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Hey middle school volunteers. Thanks for checking in this Wednesday. October four is Taco Night because October 4, I'm sure you're aware is actually national Taco Night, so we will be serving tacos as a part of our evening. That will happen towards the beginning of the night. This is also going to be our first night with middle school students, 7th and 8th graders in the Wednesday night worship band.

I wanted to put one event on your calendar or just put it on your mind on Wednesday, November 1st. There will be no Wednesday night programming because that is the week following the Great Pumpkin Party and that is a week where we just as an entire Church body take Wednesday night off because a lot of people have served a lot during Great Pumpkin party and so we just take a little bit of a pause. So there's no Wednesday night programming on November 1st, but you are encouraged to plan a small group night with your small group, so you and your Co leaders can plan an activity to do with just your small group and we will send you the parent e-mail addresses of the students in your group so that you can communicate your plans with those parents. Typically these events happen from like 6:00 to 8:00 or 6:30 to 8:00. The church building and the Community Center are available, so just let ask Jody or me and we can reserve, you know, half the gym or the lower level of the church building or the student ministries room or often groups we'll just meet at someone's house, whether it's your house or the House of a student in your group, groups have gone to Smash Park before or they, like, meet in the food court at the Jordan Creek Mall. I'm willing to provide up to \$25 per small group to help cover expenses. Just save your receipt and we can reimburse you for that. But like if you go to a movie or eat dinner, you'll want to have students just bring their own money for that. So I want to get that on your radar now. So you and your Co leaders can be thinking about what you want to do for small group night on November 1st.

Blitz all nighter is on Friday, November 3rd. You can go to the middle school events page and register yourself for free if you want to be one of those people who gets a badge of honor by staying up all night. There's also other ways you can help by not staying up all night. If you go to the middle school events page. And click on parent help opportunities. There are ways you can help out with blitz like Friday evening or Saturday morning that would not require you to stay up all night. That's Friday November 3rd into Saturday, November 4th.

And Mark your calendars. The winter blast retreat at Hidden Acres is Friday, January 26th through Sunday, January 28th.

I'm looking at the how to win as a middle school volunteer document and under the main things #3 says we are aligned with the overall organization of Valley Church we value majoring on the majors, helping relationships thrive, loving our community, and pursuing boundless generosity. If something is important or a value of Pastor Quintin and of Valley Church as a whole, it is important and a value to us and the middle school ministry. I think it's healthy and important for students to be a part of a middle school ministry that is aligned and moving in the same direction as the entire church. I think it's a good example for students and I think it ultimately is going to help kids have a healthier relationship with Jesus if they're in a middle school ministry that is aligned with the overall church.

So that's all we have for this week. Thanks for checking in and we'll see you on Wednesday night For Taco night!