

## Mentors for Youth Confirmation

One of the most important parts of the confirmation process is the Confirmand's relationship with a sponsor, whom we refer to as their Mentor during this process. We encourage Confirmands to think of an adult member of St. George's (someone other than family members, clergy, or youth staff) whom he or she thinks would do a good job of listening to them and talking with them about life and the Christian faith. Parents may suggest names if the youth asks for their help in choosing a Mentor, but the final decision belongs to the Confirmand. If you're new to St. George's and/or unsure of who to ask, please contact the youth staff for suggestions. Please choose a Mentor by the end of November. **Parents, please share the following information and dates with your potential Mentor about their role before they commit. Once they have committed, please fill out the Mentor Registration Form on our website.**

Mentors are asked to attend the following events; if you are unable to attend an event, please let Phil know via email ([phil.gaines@stgeorgesnashville.org](mailto:phil.gaines@stgeorgesnashville.org)) and ask one of your confirmand's parents to attend in your place:

1. Attend the **Blessing of the Confirmands** on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at the 8:45 service. Mentors will come forward with the Confirmands during announcements for a prayer and attend a **Mentor Orientation at 10:15am in Johnson Hall.**
2. Have **two 30-45 minute one-on-one conversations** with your Confirmand between February and Confirmation Sunday. You may schedule these conversations at whatever time and place works for both of you. The two conversations should occur with the Confirmand's parents nearby but out of hearing range.
  - The first conversation, held at some point in February, is dedicated to the Mentor and Confirmand getting to know each other, including the Mentor sharing some part of his or her "faith story" with the Confirmand. The Mentor will talk about how they came to know God and what impact their Christian faith has on their life.
  - The second conversation, held at some point in April, is dedicated to the Confirmand sharing their final reflection paper with the Mentor. The Confirmand will be working on this during our class and then sharing it with their Mentor. In response, we hope the Mentor and Confirmand can discuss how the Confirmand is thinking and feeling about being confirmed and why they are choosing to take this step.
3. Attend an **Ash Wednesday meeting and service** with your Confirmand  
On Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Confirmands and Mentors will gather at 5:15pm in Johnson Hall for a meeting to discuss Lenten disciplines and attend the 6:00pm service at St. George's together.
4. Attend **Maundy Thursday** service with your Confirmand  
Mentors and Confirmands are asked to attend our Maundy Thursday service together on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.
5. Attend the **Rehearsal and Dinner with Bishop Bauerschmidt**, Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm  
Confirmands & Mentors will meet in the Nave at 5:00pm for the rehearsal of the confirmation service and then have dinner in the Bradford Gallery with Bishop Bauerschmidt as our special guest and speaker.
6. Attend the **Confirmation service**, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 8:45am service  
Confirmands and Mentors gather in Hampton Hall at 8:15am for final instructions before the 8:45am service. The Mentors will stand with their Confirmand as the bishop lays hands on them and prays for them. After the service we will have a reception in Hampton Hall.