



High School Program (grades 9-12)



Dear Parents,

As we enter this new year of faith formation, I will be updating my contact lists with your religious education registration form information so I can keep you and your child aware of upcoming events. If you have not already done so, please fill out the [Religious Education 2020-21 Registration form](#) which can be found in the gather space or on the [SJN website](#). After receipt of registration I will add parents/students to Life Teen's "Purpose" app. If you do not wish to use the app and would prefer I email you the materials each week, please let me know. When you meet with Fr. Rob after Mass as the final part of the registration process a folder will be provided to those who will not be joining us in-person.

I update the [High School Program \(grades 9-12 religious education\)](#) and [Youth Ministry](#) (grades 6-12 activities) web pages weekly so please check to see what youth events are coming up. If you use Facebook, it may be beneficial for you to like the SJN Merrimack page as it enables you to be notified when updates are posted. For updates on parish events (not just youth ministry), you can go the [SJN website](#) and [subscribe for parish emails](#).

Below is the current schedule for the fall semester discussing our "Purpose" in relation to a life of faith. This program should nicely link last year's talks on Jesus as a real person into other teachings of our Catholic Church. The *italicized, bold text* are non-Sunday opportunities to grow friendships and parish community.

Date	Title	Comments
2020		
13-Sep	Social: Fire & Ice Kick-off <i>(No Zoom)</i>	<i>bonfire w/s'mores & ice cream</i>
20-Sep	SEEKING: What is our desire?	
27-Sep	REASONS: Faith & reason	
4-Oct	<i>Social (No Zoom)</i>	<i>College Care Packages (10/9)</i>
11-Oct	OFF: Columbus Day long weekend	
18-Oct	REVEAL: Is God real?	
25-Oct	BREATH: Does a relationship with God matter?	
30-Oct	<i>Trunk or Treat</i>	<i>Alternative Halloween</i>
1-Nov	OFF: due to Voting Tuesday	
1-Nov	Holy Day of Obligation: All Saints Day (& Daylight Savings Time ends)	
8-Nov	BROKENHEARTED: Why is there evil & suffering in our world?	
15-Nov	FAULT: Our goodness & the fall	
20-Nov	<i>Christmas Shopping for Giving Tree</i>	<i>Pheasant Lane Mall-Chaperones</i>
Nov 26 - 29	OFF: Thanksgiving week; 11/29 Advent begins	
6-Dec	<i>Social (No Zoom)</i>	
8-Dec	Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	
12-Dec	<i>Christmas Caroling</i>	
13-Dec	PRODIGAL: Why believe in Jesus - the Incarnation	
20-Dec	MORE: Why believe in Jesus - the life of Christ	
Dec 23 - Jan 3	OFF: Christmas break	

I look forward to working with you as I walk with your teen this year on part of his/her faith journey.

Peace and blessings,

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