

Transcript

Hello Middle school volunteers. Thank you for checking in to this week's announcements. These are for Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

The theme this Wednesday is senior night.

- If you want, you can dress like a senior citizen or you can dress like your favorite high school senior.
- We want to honor our high school seniors---those who are served have served in middle School Ministry for the last three years. We will honor them.
- We will also connect with some of the Senior High Ministry staff, Isaac Rennie and Sandy Murphy, the leaders of High School Ministry will be present at our Program. They're mostly there to connect with our 8th grade students, but it doesn't hurt for 6th and 7th graders to see them as well.
- Isaac Rinne and Lannah Wade, one of our own seniors, they're going to do the teaching on this Wednesday. They're going to focus on how you can grow in your faith in high school. And how high school ministry allows for that. It will be immediately applicable to the 8th graders, but there will be good stuff there for 6th and 7th graders to hear as well.
- At the end of the night for small group time 8th grade leaders, I want you to know that all the 8th grade girls will meet altogether with Sandy at the end of the night and all the 8th grade boys will meet together with Isaac. That'll be for small group time at the end of the night. 6th and 7th grade groups you'll meet. As you normally do.

Our last night of Wednesday night programming with students is on Wednesday, April 24.

- That means we only have two more Wednesdays left with students.
- We're getting down to the end.
- I do not yet know the theme of last night party. I'm working to plan that with some 7th grade students we will let you know the theme for last night party as soon as possible.

And then there is an optional volunteer dinner for all of you and your families and your spouse and Your kids on Wednesday, May 1st, and it's going to be at my house.

- It's a way. For Jodi and I to provide a free dinner for you as a way of saying thank you for everything you've done this year, it'll just be a night for you to hang out as a family and to hang out with other middle school leaders.
- Please RSVP for the volunteer dinner on the middle school events page so we know how much food to order. That is the volunteer dinner on Wednesday, May 1st.

7th grade camp day is coming up on Saturday, May 4.

- This is for current 7th graders.
- We're going to drive 30 minutes S to Wildwood Hills Ranch, and the 7th graders will do a variety of team building activities out in the wilderness, led by Wildwood Hills Staff.
- The main purpose of this day is to prepare the 7th grade students to step up and be leaders and influencers in the middle school ministry Starting in just a few months.
- I do need a couple of 7th grade small group leaders to come along and help Co lead that day and join the students in their activities so you can RSVP for that on the middle school events page under the registration button for 7th grade camp day.

Finally, on the how to win as a middle school volunteer document, I just want to remind you of some things that I hope you never forget.

- Middle schoolers are goofy and developing, but they're incredibly moldable and shapeable.
- This is a profound moment in students lives. You can make a huge difference in a few short years in middle school.
- Chances are high you won't see tangible, immediate results by the end of. 8th grade.
- God sees you. He will bless you for your investment in middle schoolers.
- It's normal to have a difficult ministry night every once in a while. Sometimes Ministry is a labor of love and perseverance.

Thank you for your love and your perseverance for the sake of middle schoolers and their relationship with Jesus throughout this past school year. I'm grateful for all of you and for all you've done. We'll see you this Wednesday night!