

Transcript

Hello. Middle School went in at volunteers. Thanks for checking out this week's leader information. This exists to help you succeed in your role and we deliver it to you like this before Wednesday night so that you don't have to come to another meeting. So we know that you have a busy life. We want to respect your time. But thank you for just taking 5 minutes so that you can be prepared for this Wednesday night.

I would first like to celebrate a couple of things. Number one, we have some fantastic high school students who have been coming early before program to help us get the Community Center set up and ready to go. And you've even seen some of them helping to run our program by leading games and activities. We've got fantastic. High school age students who are leading in middle school. Thank you to all of you. You're doing so much.

We we had a lot of new students last Wednesday night, which was a lot of fun, and the new students are able to come to the candy bar, which is the table right inside the front entrance of the Community Center. And if there's a new student, they and their friend who brought them both get a full size piece of candy the first time that student comes.

Also, our 6th grade boys doubled, so we went from like 14 sixth grade boys on the first night to almost 30 this past Wednesday night. So yeah, if that trend continues, I mean, if we just double every week, that's going to be tons of 6th grade boys. No, I I don't know why what happened? But thirty students for 6th grade boys is more aligned with what I was thinking. That's awesome, something fun to celebrate.

OK, this Wednesday night is gummy night, so there's probably going to be some gummy foods that get passed out at some point.

With the night 6th grade boys, we will finally give you your official small groups this Wednesday night.

Lots of people helped out resetting the cafe at the very end of the night last week, and if some of you can help us do that again, that would be great. We'll put a chart up on the projector so you know what the setup arrangement should be.

This Wednesday, we're starting A5 week series called Jesus is and we're going to focus in on statements from Jesus, from the Book of John. So it's statements like I am the bread of life another week is I am the Good Shepherd, another one is I am the light of the world. So we'll look at some of those IM statements from Jesus and dig into who he is and what that means for us. And I'll be the main teacher for that series.

Just want to make a note for new students. If you've served with us in the past, we're going to try something different this year when a new student arrives. Like I mentioned previously. They're going to go that new student right at the beginning of the night is going to go to the candy bar, and that's where they're going to fill out a new student info card right at the candy bar before they get their piece of candy. So we will collect that. That means you don't have to worry about any, any forms or anything For new students Who end up in your group. If there is a student who's showing up in your group and they're not listed on your roster after a couple of weeks, please let me know or let one of the coaches know and we can get them added to your roster.

An announcement for this week is full retreat. If you have RSVP D for the full retreat On the middle school events page, I will send a separate e-mail with all the information you need to know for that. We will meet for check in at 5:00 PM At Valley Church on Friday night, September 22nd and we will return at 12:30 PM on Sunday, September 24. As an encouragement, I'm referring to this how to win as a middle school volunteer document and.

As the ministry leader, part of my job is to help define success, so I want to help you understand how you can be successful and I want you to be able to decide on your own. If you're being successful without Jodi or I needing to say something. Although of course we want To like, give affirmation and encouragement in the moment when we see it on Wednesday nights. But I want you to know that one way you can succeed in your role as a middle school volunteer is by connecting with at least one student in a meaningful way In a night, whether it's through conversation, through prayer, through activities, through silliness, there's lots of ways that that is possible, but that is one way that you know that you will have succeeded as a volunteer leader.

Thanks for checking in. We will see you for gummy night.