

## Leader Announcements September 27

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Hey middle school volunteers. Thanks for checking in. This is announcements for the week of Wednesday, September 27. First of all, thank you to everyone who attended fall retreat. You invested your whole weekend and spent extra time with middle schoolers. We could not have done it without you. And for those who were unable to attend fall, retreat, I want you to know that that is totally OK. My expectation for you is that you come regularly on Wednesday nights and if you can do events and retreats, that's just bonus on top of your regular commitment.

This week is Western night, so feel free to dress according to our Western theme.

We're going to teach from our series is called Jesus is. So we're focusing on the I am statements of Jesus from the Book of John last week was I am the bread of life this week. It's going to be I am the light of the world.

We're going to have a music team meeting before program starts from 5:30 to 6:15. If you know any 7th and 8th graders who are interested in being on our Wednesday night music team, they should attend that meeting, even if they were on the music team last year.

6th grade leaders you are going to have a huddle with the other 6th grade leaders will do 1 huddle with six grade boys leaders, a separate huddle with six grade girls Leaders. You'll do that at the end of the night, during worship with, with your coaches. Boys, You'll be led by Warren and Brandon. Girls, You'll be led by Keri for that. That's just the 6th grade leaders. You'll get together and just talk about how things have been going in your first few weeks of small groups.

We are officially launched. Everybody should be placed in a small group, including the 6th graders, which is awesome.

This week we're going to experiment with having you do a prayer activity with your small group at the beginning of your small group spiritual time. So this is after the teaching when you get together with your group, we will have a prayer activity for you to do. Sometimes prayer can be an afterthought, it can be pushed. To the end and you have to rush through prayer with your small group and we're going to try a couple times throughout the year to build in intentional prayer time for you to do that with your small group. So just follow the small group guide to know how to follow those instructions.

And next week is Taco Night.

I want to remind you that we, as in Jodi and I, we need help with enforcing the behavior expectations during large group time. So you are empowered to redirect students who are distracting others or if they have their phones out or if they look like they're tempted to stand up and go to the bathroom and get a drink, you can say hey, Nope, we're just going to wait here. So the more that you can do to help and enforce those expectations during large group time, the better it's going to be for everyone. We appreciate your help in that.

For the how to win as a middle school volunteer document, there's a section about things that you can be doing before you show up on Wednesday nights, and one of those items says invest in your own spiritual growth. It overflows to students. You are pouring out in your service to middle school students and. Because you are pouring yourself out, you need to make sure that you are being filled up yourself, and so whether it's through prayer, through reading, scripture, through being in a life group through.

Attending Sunday morning worship gatherings with the body of Valley Church, there's lots of ways that you can invest in your own spiritual growth and and I think you owe it to yourself and to the students you're serving to do that, because if you're filled up, then you'll be able to pour out to students without getting empty.

If you ever have a question or don't know what to do In a given situation on Wednesday night, please talk to Jody or me, We're here to Help you.

Thanks for everything you do and we'll see you on Wednesday for Western night!