

Hopewell Reformed Church



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Dear Parents and kids,

We are sending you this letter and email because you (or your child) are a freshman in High School and/or have expressed an interest in Confirmation. As a freshman, we are inviting you to consider the opportunity to be confirmed at the Hopewell Reformed Church. We, Pastors Taylor and Warren, have the privilege of leading the Confirmation class of 2012.

Confirmation is a process designed for people who have a faith in Christ, to explore that faith, declare that faith in church, and become members of our church. It is a chance to take your relationship with Christ and your relationship with Hopewell Reformed Church to a deeper level.

Confirmation is also a process for people who are **unsure about their faith**, to explore their beliefs and our churches' beliefs. Through the Confirmation process I invite you to explore these beliefs, and make a decision about whether or not you want to be confirmed.

We are having an INFORMATIONAL MEETING on **Wednesday, February 1st** from **4:00-5:30 pm**. **This meeting is for kids and at least one of their parents, and must be attended by anyone considering Confirmation this year.** Please come, even if you are unsure about being confirmed, as we would like to explain the process to you.

One cool thing about confirmation is that you get to **choose a mentor**, an adult from our church, who will guide you through this process. Please choose a mentor that you like and respect, and whom you look up to as a strong Christian. **PLEASE ASK SOMEONE BEFORE THE February 1 meeting; the sooner the better.** At the very least, bring the names of 2 or 3 people you would like to ask. Mentors can work with only one student each year, and need to be the same gender as the student.

Your decision to be a part of Confirmation will require commitment and dedication from you and your family. You will have to place this as a priority in order to benefit from it. We will discuss this at the meeting.

The Confirmation process runs from February 1 until early June. Some of the commitments include:

- **Weekly** meeting with Taylor and Warren. We are looking at Wednesday afternoons, 4:00-5:30 pm.
- Meetings with you and your mentor **every other week**, at a time you arrange.
- **Weekly** attendance at any of the HRC worship services (Gatherings, Foundations, Fusion, HRC Journey, Odyssey, and Common Ground).
- Attend our **SPIRITUAL RETREAT WEEKEND, March 9-11, at CAMP TACONIC**. This is the former SHARPE RETREAT. I will get the flyer to you.
- Commit to a **monthly** missional service of your choosing during these five months. We will explain more at the meeting.
- Also, we strongly recommend that you attend a mission trip this spring or this summer. We will discuss options with you at the meeting.

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We believe this combination of activities and events offers you the best balance of learning, friendships, service and spiritual growth.

I hope you consider taking this step to learn more about Christ, our church, and even yourself. If you plan on coming to the February 1 meeting, please call my cell phone at 845-337-6781, or email me at w.jee@hrcra.org, to let me know.

If you have any questions please contact me or Pastor Taylor.

Sincerely,

Warren Jee

Pastor for Youth
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THINGS TO DO:

- Mark the calendar
- Let me know if you are attending the meeting
- Ask a mentor
- Contact us if you have questions

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