

Parent Meeting Summary

Focus and Vision for 2019 School Year

- Family Ministry
 - ✦ We will be joining the main congregation on Family Sunday's. I will encourage students to sit with their families.
 - ✦ I am planning events and opportunities throughout the year for families to do church together.
- Being "doers" of the word and not just "hearers."
 - ✦ Students will be leading the children's and pre-k class once a month. We will have a "training day" one Sunday before this to prepare to lead.
 - ✦ I will be more vocal with the congregation about wanting our students to serve them. I will be seeking out opportunities for our students more often. We will be taking one Sunday out of the month as a youth community group to follow through on these service opportunities.
 - ✦ We have already started this mind set by cleaning up the kitchen on the 21st, pulling weeds on the 25th, and by preparing breakfast on Sep. 8th.

Expectations and the Policy Handbook

- The handbook sets up my expectations for volunteers, parents, and students for this year. I don't expect to have to turn to it very often, but I do want families, especially students, to know what we expect from them as Samaritan youth.
- The three strike rule is how I handle discipline when necessary. Again, I am patient with students and it takes me a while to get to one strike, let alone a third strike.
- I have also updated the volunteer info for this year. If you help with our student ministry or if you are around our students please take a look at this section. I have included warning signs for abuse, suicide, and destructive behaviors that I would greatly appreciate help in looking for, I greatly appreciate all of the help from parents and leaders.

Forms

- Medical Information Form
 - ✦ This will be kept on file in the office in case of emergency.
 - ✦ This is just so we can provide medical information in case of emergency.
 - ✦ Please fill one out per student!
- Contact Information Form
 - ✦ This is so I can keep in contact with parents and students.
 - ✦ I plan on creating a student group to encourage community within our student ministry, to ask them questions, and to pass on information to them as well as parents.
 - ✦ I also am looking into alternative services to better communicate with families.

Future Events

- Youth Community Group
 - ✦ We will meet on every other Sunday from 5-7 for group and we will have one Sunday for a service day. This will mean most months will have a three weeks on, one week off schedule.
- Mountain Biking
 - ✦ Brad and I would like to continue taking the students mountain biking as an ongoing ministry for our students.
 - ✦ Our second mountain biking trek will happen either September 18th or 25th, we are still deciding on a date, but will have one very soon.
- Camping Trip
 - ✦ October 11th-13th
 - ✦ We will be going to Devil's Den for camping/backpacking.
 - ✦ I need a few parent volunteers to help cook and lead students, if interested please let me know. I need the help!
 - ✦ Camper Cabins are available for us to rent if parent volunteers don't want to rough it with us.
 - ✦ Night One - normal camping at the campgrounds, Night Two - backpacking on the Butterfield Trail or regular camping at the campground (two groups)

- Fall/Winter Weekend DNow
 - ✦ November 15th-16th
 - ✦ I have done these events about every semester since I have been here and would like to continue them this year.
 - ✦ Students will come together to play, worship, learn, and fellowship with one another. They will then stay the night at a host home and come back the next day to do it again.
 - ✦ These are great opportunities for students to make memories with their youth group and to spend a weekend learning and having fun.

Mission Arlington

- Spring Break 2020 - March 22-27
- This is the big family event I have in mind for this year. I have printed off some information on what Mission Arlington is and what an example week would look like for us.
- I was able to go on this trip several times as a student myself and two of those times my mom was able to join me. It was such a great experience getting to love and lead kids, I attribute MA as a big reason why I am in ministry today, and being able to share in that with my mom (my family) was something I will never forget.
- The whole family will be allowed to go on this trip!
 - ✦ All youth are welcome
 - ✦ All parents are welcome
 - ✦ All children (all ages) are welcome when parents join with them.
- I want to extend this opportunity to our families, but before I can commit to this trip I will need committed parent volunteers. I will need help with the:
 - ✦ Cooking
 - ✦ Driving
 - ✦ Watching
 - ✦ and Problem Solving
- We will have free lodging, but will be required to get there on our own and provide our own meals (we will have access to a kitchen).
- This trip has been big on my heart and I, with parent involvement, am looking forward to taking our families on such a transforming trip.