

Holy Angels High School Faith Formation Overview 2022-23 – Grades 9-10

Hello parents of 9th and 10th graders! First and foremost, we want to thank you for trusting us with your teen's faith formation. We are excited about partnering with you on your teen's faith journey!

We wanted to take the opportunity to give you some more detailed information about this upcoming year in Faith Formation. Some of this information will be a review and some will be new, so please be sure to read through everything here. Each of the headings below details a part of the program, all of which are expected to be completed by year's end. We appreciate your help as parents in advance to encourage your teens to fully participate all facets of the program.

Communication

Please check your inbox during the year, as email (via the Flocknote program) will be our primary form of communication. We will send out reminders about sessions, volunteer opportunities, and Encounter Experiences as the year goes on. If either you or your teen has any questions at any point during the year, please reach out to me via email (maseb@hawb.org) or via phone (262-343-2370). We can also set up a meeting with you and your teen in-person or via Google Meet if you would like. We are here for you, and we are willing to work with you to accommodate any special needs or issues that may arise during the course of the year. However, we can't address an issue that we don't know about – we appreciate your help to keep the lines of communication open.

Schedule

As we had done last year, we will have separate sessions for 9th and 10th graders so they each have their own scheduled days. *The one exception to that will be our kickoff day on September 17th, which will run from 9:00am-3:00pm and include both 9th and 10th graders.*

The rest of the sessions will be on Saturday mornings from **9:00am until 12:00 noon**, taking place in the Cedar Room at Holy Angels School. Here is the schedule for both 9th and 10th grade for the year:

9th Grade

September 17, 2022 (9:00am-3:00pm)
October 22, 2022
November 5, 2022
December 3, 2022
January 28, 2023
February 25, 2023
April 15, 2023

10th Grade

September 17, 2022 (9:00am-3:00pm)
October 29, 2022
November 12, 2022
December 10, 2022
February 4, 2023
March 4, 2023
April 22, 2023

If you can't make a session:

We expect that teens will attend these sessions; one of the reasons we put the calendar out for the year is to avoid as many scheduling conflicts as possible. We also understand that situations can arise during the year with different events and other commitments, along with unexpected family or health issues. If you know that you can't make a session, please let Brian know ahead of time by email or phone – don't just not show up. Anyone who misses a session will be expected to complete makeup work that coincides with the material presented to the large group; that makeup work will be due before the next in-person session on the schedule.

Typical Session Format

We use a variety of different formats during each session. We will have both large and small group components, with activities and prayer experiences, along with some time for individual reflection too. Small groups will be consistent each time we meet and have the same group leader as well.

Independent Study

In addition, there will be activities separate of the in-person sessions that will take place in an “independent study” type of format. These will include readings, some writing, and opportunities for reflection based on the topic that we’re covering; these are expected to be done on an individual basis at home, rather than in the group sessions. For the sake of clarification, this will NOT include any group-wide Google Meets. We are including this format as a chance for each teen to take a particular topic and reflect on it at their own pace, which many teens find to be a valuable experience.

Encounter Experiences

In addition to the Small Group Sessions, we also have “*Encounter Experiences*” as part of our offerings this year. Each student must participate in **one** of these experiences during the year as part of the program. They are designed to be a chance for you to encounter Christ in a way that you may not have had the opportunity to otherwise. We will maintain an ongoing list of events on our website at <https://www.hawb.org/encounter>. More dates will be added to the list as the year goes on, so please check back for updates. We do our best to include events that are at no or a low cost; if there is an additional fee to cover registration costs, those will be noted.

Service

Service has always been part of the culture here at Holy Angels, and our youth have always been a shining example of that culture, both locally at our Mission Camps and around the country with Mission Trips. All our high school students in Faith Formation and Confirmation Prep are asked to complete a total of **45 hours** of service during their 9th-11th grade years, averaging out to **15 hours of service per year**. This allows us to extend service opportunities to all our high school students.

When we learn of service opportunities here at Holy Angels, we will advertise them via Flocknote along with information on how to sign up for that particular event. We would also encourage you to seek out opportunities beyond our parish as well; each student will be responsible for completing service hours at Holy Angels AND in the community outside the parish. Hours you have served earlier this summer **will** count toward your total; simply track them with the link found on our website, www.hawb.org/reled.

Questions?

If any questions come up during the course of the year, we are an email or phone call (or text) away: Brian Mase: email: maseb@hawb.org; phone/text: 262-343-2370