



CONFIRMATION

THE PLAN FOR 2020-2021

We are excited to introduce a plan that is engaging, safe, and manageable for our youth and families!

NEW REALITIES

WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM YOU

OUR RESPONSE

UNCERTAINTY	Create a stable plan that can be followed - even with changes in public health guidelines
SCREEN TIME FATIGUE	Limit virtual/online content
CONTENT OVERLOAD	Design "bite-size" learning experiences that are engaging, but not overwhelming
DISCONNECTION	Connect youth to each other and nurture relationships with parents/guardians and adult mentors
CONCERN FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY	Follow in-person safety guidelines, create at-home experiences, and provide an online alternative
TIGHT FINANCES	Reduce the cost and provide further assistance

OUR CONFIRMATION PLAN

Our format will move away from large gatherings at St. Andrew's and instead focus on small group connections (in person when possible) and youth and parent/adult relationships.

FALL: SMALL GROUPS AND AT-HOME LEARNING

WINTER: SMALL GROUPS AND AT-HOME LEARNING (OR ALTERNATIVE)

SPRING: LENTEN MENTOR PROGRAM AND CLOSING CELEBRATIONS

See next page for schedule and details

CHOOSE YOUR LEARNING ADVENTURE

- Wednesday Track - For 7th & 8th graders continuing on Wednesday and new 6th graders
- Sunday Online Track - For 7th & 8th graders continuing from last year's Sunday Track, new 6th graders, and those who'd like an online-only option

NEXT STEPS

Register online at saintandrews.org/cyf

- Registration fee is \$60 per youth. We've significantly reduced this year's cost to support our families. (Further assistance is available. Type SCHOLARSHIP into the discount box when you register and we'll be in touch.)
- **Questions about the Confirmation plan?** Contact Josh Carlson at 651.762.9168 or jcarlson@saintandrews.org
- **Questions about registration?** Contact Mary Post at 651.762.9131 or mpost@saintandrews.org

SCHEDULE 2020-2021

FALL - SMALL GROUPS AND AT-HOME LEARNING

Oct. 7 - Video Orientation for 7th & 8th Grade Families

Introduction to the year and what Confirmation will look like, emailed to registered families to watch on demand (no in-person or online gathering)

Wednesday Track: Six-week rotation, with small groups meeting at St. Andrew's twice, assigned to either a 5:30 or 7:30 p.m. gathering time. The other four weeks will be At-Home Learning for youth and parents/guardians to do together. Options will be provided for brief conversations and learning – then choose to “Level Up” with additional activities!

- Oct. 21 – 6th Grade Week (6th graders meet at St. Andrew's; 7th & 8th graders do At-Home Learning)
- Oct. 28 – 7th Grade Week (7th graders meet at St. Andrew's; 6th & 8th graders do At-Home Learning)
- Nov. 4 – 8th Grade Week (8th graders meet at St. Andrew's; 6th & 7th graders do At-Home Learning)
- Nov. 11 – 6th Grade Week
- Nov. 18 – 7th Grade Week
- Dec. 2 – 8th Grade Week

Sunday Online Track: Meets online, 4-5 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, Oct. 11, Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22, and Dec. 6. While the group won't meet in person, youth will connect online both as a large group and in small groups each week.

Dec. 9 - Virtual Christmas Party! Get your hot cocoa, wear a fun sweater, and join in some Christmas fun! Join our online Christmas party at 6:30 p.m.!

WINTER - SMALL GROUPS AND AT-HOME LEARNING

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10

A second six-week rotation, with small groups meeting in-person twice and four weeks of At-Home Learning (same as Fall) – OR an alternative option if we're unable to gather in person (Schedule for Sunday Online Track TBD)

SPRING - LENTEN MENTORING & CELEBRATIONS

Feb. 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24

Six weeks of our Lenten Mentor program, connected to Wednesday worship, with interactive devotion resources for virtual or in-person one-on-one meetings with mentors

April 7 & 14

In-person large group gatherings (if allowed) or online gatherings to wrap up and celebrate the year!