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Hello Middle school volunteers. Thanks for checking in to this week's announcements. This is for the week of December 6. This Wednesday night is our ugly sweater party. It's our last official Wednesday night before Christmas. You can expect high Energy. You can expect a night that's a little more chaotic than normal. Having done a number of these ugly sweater parties in the past, I know that students are really excited and we feed them lots of sugar and it's it's a really fun night and it's going to be an extra wild and crazy night. you can check out the agenda, do not expect to have any high quality conversation with your small group. There's not really time set aside to have conversation, whether it's social or spiritual Discussion time with your small group. You will get to do some activities with your small group and you'll get to sit with them during snack time, but just wanted to give you that heads up. Jody and I have a Christmas gift to give to you. So that's something you can look forward to at the ugly Sweater party. And that's a general overview of what you can expect for the ugly sweater party. You are encouraged, but not required to wear your own ugly Christmas sweater or just wear something fun, silly and festive. It's going to be a great night.

The Christmas Dinner for internationals is at Valley Church on Sunday, December 10, and I know that there's a need for table hosts. And so that's not related to middle school ministry at all, but it's an awesome service opportunity that exists at Valley Church that I wanted to let you know about. I believe it's from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. You can find more information about it on the Valley Church website. I like passing along Other unique serving opportunities, every once in a while.

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The middle School Ministry is doing a special event on Wednesday, December 13. It's our talent show and I'm expecting you to come to the ugly sweater party as your regular Wednesday night leader commitment. The special event on December 13 is what it is. It's a special event, so I do not expect you to come. It would be considered a bonus for you to participate. But I'm hoping that at least some of you will come to support the students who are going to show off their talents and for you to cheer them on. We're going to have a Nacho bar. We're going to serve soda, and I'm really intrigued to see what kinds of talents students show off that night.

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After that there is not anything going on for Wednesday nights in the middle school ministry for a couple of weeks because of Christmas and New Year's. There is no official programming with students On Wednesday, January 3rd. However, we will do a volunteer kickoff with volunteers only at the Community Center On Wednesday, January 3rd, so that will be with you, we'll see you back then on January 3rd.

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And then we'll do our winter kickoff, which will be a broom ball night at the Community Center with students on Wednesday, January 10.

Mark your calendars. The winter blast retreat is January 26th through 28, and we'd love for you to come to invest in students For that weekend.

Speaking of investment I want to remind you for just a little bit of sharpening. To I want to encourage you to invest in your own spiritual growth. And that is going to pour over into students anytime you invest in yourself, it's going to overflow into the middle school students who you serve and who you lead. And so whether that's joining up with a life group this winter or staying connected with your life group or starting a new Bible reading plan in January, starting an accountability group with a close friend, pursuing a mentor, maybe it's taking a young Christian And investing in that person one-on-one, there's lots of ways for you to invest in your own spiritual growth, but any investment you can make in yourself is going to be a blessing to the students you lead.

That's all I got for today. Thanks for checking in. See you later at the ugly sweater party!