

January 8, 2018

Dear Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th grade Faith Formation students,

On Wednesday, January 17, a portion of the class time for our middle school students will be a Safe Environment presentation/discussion which is required annually by the Diocese of Bismarck. This year, the regular Faith Formation teachers will present the lesson for grades 6 and 8. For 7th graders, Sarah Huss, a parishioner and school counselor for the Minot Public Schools, will present the lesson. The lessons are based on recommended curriculum from the Diocese, which can be found at this link: [https://bismarckdiocese.com/documents/Safe%20Environment/Curriculum%20Guide%20k-8%20\(8-12\).pdf](https://bismarckdiocese.com/documents/Safe%20Environment/Curriculum%20Guide%20k-8%20(8-12).pdf)

Classes on January 17 will be held as usual, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., according to this schedule:

7:00-7:05 p.m. – All students meet in the main church for announcements and prayer (as they are accustomed to doing. Parents are welcome.) Then they will be dismissed for the presentations/discussions (lasting 30-45 minutes), followed by regular class until 8:30 p.m. Here are the locations:

6th grade

Grade 6A (taught by Laura Miller) – 7:10 p.m. in classroom 4

Grade 6B (taught by Mary Miller) – 7:10 p.m. in the temporary classroom in the dining room

Grade 6C (taught by Christy Boteler) – 7:10 p.m. in classroom 5* (this is different from their regular location)

7th grade

Grade 7A (taught by Samantha Huff) and Grade 7B (taught by Randall Mathura) – 7:10 p.m. in the Nursery (both groups together and led by Sarah Huss)

8th grade

Grade 8A (taught by Julia Koble) and Grade 8B (taught by Aaron Hock) – 7:10 p.m. in classroom 2-3 (both groups together)

The Diocese asks that we allow parents to Opt Out of the training for their children if they desire to do so; therefore, please complete the enclosed form and return it to us only if you want to Opt Out of this program for your child. If your child will participate, there is no need to return the form. You may also request to Opt Out by emailing or texting me (see the following page).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 839-6834 (office), 701-219-3194 (cell – text or call), or education1@olgminot.org (email). We are blessed to have your children in our Faith Formation program and are thankful to you, as parents, for helping your children learn more about their Catholic faith and how to make good decisions that protect themselves and respect the dignity of all people.

NOTE FOR 7TH GRADE PARENTS: . *In addition, the 7th grade students will have a presentation about human relationships on Wednesday, February 28, with representatives of Dakota Hope Clinic as the presenters. Parents of 7th graders will receive a separate letter regarding that presentation. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m.*

Sincerely,

Tanya Watterud
Faith Formation Coordinator