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# OSLC Youth Ministry

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*Hello wonderful parents. I know this letter was sent to you but it is actually for your 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Please go through it with them as we prepare for Confirmation this fall.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade,

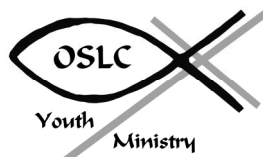
I bring you greetings as Chris, your youth director, confirmation teacher, and brother in Christ. I hope starting your first year in high school is as exciting as you had hoped it would be. Have no fears, for it will be an awesome year and as always, if you need anything or simply someone to talk to, please let me know. I am here for you.

I want to tell you about your journey in confirmation this next year. For the last two years you have spent time studying the bible stories and Jesus' teachings. I hope you have paid attention, because you will need everything you have studied in this third and final year. You have spent much time listening and reading about our faith, but now we begin a new journey focused on sharing and living out our faith. We call this **Peer Ministry**, a concept that will be more explained throughout this next year. In a nut shell, it means to **minister, or help, your peers**. In the year to come, we will join as a class in a number of different ways. We will share with each other who we are and what we think makes us unique. We will take field trips to places in our community that help out in different ways. We will engage in service projects to help others and our community. We will talk about God and our relationship to him as well as sometimes we will simply hang out and relax with each other. I hope you start looking forward to the weeks to come, because they are sure to be full of excitement and adventure.

**Our orientation meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September starting at 7:00pm for all Parents and Students.** Confirmation will begin the following week. We will cover the 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class outline, service opportunities for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the confirmation calendar, as well as finish any paperwork we may need to. There are two things I need from you at this meeting. First, I need you to complete the form that is attached to this sheet and include the medical form and \$20.00 registration fee with it. I will collect them on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Secondly, you have a small piece of homework to complete in the next couple weeks. This I will also collect on the 8<sup>th</sup>. **I need you to write a one page essay answering the following question: "Who are you?"** What are your hobbies, interests, likes, and dislikes? How would you describe yourself to a blind person? What is your personality like? Pretty much, describe to me what makes you the wonderful person you are.

That's about it. See you on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September alive and excited. It is going to be a great year!

Peace on the Journey,  
Chris



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