

**MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION  
2019-2020 SCHEDULE**

TUESDAYS, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

<b>September 24</b>	<b>Gather in Worship space</b>
October 1	
October 8	
October 15	
October 22	
October 29	
<b>Sunday, November 3</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS TRUNK OR TREAT</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
November 12	
November 19	
<b>November 26</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
December 3	
December 10	
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Christmas Jeopardy &amp; Party</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
<b>December 31</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
January 7	

January 14	
January 21	
January 28	
February 4	
February 11	
February 18	
<b>February 25</b>	<b>Mardi Gras Jeopardy &amp; Party</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
March 10	
March 17	
March 24	
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Way of the Cross</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
April 21	
April 28	
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Mass Practice</b>
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Mass &amp; Potluck Party</b>

**FAMILY FAITH-FILLED EVENTS:**

**ALL SAINTS' PARTY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 after the 10:30 AM Mass**

*Dress up as your favorite saint and join in the celebration in the Pavilion Center after Mass. Middle School students can volunteer and help the younger students learn about the saints, make a treat bag and saint puppet, and hand out candy! More details to follow. Parents are welcome to attend.*

**CHRISTMAS JEOPARDY & PARTY, DECEMBER 17, 2019**

*Join us on the Mezzanine for a friendly game of Christmas Jeopardy with a party following!*

**MARDI GRAS JEOPARDY & PARTY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

*Join us on the Mezzanine for a friendly game of Mardi Gras Jeopardy with a party following!*

**WAY OF THE CROSS, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020**

*Join us in the Worship space for a prayerful reflection of Jesus' journey to the cross. Parents are welcome to attend.*

**END OF THE YEAR MASS, TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020**

*Join us in the Worship space for Mass. Our student will be participating as lectors, singers and altar servers. There will be a potluck reception afterwards. Parents are welcome to attend.*

**OUR MISSION:** Our goal is to provide quality religious formation for all our students in a positive learning environment. Our catechists are faith-filled women and men, all volunteers, who have made a commitment to share faith with your child(ren) and to teach them the traditions and doctrines of the Catholic Church. Please thank them when you get a chance!

**ATTENDANCE:** Please commit to having your child attend their class on a regular basis. In addition, attendance at Sunday Mass reinforces many of the lessons that your child will be learning in their formation class. We highly encourage your commitment to attending both Sunday Mass and Formation Classes.

Please inform us:

- If your child is going to be absent from class
- If there are any changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address

**CLASS CANCELTION POLICY:** In case of inclement weather, the Religious Education program follows the dismissal policy of the Virginia Beach School system. If Virginia Beach cancels school, or evening activities, then Religious Education sessions for that day/evening will be canceled. In the event of class cancellation every attempt will be made to send out an email and/or update the Church of the Ascension website at <http://www.ascensionvb.org/Religious-Education>.

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:**

Our goal is to provide quality religious formation for all our students in a positive learning environment. As such we have the following requests and guidelines.

- We request that all electronic devices be left at home, except cell phones. All cell phones are to be put away and not used during class sessions. Cell phones may be collected at the discretion of the catechists and returned at the end of a class.
- Snacks and drinks should be finished before class in the coffee bar. No chewing gum.
- Modest clothing is required for everyone. Boys should remove hats inside the building.
- Keeping discipline in our "classroom" settings can be a challenge for our volunteer catechists. Please discuss proper and respectful behavior with your child and emphasize the consequences of inappropriate behavior:
  - First reprimand: A warning from the teacher
  - Second reprimand: Time out in the office
  - Third reprimand: A call home
  - Fourth reprimand: Dismissal from class for the remainder of the semester

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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