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Hello Middle school volunteers. Thanks for checking in on this week's leader announcements this Wednesday, October 11 is baseball night. So if you have a baseball hat, baseball Jersey baseball team shirt, feel free to dress according to that theme, we're going to hand out Cracker Jacks, Which is like caramel popcorn at the door as people enter at the beginning of the night, and we're also going to do an activity involving baseball cards, so it should be a fun night.

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I want to let everyone know since a lot of you are parents of middle schoolers, there is a parent seminar called tech savvy Parenting on Sunday, October 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Valley Church Chapel. Our very own brandon early who is a nationally recognized Expert on kids and tech is going to talk with you about how you can help your kids use tech in fun, meaningful, safe and creative ways.

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Please be encouraging the students in your small group to sign up to serve at the Great Pumpkin Party that's coming up October 22, 2324 and 25. We need students to serve leading the carnival games. If you want to serve in a special way at the Great pumpkin party, We're looking for some adults to serve as room leaders. We're in charge of three or four rooms each night, and in each of those Rooms. we will Have lots of students leading games, but we need someone who just can hang out in the room all night to make sure that everything is running smoothly. So if you're interested in being a room leader at Great Pumpkin Party, which would allow you to hang out with middle schoolers, Please let Jodi or I know.

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Reminder that you have small group night. It's optional, but I highly encourage you to do something for your small group on Wednesday, November 1st. This will be in place of normal Wednesday night programming. You and your small group Co leaders are supposed to plan your own activity to do with your small group that night. The church building and Community Center are available, you just need to let Jodi or I know if you want to use one of those rooms though, as we've had groups hang out at the Jordan Creek Mall or at somebody's house, or if the weather's nice, you could do like an outdoor hike or something like that. I'll give your Group A total of \$25 to spend, If you want to spend some money and save the receipt, we can reimburse you. Otherwise, I'd recommend you have students bring their own money, like to pay for dinner if you're going to eat at the mall, food court or something like that. Let Jody or I know if you need help or ideas to plan small group. You should have received an e-mail with parent contact info of students in your small group because it will be your responsibility to communicate the details of your small group night to the parents of students in your small group.

If you want to be an amazing volunteer and stay up all night at the blitz all-nighter. Please let us know you want to do that by signing up at the Middle School Events page; there's a registration link on the middle school events page. It's Friday, November 3rd, which is less than four weeks away.

I want to give you an overview of just the next few weeks so you're clear on how Wednesday nights are going to work this Wednesday.

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October 11 is baseball night. Then we've got pajama night on October 18. On October 25th. We are off for the Great Pumpkin Party and then we are off on November 1st for small group night and then we will return to regular Wednesday night programming on N8.

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I now want to close with one item from the How to win as a middle school volunteer document under the section titled Don'ts #5. It says don't let discomfort or insecurity get in the way of interacting with students or adults. We all have our own issues. We all have things that make us insecure And being around middle schoolers, who tend to be insecure And trigger our own insecurities. But I want to challenge you and encourage you to step up. And don't let those things get in the way of you pursuing students and connecting with them. I usually tell myself if it's awkward, it's the students fault. But if you're feeling awkward, don't let that get in your way Of building relationships with students.

First Corinthians 15:58, my dear brothers, and sister be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work because you know that your labor and the Lord is not in vain. Thank you for serving in middle School ministry. We will see you this Wednesday night.