-or sign up for them all!

4 Sessions available - 1/2 credit each

Class led by Calvary Pastors

## 2 Violence in The Bible

### BLOODY TENT PEGS, DISEMBODIED FINGERS, SNEAK ATTACKS, AND MORE!

Together, we'll disuss some of the Bible's most gory stories. Each class is a stand-alone session. Sign up for one session-or sign up for them all!

6 Sessions available - 1/2 credit each Class led by Pastor

# 3 Faith & Music

### 'CAUSE I GOTTA HAVE FAITH ,

Music is a universal language. Hymns, contemporary, and blended styles are just some of the types of music we'll explore. By listening, we can discover how God is present in the music we hear in worship and in the world.

4 sessions - 2 credits

Class led by Michaela Hepper

# 10 Justice | Due Justice

### SEEK JUSTICE. LOVE MERCY. WALK HUMBLY.

Throughout the Old and New Testament, our call to do justice is clear. Why does God let bad things happen to good people? What is our role in that? How can we walk alongside one another and be God's hands and feet?

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

Class led by Pastor Kirk

# 5 Women and The Bible

### **HEAR HER ROAR!**

Look into the lives of women like Ruth, Anna, Esther, Leah, Rachel, Mary, Elizabeth, and other women who encountered the living God. Understanding these women's lives, you will discover the God behind their stories—and yours!

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

Class led by Pastor Ivy

# 6 Dying to know

### I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED...

In today's world, we spend a lot of time shying away from talking about death. In this class, students will explore death in scripture, talk about the stages of grief, learn about funerals, and discuss more about how to talk about death.

6 sessions - 3 credits

Class led by Pastor Ivy



God has told us to "be still," yet it can be hard to slow down in this hectic world. Learn how to still your mind and body and listen for the voice of God. Each class is a stand-alone session. Sign up for one session-or sign up for them all!

4 Sessions available - 1/2 credit each

Class led by Morgan Olson

### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? AND WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?

What do Catholics believe? What does it mean to be Jewish? Muslim? This class explores the different beliefs and practices of various beliefs and faiths and how it relates to what we, as Lutherans, believe. 4 Sessions - 2 Credits Class led by Intern Pastor Aaron

# loring Privilege

### **CHECK YOURSELF**

In our society, people from all backgrounds are experiencing a time in which discussions about race. gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and culture are at the forefront of our lives. Each of us has an identity that shapes how we see ourselves and others. Not only do social norms and cultural underpinnings influence our experiences, they also set the course for how we view the world. We will spend time being thoughtful about these topics and how we can approach people as Jesus would. 2 Sessions - 1 Credit Class led by Calvary Pastors

### FAITH IN EVERY BRUSHSTROKE

Together, we'll create and explore the world of art & faith. Be it through gel pens, calligraphy, watercolors, or colored pencils, students will create illuminations of their favorite bible verses or images of who God is to them. Each class is a standalone session. Sign up for one session-or sign up for them all! 4 Sessions available - 1/2 credit each Class led by Jillian Westrum

### WE ARE THE CHURCH

Worship with kids is much more than just singing silly songs and getting them to shake out their wiggles. It's also a way for them to experience the awesomeness of God's presence and teach children that church is for them! That's why it's so important for us to ensure that all kids gain from-and are engaged in-the experience of worship. This class brings students together to plan kids time during worship services. Class led by Pastor Ivy

### 4 Sessions - 2 Credits

### I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED...

Who is the Devil & what is his story? Why does evil exist? How can we better recognize evil in the world? Together we'll explore all this and more and talk about how Love Wins! 3 Sessions - 1 Credit Class led by Intern Pastor Aaron





# Reading Religiously

### **NOT JUST WORDS ON A PAGE!**

Together, we will dive into the pages of a book—not the Bible—a young adult book! Let's identify God's presence and voice through the stories, characters, and dialogue. 1/2 credit Class led by Pastor Ivv

### AND FINDING FAITH WITH A BOWL OF POPCORN

Together, we will watch a movie, contemporary, sci-fi, comedy, action, and morecomplete with popcorn and snacks! After, we'll discuss how God is present and speaks to us through the stories, characters, and dialogue.

2 Sessions - 1 Credit

Class led by Intern Pastor Aaron

What does the Bible say about homosexuality? How does the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) talk about this? We will explore all angles of this topic as well as address questions that arise.

2 Sessions - 1 Credit

Class led by Calvary Pastors

### YOUNG AT HEART

This is a time to build a fun and life-giving cross-generational relationship. Through facilitated conversations and activities, you will have the opportunity to learn more about another person who worships at Calvary.

2 Sessions - 1 Credit

Class led by Morgan Olson

### IS THERE ROOM FOR BOTH?

How can you believe in the Bible AND evolution? Doesn't science prove faith obsolete? Faith and science can go hand in hand. This class will facilitate a conversation of how faith intersects with our existing understanding of creation. 4 Sessions - 2 Credits Class led by Pastor Kirk

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### REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE...AND MUSHROOMS!

We all share one home-Earth! Together we'll explore different ways that God is present in the world. We will also discuss and take part in different ways we can care for our planet.

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

Class led by Pastor Kirk



# 1 Worship Participation

### WORSHIP ISN'T ABOUT ATTENDING, IT'S ABOUT PARTICIPATING.

We are excited for you to be involved in the life of Calvary. You get to choose how! Options include being a greeter, usher, communion server, reader, cantor, singer in the choir, or a lenten dancer.

3 Credits Required; sign up online - each participation is worth 1/2 Credit

# 2 Service Opportunities

### **WE ARE THE CHURCH**

A current list of the service opportunities can be found to the right of this page. Be sure to sign up early as the number of volunteers needed may be limited. More opportunities may arise throughout the year. Subscribe to the Calvary news update emails on the website.

3 Credits Required; sign up online - each participation is worth

# 3 Mentor Year

### **WALK TOGETHER**

Students select someone in their life who they feel comfortable discussing their faith with. It can be a teacher, coach, family friend, or anyone that they feel they could open up with to practice talking about faith. We encourage students to select someone outside of their immediate family.

3 Credits Required; sign up online - each participation is worth 1/2 Credit

# 4 Faith Expression

### LIVE FAITH OUT LOUD

This is the last step before the confirmation milestone. Students reflect on their journey thus far: what they have learned, and where they are going. The student will create a faith project before affirming their baptism.

# 5 A Day in the Life of a Pastor

### **DON'T PASTORS WORK ONE DAY A WEEK?**

Ever wonder what a pastor does all day? Is there even anything that happens at a church during the week? This "job shadow" experience gives kids a glimpse of what a pastor does outside of worship-this could include visits, worship planning, Bible studies, and more!

1 Sessions - 1 Credits

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### **CALVARY KIDS**

Volunteer helping with Sunday School or Wednesday School.

### NURSERY

Volunteer helping in the church nursery.

### KICKOFF SUNDAY FALL FESTIVAL ADVENT FESTIVAL FAMILY DANCE

Volunteer at these fun family events.

### HONDURAS RUMMAGE SALE

Volunteer helping prepare for this annual fundraiser that happens in January.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Help be a shepherd; lead a story, game, or craft; or even help decorate!

LOOK OUT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES.

Reach out to the Confirmation Ministry Team to sign up for these service opportunities.



# **ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES**



### **LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Our littlest members look up to our confirmation students. Help lead by example and teach Calvary kids about Jesus through volunteering in our Sunday and/or Wednesday School classes. Sign up through Morgan in the Education Office.

5 Credits

### 2 Pew Views

### **CHURCH THROUGH YOUR EYES**

Pew views help see the service through your eyes and help us get to know you. Answering questions about your day, week, favorite song, and best part of the service, pew views will let us hear from you. Incomplete pew views will not count toward a credit. Pew views can be found and returned in the Education Office.

5 Sessions - 1 Credit

# 3 Mission Trips, Petreals & Bible Camps

### OUTSIDE OF OUR WALLS

Let's go on a faith adventure! Camp information is released each Spring. Retreat information is released at the beginning of the schhool year. There are often costs associated with these events. Sign up for these opportunities is not the same as the sign-ups for other Confirmation classes. Camperships and funds are available to help make these opportunities attainable for all.

Trips and retreats are worth two elective credits (sometimes more!).



### VOLITH GROUP

This is a great elective option for those in grades 6-8 looking to get some credits and have FUN. Youth Group meets every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. and centers around inclusion, faith and fun.

5 Sessions - 1 Credit

# Independent Study

Have an idea for an enrichment experience that you don't see listed here? Talk to the Confirmation Ministry team!









# Students & Families

We ask that you please schedule classes carefully. There is one excused absence per core class. Because of the shortened structure of each class, if you must miss more than one class, we may ask you to retake the course at a different time.

### **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?**

Class registration is online. You can find the link to sign up on the Calvary website. The entire academic year is online, and we encourage you to register for the entire year. Please register early and let us know if you need to cancel a sign-up. You must register for a class in advance to attend. Visit *calvarygf.org* to register.



### LET'S WALK THROUGH THIS NEW CONFIRMATION PROGRAM TOGETHER.

We have arranged several meeting dates and times to discuss what this means for you and your family. Join us online at any number of these meetings. Meeting links will be posted on the Calvary website and sent out via email. Be sure to subscribe to Calvary news updates on the website.

**APRIL 16** | 7:00 pm **APRIL 19** | 11:45 am **APRIL 29** | 7:00 pm

**MAY 3** | 11:45 am **MAY 13** | 7:00 pm **MAY 17** | 11:45 am

# IMPORTANT DATES

### **CLASSES BEGIN**

September 9

### **FALL BREAK**

October 21-25

### RITE OF CONFIRMATION

October 25 & 28

### **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

November 25-29

### **CHRISTMAS CHEER**

December 9

### **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

December 13-January 6

### CITYWIDE CONFIRMATION

January 27

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 17

### **EASTER BREAK**

March 31-April 6











# SCHEDULE

# Core Classes

### **SEVEN HABITS**

6 Sessions - 3 Credits

DAY	15	TIME	DATES
Sun.		10:30 am	Aug. 30-Oct. 28
Wed		7:00 pm	Sept. 2-Oct. 14
Wed		7:00 pm	Jan. 6-Feb. 10
Sun.		10:30 am	Jan. 10-Feb. 21
Wed		7:00 pm	Apr. 7-May 19

### CREEDS & COMMANDMENTS

6 Sessions - 3 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Sept. 2-Oct. 7
Sun.	10:30 am	Nov. 1-Dec. 13
Wed.	7:00 pm	Jan. 6-Feb. 10
Wed.	7:00 pm	Apr. 7-May 12

### **BIBLE BASICS**

6 Sessions - 3 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Sept. 2-Oct. 7
Wed.	7:00 pm	Jan. 6-Feb. 10
Sun.	10:30 am	Feb. 28-Apr. 18
		(no class 3/21 & 4/4)
Wed.	7:00 pm	Apr. 7-May 12

### LORD'S PRAYER

3 Sessions - 3 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Feb. 3-17
Wed.	7:00 pm	Apr. 28-May 12
Sun.	10:30 am	May 16-30
Wed.	7:00 pm	Apr. 7-May 12

### **SACRAMENTS**

3 Sessions - 3 Credits

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Jan. 6-Jan. 20
Wed.	7:00 pm	Apr. 7-Apr. 21
Sun.	10:30 am	Apr. 25-May 9

# Flective Classes

### **CAN I ASK THAT?**

1/2 Credit/Class

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Oct. 28
Wed.	7:00 pm	Dec. 2
Wed.	7:00 pm	May 19

### **CARE FOR CREATION**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Sun.	2:00 pm	Nov. 1-22
Sun.	2:00 pm	Feb. 7-28

### **CROSS+GEN**

2 Sessions - 1 Credit

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Sun.	2:00 pm	Nov. 1 & 8
Sun.	2:00 pm	Feb. 7 & 14

### **dEVIL**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Mon.	7:00 pm	Sept. 14-Oct. 5
Mon.	7:00 pm	Jan. 4-Feb. 1

### **DO JUSTICE | DUE JUSTICE**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Sun.	2:00 pm	Nov. 29-Dec. 20
Sun.	2:00 pm	Mar. 7 & 28

### DYING TO KNOW

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Mon.	7:00 pm	Oct. 5-Nov. 9
Mon.	7:00 pm	Feb. 15-Mar. 8

### **EXPLORING PRIVILEGE**

2 Sessions - 1 Credit

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Nov. 4 & 18
Wed.	7:00 pm	May 19-26

# THERE ARE MORE CLASSES BEING ADDED ALL OF THE TIME CHECK OUT CALVARYGF.ORG FOR ADDITIONAL CLASS OPTIONS TRHOUGHOUT THE YEAR.

### **FAITH & ART**

1/2 Credit/Class

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Oct. 28
Wed.	7:00 pm	Dec. 2
Sun.	2:00 pm	Sept. 27
Sun.	2:00 pm	Jan. 31

### **FAITH & MUSIC**

1/2 Credit/Class

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Oct. 28
Wed.	7:00 pm	Dec. 2
Sun.	2:00 pm	Sept. 27
Sun.	2:00 pm	Jan. 31

### **FAITH & SCIENCE**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Sun.	2:00 pm	Sept. 27-Oct. 18
Sun.	2:00 pm	Jan. 10 & 31

### **KIDDING AROUND**

3 Sessions+Worship - 2 Credits

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Oct. 14-Nov.4
Mon.	7:00 pm	Dec. 14-31
Mon.	7:00 pm	Apr. 12-26

### LGBTQ+

2 Sessions - 1 Credit

DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Nov. 11 & 18
Wed.	7:00 pm	May 19 & 26

### **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Mon.	7:00 pm	Oct. 19- Nov. 9
Mon.	7:00 pm	Feb. 15-Mar. 8

### **MEDITATION STATION**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	7:00 pm	Nov. 18
Wed.	7:00 pm	Dec. 16
Wed.	7:00 pm	May 26

### **READING RELIGIOUSLY**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Mon.	7:00 pm	Sept. 27, 28
Mon.	7:00 pm	Oct. 4 & 5
Mon.	7:00 pm	Jan. 3, 10
Mon.	7:00 pm	Feb. 7, 8

### **VIOLENCE IN THE BIBLE**

1/2 Credit/Class

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Wed.	8:00 pm	Sept. 16
Wed.	8:00 pm	Oct. 14
Wed.	8:00 pm	Nov. 18
Wed.	8:00 pm	Jan. 13
Wed.	8:00 pm	Feb. 10
Wed.	8:00 pm	Apr. 14

### **WATCHING GOD**

2 Sessions - 1 Credit

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DAYS	TIME	DATES	
Sun./Mon.	7:00 pm	Oct. 4, 5	
Sun./Mon.	7:00 pm	Nov. 15, 16	
Sun./Mon.	7:00 pm	Dec. 6, 7	
Sun./Mon.	7:00 pm	Feb. 7, 8	
Sun./Mon.	7:00 pm	Mar. 14, 15	
Sun./Mon.	7:00 pm	Apr. 11, 12	

### **WOMEN IN THE BIBLE**

4 Sessions - 2 Credits

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DAYS	TIME	DATES
Mon.	7:00 pm	Nov. 16-Dec. 7
Mon.	7:00 pm	Jan. 4-Feb. 1



# WHAT IF I HAVE BEEN IN CONFIRMATION BEFORE?

# Just Finished Sixth Grade

You have earned 10 Confirmation credits in your first year! Way to go! As you head into your next year be sure to sign up for the "Lord's Prayer" core class, the "Creeds & Commandments" core class and one elective of your choice.

LORD'S PRAYER
CREEDS & COMMANDMENTS
ELECTIVE
4-6 ENRICHMENT CREDITS

# Just Finished Seventh Grade

You have earned 20 Confirmation credits in your years of confirmation. Half way there! In your next year, you will want to sign up for the "Bible Basics" core class, and two electives of your choice.

BIBLE BASICS ELECTIVE (2) 4-6 ENRICHMENT CREDITS

## Just Finished Eigth Grade

You have earned 30 Confirmation credits in your years of confirmation. Keep going! In your next year, you will want to sign up for the "Sacraments" core class and we encourage you to complete your Mentor Year.

SACRAMENTS
MENTOR YEAR
5 ENRICHMENT CREDITS

## Just Finished Ninth/Tenth Grade

You have earned your Confirmation credits! This part of your faith journey is almost done. You are encouraged to articulate your faith at a night of Beloved Art & Practice: Faith Expression or get in touch with the Confirmation Ministry Team to discuss your own Faith Expression idea.

FAITH EXPRESSION | October 18

RITE OF CONFIRMATION | October 25 & 28





time or during the summer. The goal is to be flexible in the timing and frequency of classes. After looking at the schedule, if you find the times do not work with your schedule, please contact the Confirmation coordinator or any of the pastors, and they would be happy to explore an alternative plan.



### I'M NEW. WHERE DO I START?

Occasionally, a class may be offered at a different

The first step in the journey is family participation in The Seven Habits of Effective Christian Families course. Take a look at your calendar and take classes and sign up for experiences that fit in your schedule and interest you. This program is designed to be flexible. If you have participated in other churches confrimation programs, fear not! Chat with the Confrimation Ministry Team to see how your progress applies. If you miss a class, there will be opportunities to take it again at a later date.



### **HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY STUDENT HAS TAKEN?**

Easy! We keep track of each student's progress report. We send reports by email twice each year: in August and in December. If you are ever wondering where they are at, send Morgan a note at morgan.olson@calvarygf.org and she will get you a report or you may check progress on the parent portal!



### **HOW DO I DECIDE WHICH CLASSES TO TAKE?**

There is a list of classes and descriptions on pages 9-10 of this booklet. Classes can also be found online. We recommend you take the calendar, cross reference it with your student's schedule and Progress Report, and highlight the classes you intend to register for. Then, visit parent portal and register for those classes!



### WHAT IF I HAVE TO MISS A CLASS

Core Classes: Students are allowed to miss one session of multi-week core classes and still get credit for the class. We also understand life happens. Please let us know if you need to miss one or more sessions unexpectedly. Elective Classes: Each elective class session is worth one half credit. If you miss a week of class, you simply won't get credit for that week.

# **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

### **CONFIRMATION MINISTRY TEAM**

Morgan Olson | Confirmation Coordinator Kirk Meseck, Ivy Schulz & Aaron Bye | Pastoral Staff

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