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Transcript

Hello Middle school volunteers. Thanks for checking in. These are the volunteer announcements for Wednesday, March 6. The theme this Wednesday is Oreo night because I'm sure, as you know, March 6th is national Oreo Cookie day. So we're going to have an Oreo cookie bar where everyone will be able to try a couple different kinds of Oreos. We'll have lots of options of different Oreos to try out.

This is the final week of the heart to Heart Series week five. We're going to have a Q&A time where we'll split guys and girls and we'll have some female leaders answer some questions that girls have written down. And then boy leaders will answer questions that boys have written down, As we as a way of reviewing some of the things that we've talked about in the heart to heart series about love, sex, dating and relationships. and then we'll also talk with students towards the end of the night about how they can come alongside their friends who may be struggling with their sexual identity or their gender identity.

After this Wednesday, we are off on Wednesday, March 13 for spring break.

And then we'll come back on Wednesday, March 20, and it's Hidden Acres Cookie night. So some staff from Hidden Acres will be with us on March 20. They have said they're going to bring hidden acres cookies for us, and we'll hear about summer camp and hear about some things from Hidden Acres staff.

and then we've got small group night on Wednesday, March 27th. So that is where we will not have regular Wednesday night programming, and if you and your Co leaders would like to plan a small gathering just for your small group, you may do that at the Jordan Creek Mall at someones house, the church building and Community Center are available. Perhaps you want to combine with other groups from your grade and gender and do something. Let Jodi or I know and we can help you reserve a space at the church building or the community Center. we can give you parent contact info to e-mail that information to parents, otherwise we'd be happy to e-mail that out to parents as well.

The staff scavenger hunt is our next special event On Friday, March 22nd. If you want to participate, you will go to the Jordan Creek Mall in disguise and then we'll bring the middle

schoolers and they'll try to find you In your disguise, so be thinking about what disguise you want to wear. It's on you to come up with your own disguise and be thinking about where you want to hide inside the mall again. That's Friday, March 22nd.

Once we get into the month of April, there's only four Wednesday nights left.

So really we've got March 6th, March 20.

And and then there's that small group night on March 27, so there's really only six regular Wednesday nights left when you add the two that we're going to do in March and the four in April. So we're winding down the school year.

on the How to win as a middle school volunteer document I wanted to turn your attention To the section that says never forget: #1. middle schoolers are goofy and developing, but they're incredibly moldable and shapeable. you are having a greater impact on middle school students than you realize.

you have a wonderful opportunity in front of you. Students are watching you more closely than any of us realize. I just had an interaction a few weeks ago where there was a student who was struggling, and so I took him out for lunch after church Gatherings on a Sunday afternoon and then we did something fun for just a little bit, and then he went back home. The student seemed pretty chill. I mean, he seemed to enjoy it, but didn't say anything special or anything. But then, after the fact, the student's mom reached out to me and said my child, my my son, loved that time. Thank you so much, he thought it was great and he had so many fun things to say about it. And I was surprised because I wouldn't have known that unless the parent had said it. I say that because we never quite know the impact that we're having and they are moldable and shapeable.

So let's make the most of our opportunities to connect with students, to pray for them and to be with them as they walk through 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Thank you for doing that with the students in your small group and we'll see you on Wednesday night.