

APPLEBY COLLEGE



January 11, 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Appleby College seeks to nurture the spiritual as well as physical, emotional and intellectual growth of each student at Appleby. As part of our desire to engage students in their spiritual life, growth, and discipline, Appleby offers the sacrament of Confirmation to students every second year. This year there will be a Service of Confirmation at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton on the afternoon of April 14. The Right Reverend Susan Bell, Anglican Bishop of Niagara, will be celebrant.

Confirmation is a special rite of the Christian Church that is often seen as a coming of age ceremony for young men and women. In confirmation, a Bishop lays hands on the candidate as a way of 'confirming' the vows of baptism as well as a 'conferring' of the Holy Spirit. By receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, we, once again, say yes to that which is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable—anything that is excellent or praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). It marks an important stage of a lifelong faith journey with God through Christ as our brother, mentor, and guide. It is a chance to reaffirm the fact that the journey we began at Baptism is one of value as we seek to develop a life ethic grounded in strong virtues. By receiving God's spirit, we are reminded that God makes a commitment to us as well, promising to walk alongside us every step of the way.

If you wish to further explore the opportunity for your child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact me at cluccock@appleby.on.ca or 905-691-7942. We look forward to seeing you on April 14 at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton for this special service.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Luccock', is written over a horizontal line.

Rev Craig Luccock
Chaplain