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Hello Middle school volunteers. Welcome back from Thanksgiving break. I hope you had a fantastic time with family and friends over the break. This Wednesday is November 29th and our theme is going to be neon night. And so I encourage you to wear A white T-shirt or a light colored shirt because we're going to be doing some things With black lights and glow in the dark and light or white colored clothing works best for that setting.

Also, sixth grade leaders there will be leader huddles during the worship set this Wednesday night next Wednesday, December 6th is the ugly sweater Christmas party, so be thinking about an ugly sweater that you want to wear, or just something fun and festive, or just completely random for the ugly sweater party that's next Wednesday, December 6th

Our final Wednesday gathering before Christmas is on December 13 and we are doing a talent show that night. The way that I view things, I expect you to be there this Wednesday and next Wednesday night. Those are regular Wednesday nights. December 13 I'm viewing as a special event. That's a bonus thing, so you're not expected to attend, but I want to highly encourage you to come to the talent show on December 13 to watch and support and encourage those students who are going to be showing off their talents.

Mark your calendars. The winter blast retreat Is January 26 through 28, 2024. It's going to be here before we know it. It'll be at Hidden Acres and my former one of my former mentors, Heather Flies, who leads a junior high ministry at a church in Minnesota. She's going to be in the speaker at her winter blast retreat. Heather has come and spoken at Blitz. In the past, she's regarded by many people as one of the best middle school aged speakers in the entire country, so I'm confident that she will do an excellent job speaking at winter Blast. I'm excited for Heather to be there with us.

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Finally today, for some encouragement, I want to Talk to you About four different roles that you will play as a volunteer leader, and it takes discernment on your part to know which of these roles or hats you need to be putting on at a given moment in Time. So you're either, as a middle school volunteer leader, you're either a pastor, a parent, a police, or a peer. And here's what I mean.

Sometimes you play the role of a pastor, meaning sometimes kids need to hear spiritual truth, biblical wisdom from you. That's when you play the role of a pastor.

Sometimes you play the role of a parent for kids. Just they need guidance. They need advice on how to approach different situations in life. They need to be warned when they're potentially going to be making mistakes or foolish decisions. That's when you're playing the role of a parent.

Sometimes kids need to know the rules. They need to have boundaries upheld. There need to be consequences for their behavior. That's when you play the role of police

and when you play the role of peer, you're acting more as a friend, a buddy, someone who's having fun alongside kids.

And I think we're all more comfortable in one of these roles, Pastor, parent, police or peer. But to be the best kind of middle school volunteer leader, it takes discernment to know which of those leaders to be at a given moment. Depending on the circumstances, and depending upon what the student needs. And I trust that by watching other gifted and experienced leaders and By intentional practice, you will grow in your ability to be able to discern which of these roles are needed at what time as you serve. So this Wednesday, May you know when it's time to be a pastor, a parent, a police and a peer.

Hey, thanks for everything that you do as a middle school leader. We'll see you on Wednesday night!