

Midweek Outlook Fall/Spring 21-22

Nice work ya'!!!

- This past year saw you all...
 - Developing relationships with students on Wednesday night AND beyond through attending sporting events, rubbing shoulders with parents and opening your lives in many other ways (Movie nights, Trips, Texting lists and more)
 - Facilitate a welcoming and safe place for anywhere from 20-45 students a night even amidst COVID cases rising and falling in the school.
 - Evidence an ability to flex with some new ideas, new roles and sometimes crazy plans.
 - Help facilitate an event that spoke to +300 students in the JaCo area and later Parents and Community investors on the subject of mental health in teens.
 - **Cap our year like pros with a new possible tradition! Night On the Town!**
 - Make camp and retreat happen for over 40 students over the summer and hear a bit of God's heart for the young people willing to follow after.
 - **Also Started:** A Parent Facebook Group, Checking In, Became masters of 9 square in the air, successful skills night, and likely dished up close to 1000 meals.
- In many ways we met our GOALS of Fall and Winter/Spring!!!
 - FALL: Create a space for Students to safely GATHER and CONNECT.
 - WINTER/SPRING: Be a place where a student is KNOWN and NOTICED.

Way to nail it. God gets the credit!!!

Inklings for this Fall-Spring...

- **Soft start to get rolling** / First 4 weeks looking like much of what last year looked like in programming. Giving us a chance to get a feel for which students are showing up. Hope of coaches meeting in coming month (**? Sept. 12 after church for lunch**).
- **Semester Goal:** ENGAGE students where they are at, CONNECT them to God's heart through scripture. (Readily admit this is not totally measurable/quantifiable but is a start and represents values we're running after)

- **What might that look like?** Not shying away from/engaging the messy parts of faith and culture. Working at having scripture as a centerpiece. Being willing to say, “I don’t know but...”
- **First Series:** Three big questions.
- **Impetus:** In some ways the current generation seems to be asking... “Who am I?”, “Where do I fit in”, and “Do I matter?”

WEEK ONE		WEEK TWO	
SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:18-20 NLT	BOTTOM LINE When you really understand who Jesus is, it changes everything.	SCRIPTURE John 6:1-15 CEB	BOTTOM LINE You don't have to prove you're enough.
WEEK THREE		WEEK FOUR	
SCRIPTURE Acts 16:13-15 NLT, Acts 16:40 NIV, Galatians 3:26-28 NIV	BOTTOM LINE You belong here.	SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 NLT	BOTTOM LINE You matter more than you think.

- Some things worth chewing on for this year....
- **What is our crowd?** (Time will tell, Church kids, Unchurched, etc. but lets try and be noticing/gauging)
- **6th Graders part or not?** (Lets wholeheartedly include, be intentional with and consider if they need their own group/extra attention)
- **Small Groups same?** (Worked good last year, may need to split in 1/3's if groups over 10, lets be looking for/considering other adults to pull in)
- **More help?** (above & to help serve food, let coaches be with students more)
- **Hosts/Games** (as possible lets spread some ownership/up front time around. Brandon W. Will brainstorm through some ideas for games.)
- **Other Student serving areas DJ? Serving? Worship?** (We'll try and let some students do some DJ'ing could be a good real world on feet culture sifting among peers Or bad! lol. Older student w/ others / Be thinking of serving opps / Agreed to try and loop in Students to lead & prepare for worship this year but prep outside Wed. Nights. Loop in Rod D. And Angie will talk to David D.)
- **Communication: Text/FBParents/ Insta** (We'll work on an Remind group for this and Emma is willing to lead this piece)
- **Events: OCC / MCC / Fall Break** (Chatted through importance of “events” outside of Wednesdays and the relational crucible it provides. First attempt Sept. 24-25 MS Event at Ozark Christian in Joplin this year.)
- **Guy's Only / Girls Only** (Lets not be afraid to set up some of these things outside of Wed night when possible!)
- **Other Thoughts? Ideas? Want to try?** (Don't forget the feedback students gave/ Luke - need to look back at this :))

Rough Midweek Schedule so far...

August 25th

September 1st

8th

15th

22nd

29th

October 6th

13th

20th

27th

November 3rd

10th

17th

[Thanksgiving Break!]

December 1st

8th

15th

[Christmas Break!]

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Fall: 16 meetings @ most

OzarkGetaway MS 8/24&25

MHK Oasis HS 11/5&6

January 12th

19th

26th

February 2nd

9th

16th

23rd

March 2nd

9th

[Spring Break 12-20]

23rd

30th

April 6th

13th

20th

27th

May 4th

11th

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Spring: 17 meetings @ most

Shared spring break this year.