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## Restoration Students Group Information 2017-2018

Hello Restoration Students and parents!

I am SO excited for this new school year :) I have been working hard planning some new initiatives that I believe will help students encounter God, build relationships with one another, and ultimately make faith their own.

I am praying for **3-5 adult leaders** who will join the Students Team and help these initiatives become the best they can be. I encourage you to also pray that God sends and gives us clarity on the right leaders :)

Mark you calendars with the DATES below!

PARENTS: please fill out a "[Participation & Liability Form 2017-2018](#)" as a way of registering your student for ANY group/event we do this upcoming year. Those would be helpful to have by September 10. ALSO - When you do this, **let me know if your student is interested in our Confirmation experience.** You will find more information about Confirmation below.

God bless!

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### RESTORATION STUDENTS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

#### Purpose

- Students will spend time encountering an awesome God and building relationships through interactive games, worship, prayer, and relevant discussion topics with one another

#### Basic Description

- Students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to join us at the Ministry Center (7707 147th St W, Apple Valley) from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights for a time of teaching, activities, and groups that focus on encountering Jesus and building meaningful relationships. If you have a Bible, bring it. Invite a friend!

## Dates

- 2017
  - 09/20, 09/27, 10/04, 10/11, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08, 11/15, 11/29, 12/06, 12/13
  - OFF 10/18 for MEA break and the Covenant Pines MEA Retreat
  - OFF 11/22 for Thanksgiving break
  - OFF 12/20 and 12/27 for Christmas break
- 2018
  - **NOTE: THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**
  - 01/10, 01/17, 01/24, 01/31, 02/07, 02/21, 02/28, 03/07, 03/14, 03/21, 04/04, 04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02, 05/09
  - OFF 01/03 to for Christmas break
  - OFF 02/14, replaced by ALL church “Ash Wednesday Worship and Prayer Night”
  - OFF 03/28 for Spring Break, ISD 196
  - OFF 05/16, 05/23, and 05/30 for End of School Year and Finals

## Wednesday Night Format

- **6:00pm** - leaders meet at the Ministry Center for prayer and planning
- **6:15-6:30pm** - students are welcome to come early to hang out, talk, and eat snacks
- **6:30pm START**
  - Worship Music - the night kicks off with some worship music
  - Welcome - students are welcomed, Restoration Students news may be shared, students who invite a friend (and their friend) get **CANDY!**
  - Game/Activity - all students play some kind of crazy-awesome game or do an activity together
  - Open Prayer - students and leaders spend some time in prayer
  - Discussion Topic - a speaker will spend some time sharing about a student’s relevant topic incorporating God’s Word, stories, and a meaningful way for students to connect with God and one another
  - Student Groups - students split into their grade-based student group (Middle School or High School) and spend the remaining time in discussion with one another
- **8:00pm END**
- **8:00-8:15pm** - students will be picked up by parents/guardians

## Confirmation

- Last year, the Confirmation experience equated with the High School group gathering known as *The Journey DC* (Discipleship / Confirmation). Students were given a choice of participating for either Discipleship OR Confirmation, with Confirmation being the same group time experience but incorporating additional/mandatory outside work
- This year, the Confirmation experience should be understood as a Wednesday Night group *extension opportunity*. Students grades 7-12 desiring to be Confirmed would be expected to:

- 1. Name to the Students Director they want to be on the Confirmation track
- 2. have an 80%+ attendance rate in their group, over a course of two years minimum
- 3. complete assignments their group leader assigns to build a Confirmation portfolio (ex: reflection questions, challenge lessons, Scripture memorization, etc.)
- 4. meet with their group leader outside of Wednesday nights on a bi-monthly basis for a check-in time (approximately 30-60 min)
- 5. have regular conversations with their parents about faith

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP (Sunday Mornings)**

#### Purpose

- Students will spend time encountering an awesome God and building relationships through discussing topics related to the Sunday message and doing relevant activities

#### Basic Description

- Students in grades 6-8 begin Sunday mornings in the worship service. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, they are dismissed to the café for discussion and activities that complement the Sunday morning message.

#### Dates

- 2017
  - 09/17, 10/01, 10/15, 11/05, 11/19, 12/03
  - OFF 09/03 for Labor Day weekend
  - OFF 12/17 for Christmas break
- 2018
  - **NOTE: THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**
  - 01/07, 01/21, 02/04, 02/18, 03/04, 03/18, 04/15, 05/06
  - OFF 04/01 for Easter Sunday
  - OFF 05/20 for End of School Year and Finals

#### Discussion Sheets

- The Students Director will create discussion sheets meant for both the students and their parents. These sheets *may* include Bible verses, discussion ideas, challenges, questions, activities, etc.
- Students are to use these sheets as a tool for learning, conversing, or reflecting
- Parents are to receive these sheets via email for the purpose of bringing the group interaction time into the home. Parents are encouraged to ask their students about the group time (which *may* come from the sheets, but it doesn't have to)
- NOTE: the sheets are *not* the goal of the group but simply an extension of the group's purpose!