

## Middle School Parent Information 2019 – 2020

The aim of the middle school program is to get the teens involved! With that said, we will be moving to the 'EDGE' program this year to better serve you and the teens.

After reviewing our goals and identifying the best program that can get the teens involved, we have chosen the 'EDGE' program as our Faith Formation program for Middle School. Edge is a Life Teen developed program for middle schoolers. At the beginning of each Edge night we will start with prayers, snack and a brief presentation on what the evening topic will be. The teens will go to their room to delve deeper in the topic. In their room the teens will break into small groups so they can share their ideas with others on the evening topic.

Middle school meeting starts after the 5:30PM Mass. We will dismiss around 8:30PM from the hospitality room. You will need to come into the PLC and pick up your teen. If you have a teen in the high school program we will take the middle school teen to the church so they can be dismissed with their sibling. No teen will be released unless a parent or guardian is here to pick them up.

Each teen will be placed into a specific team so they can build friends and feel comfortable about sharing their ideas and feelings with the other team members. They will earn points for activities completed and extracurricular activities they participate in their community and in our church.

**Starting in the 2019 – 2020 school year, there is a prerequisite for your child to start their Confirmation program in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Your child will need to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation program. The information they cover will help them prepare for their Confirmation journey.**

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All of the middle school teens need to be able to say the 8 basic prayers by the end of the year. I ask you to pray with your teens every day so they can remember them and understand what they are saying. The prayer lists will be sent home to you in the weekly email and also be found in the information hallway in the PLC by the Middle School information rack.

During the middle school meeting, cell phones are not allowed. If the teens use their phones during the meeting, the phone will be taken away from them. Phones will be returned at the end of the evening. If there is an emergency and you need to reach your child please call me at 470-695-7733. I will get your message to your child.

We ask that all teens come to every team meeting since we only have 56 hours available to help them understand our faith. We need you to show your teens that you put value in our program and demonstrate that you believe that learning about one's faith is important. We are also trying to build team spirit and a sense of community which they will have for their entire life. When they come they will have fun while learning.

We will be contacting the parents of all teen's that miss two consecutive meetings to make sure everything is ok. If your teen cannot come to a meeting please email me at, [glee@gsrc.net](mailto:glee@gsrc.net) so it can be marked on the attendance sheet.

We have social activities, HANGOUT NIGHTS, once a month for teens that are in middle school and high school. We encourage them to come to as many as possible. Again, we are trying to build long term relationships with their peers and make middle school enjoyable for the teens. We need at least 4 adults to chaperone at these social activities. Parents can participate with the teens in games and various activities that happen. You are a role model for these teens.

We will have a service projects planned in the fall of the year. We request that your child participates in at least one. Their participation is important

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so they can see their faith in action and see that they can make a difference in their community.

We have our own bulletin board which is located in the PLC information hallway that will have the weekly email, class and social calendars and other important information about our Middle School Faith Formation.

### **Support Needed:**

I need your **commitment** to bring your teen every week to the middle school Faith Formation program. I totally understand that there are many items that vie for your family's available time; however, we have limited amount of time per month to help your teen to have a better understanding of their faith. On the average we have only six hours per month with your teens. Parents are encouraged to go over the discussion topics with their teens at home, so the teens can hear the information multiple times.

Please read the weekly emails that will be sent home every Tuesday by me. Those emails will explain what we covered on Sunday, a brief outline of the upcoming Sunday's topic, any social event information, service opportunities and other topics that pertain to the middle school program.

We need your help! We need team assistants that can help the team leader in group discussions and activities on Sunday evening.

We need to have four parents to chaperone all of our events and activities. Please choose one that you want to commit to and let me know the date you will here.

We need to have at least two parents to help out in the preparation/serving the meals for middle and high school teens on the Sundays evenings that we meet. If there are enough parents helping you may only have to help one or two Sundays in a semester.

There are special requests that are sent out from time to time requesting assistance.

Without parent support we will not be able to provide the quality Faith Formation program that is important. We will be unable to do all of the service projects, activities and events that we have planned for this year without your help.

### **RCIC Information**

There is a parent meeting scheduled that all first and second year RCIC parents and students must attend. The parent meeting will be on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30PM to 4:00PM. Important information will be provided regarding the requirements of the RCIC program.