

IGNITE WELCOME PACKET

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new year of Student Ministries! St. John's Student Ministry is open to all students and their friends that are in middle school [6th-8th grade].

Who am I? What is my place? Why am I here? These are the questions that shape choices, values, actions and relationships in a person's life. But the answers to these three questions are fuzzy unless we know how to ask three more.

Who is God? What is the church? Why was Jesus here? By learning to view the world and ourselves through the lens of these three core questions, we're able to have clarity and understanding about the first three too.

In knowing God, we discover our identity. In experiencing the life of the church we find belonging. In following Jesus, we're given mission. Three questions answered by three more questions-and in each of our students programs, the point is to leave asking.

We hope that as you read through this packet it will give you a better understanding of who we are and what we are all about.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please contact me. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your child!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The letter "D" is large and stylized, with a loop at the bottom. The word "Dave" is written in a cursive script to the right of the "D".

David Bellamy
Youth Director

Planned Vision:

Our vision is to ultimately move students from a life without Christ to having a life with Him and move them to having a spiritual walk on their own and not be dependent on programs or people.

Student Ministry Purpose Statement:

Our Student Ministry exists to **ILLUSTRATE** God's love to students, help them **INITIATE** a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ and other believers, help them **IDENTIFY** God's purpose for their lives, **INVOLVE** them in the work in the ministry and **IDOLIZE** God with their life.

St. John's Middle School Ministry:

This is a break down for the Middle School programs at St. John's.

C-Group's [6th-8th grade]:

This is a time when student's can go deeper in God's Word to learn more about Him and all that He has done for us. Unlike the youth group setting at 6:30pm that has a large group; C-Group's is all about small groups based on grade levels.

Small groups give us a better atmosphere to connect with the students on a deeper level and to talk more candidly about our great Creator. At the end of their 8th grade year, the student goes through the rite of confirmation. This is an awesome time when the student stands before family, friends and the church to profess their faith in God. This is not a graduation from the faith but more so a continuation of their relationship in Jesus Christ!

In between C-Groups and IGNITE we serve a dinner (cost is \$3) to those students who are coming from C-Groups and are staying for IGNITE. The dinners are prepped/served by parents. We need help with this so if you are able, please call Dave at 925-7756.

We meet every Wednesday starting October 5th from 4:55pm-6:00pm in the Ministry House, [enter through the black gate in the back parking lot]. If you have any question, contact Dave at 925-7756

IGNITE [6th-8th grade]:

This is our mid-week program where our primary purpose is fellowship. Our main goal is that there is a place where believing students can bring there non-believing friends to a non-threatening place to connect with one another and adults and to hear a message about God in an atmosphere of laughter and fun. It is also our goal to create a place where students are cared for and can have meaningful relationships.

Through music, video, pictures and more, we are devoted to the application of biblical truths to student's lives. IGNITE is not place where we sit and strictly learn, nor is a time where we have social hour. It is a place for students to form relationships: with others and to commit a life to God.

We meet every Wednesday starting September 14th from 6:30pm-7:45pm in the Ministry House, [enter through the black gate in the back parking lot]. If you have any question, contact Dave at 925-7756

Middle School Adult Leaders:

Christina Harris – IGNITE Adult Leader

Dave Bellamy – Youth Director

Eula Wilke – Ministry Team Helper

Michele Fox – C-Groups Leader

Pastor Dennis – C-Groups Teacher/Leader

Terri Hill – IGNITE Adult Leader

Student Ministry Policies:

Cell Phones:

We know how much cell phones play a role in the day-to-day lives of kids and adults. During youth group, cell phones will be allowed at the beginning of the meeting. Once we start worshiping and getting into the Word, kids will be asked to put their cell phones away.

If there is a problem with the cell phone at any time (i.e. misbehaving with it, taking it out after being talked too, etc) we will take it away and it will be given back at the end of the bible study.

Behavior:

At St. John's Student Ministries, when we discipline students we are not hurting them but helping them understand respect for others and for themselves.

If a student is having a behavior issue we will first address it with the student and resolve it. If the issue continues we will let the parents know so that we can work with the parent to resolve any issues. Sometimes continued issues can mean that there are deeper issues taking place and we want to work with the student and parent to help during these times.

[God said] "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline." – Revelations 3:19

What We Don't Want To See:

- PDA (Public Display of Affection)
- Foul Language
- Poor attitude
- Disrespect of property
- Making negative remarks to or about others
- Being loud, talking or being a distraction during worship/message

Other Discipline Problems:

- Students who drink, smoke, bring medications (unless there is a doctors note, in that case adult leaders must be notified) of any kind before/during/after the time of youth will have parents called immediately and suspended for a time that is fitting to the situation.
- Fighting results in automatic suspension for a month. Parents and students must meet with the Youth Director before they are allowed back to youth group.
- Any inappropriate items brought on or to Church grounds (Weapons, Lighters, etc.) will be confiscated immediately and **returned when the parent comes to pick up. If parent is not present, they will pick it up from the Youth Directors Office during the week.**
- Any improper dress that is revealing, using negative wording/profanity or inappropriate pictures will either be asked to turn clothing in-side out or go home and change.

If you have any questions about what was stated above or something that was not stated, contact the Youth Director at 925-7756 ext 243

Stay Connected:

There are many ways to find out information of what's happening with trips, what we're learning, important dates and more at the Student Ministries. Here are those ways:

TEXT – Receive text messages by emailing your cell number and name (parent and/or child) to Dave Bellamy (Youth Director) at students@stjohnsyouth.org and put "Text Message" in the subject line, it's that simple!

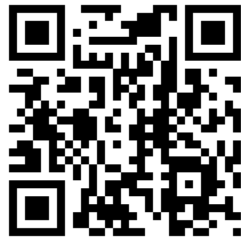
WEB – You can find out events, dates and more at the youth website: www.stjohnsyouth.org

EMAIL – Receive email updates by emailing your name and who your child's name is to Dave Bellamy (Youth Director) at students@stjohnsyouth.org and put "Subscribe" in the subject line.

SOCIAL –Facebook.com/stjohnsyouth // Twitter.com/stjohnsyouth [no account needed to access].



Start getting
TEXT MESSAGES
from St. John's
Student Ministry



Check out the
YOUTH WEBSITE
from St. John's
Student Ministry



Start getting
YOUTH EMAILS
from St. John's
Student Ministry



Check out our
FACEBOOK PAGE
(no account
needed to access)

Events:

We will be having lots of events during the year, on and off campus. St. John's Student Ministries is now using a web based sign up service from www.Eventbrite.com!

This allows the participate to sign up online for an event; they can even sign up a friend! Once they are signed up, the youth director knows right away who has signed up, how many spots are left and has all the information. *[If you are not able to access to internet, we can provide you with a paper form]*

Please be aware of the cut off dates, details of the trip, etc. We will be posting event information on the youth website, Facebook, text message and email. Once money and form have been turned, your student is considered enrolled in the event. All events are non-refundable. We appreciate your understanding.

How You Can Get Involved:

IGNITE:

Drivers for Events –

Going on trips helps create connection with the students. If there is an event that you would like to help us with, we'd love your help. *(Various Trips Planned)*

Food Donations –

When IGNITE has special parties during youth group meetings, food plays a big part. If this is an area that you would like to help out in, we will let you know when special event parties are coming up so you can help in anyway. *(Estimated 2-3 times a year)*

Adult Leader –

Adult leaders play a huge roll in what we are all about. If you love working with kids and have a heart for them you just might have what it takes. If you are interested let us know so we can talk some more. *(2hrs per week commitment)*

Set Up/Clean Up –

We want to make IGNITE a place to learn about God in a safe and fun atmosphere. If you are able to come down before or after to help us move some things around at the Ministry House, let us know.

C-Group's:

Small Group Leader -

Adult leaders play a huge roll in what we are all about. If you love working with kids and have a heart for them you just might have what it takes. If you are interested let us know so we can talk some more. *(2hrs per week commitment)*

Dinner Set Up –

In between C-Groups and IGNITE we serve a dinner to those students who are coming from C-Groups. The job entails serving the food to the students and the best part is the food is already cooked. *(1hr per week commitment)*

If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact Dave (Youth Director) at 925-7756 ext 243 or email at students@stjohnyouth.org.

ST. JOHN'S STUDENT MINISTRY CALENDAR 2011 – 2012

Sept 02	Mulligan's Fellowship Night (HSM/IGNITE), 5-11:45pm
Sept 13	First night of High School Youth Group (HSM), 7-9pm, Ministry House
Sept 14	First night of Middle School Youth Group (IGNITE), 6:30-7:45pm, Ministry House
Oct 05	First night of C-Groups (Jr. high Confirmation) 4:55-6:00pm, Ministry House
Nov 19-21	High School District Youth Gathering Event (HSM) at the San Diego Hilton
Nov 22-26	<i>Thanksgiving Break – No Youth Group</i>
Dec 20 – Dec 31	<i>Christmas Break - No Youth Group</i>
Dec 29 3-11pm	Petal Pushers, decorating New Years Floats (HSM/IGNITE – 13yrs and up)
Mid Jan	Middle School Lock-In (IGNITE)
Feb 14-18	<i>Presidents Week - No Youth Group</i>
Mar 2-4	Jr. District Youth Gathering (IGNITE) at Thousand Pines Christian Camp
Apr 4-8	<i>Easter Break - No Youth Group</i>
Apr 13	Last C-Groups Meeting
Apr 17	Jr. Confirmation (C-Groups – 8 th Graders), 10:45am Service
May 29	Last HSM Meeting
May 30	Last IGNITE Meeting

Please note that this is a tentative schedule for the year.
For updates, details, forms and more go to www.stjohnsyouth.org
or call Dave Bellamy at 951-925-7756

St. John's Student Information

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Father

Mother

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Sex: M / F

Birth date: _____ Baptismal Date: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: 6 7 8

To Purchase A Faith Alive Bible: \$21.00 Cash: _____ Check _____ (check # _____)
(Make checks payable to "St. John's")

Texting Sign Up:

As you may know texting is the #1 way students communicate with friends and family. St. John's Student Ministries wants to stay connected with students and parents. If you would like your student to receive Student Ministry updates via texting please fill out the information below:

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Parent Name: _____ Cell Number #: _____

Photography/Video Release:

St. John's is authorized to photograph and/or video the child and use the resulting photographs for any youth group related use, including, but not limited to news media promotion, website promotion and the parents release all right, title and interest in the finished photographs and negatives.

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Yes, it's ok to photograph/video: _____ No, Please don't photograph/video: _____



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