

Hello 9th Grade Youth and Parents-

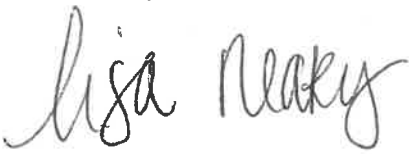
This letter is a quick addendum to the letter you received about a month ago from me. Our year is underway now and I am noticing that there are a number of 9th grade students who are registered for Confirmation Prep but do not regularly attend Wednesday evening classes. While this is not new, it has become a big enough problem that it needs to be addressed.

Confirmation prep does begin in 9th grade. The curriculum for 9th grade is largely focused on the Theology of the Body. This material is vital preparation for not only the Sacrament of Confirmation, but for living out our Catholic faith.

That said, attendance is imperative. If at the end of this year your student has missed more than 7 classes (25%), excluding if we cancel for bad weather, they will be required to attend the TOBIT retreat during their 10th grade year, in addition to their Confirmation retreat. TOBIT is a two night retreat typically held in January and costs around \$170. The cost of this retreat would be in addition to your Faith Formation fees.

This policy is not put in place to create another “hoop” for your family to jump through, but to bring attention to the importance of the first year of Confirmation Prep. If you have any questions about this please contact me.

God bless,



Lisa Neary

Director of Religious Education Grades 6-12

St. Joseph's & St. Augustine's Catholic Church



Please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter by November 13, 2019

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Parent Signature _____ date: _____

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Student Signature _____ date: _____