

# Parent/Student Meeting Agenda

(September 16, 2018)

## 1) Welcome/Prayer

## 2) Youth Group

Middle School Leaders

- Rachel Eriks
- Tom MacGraw
- Rachel Verbrugge
- Mackenzie Wallace
- Jeremy Zoet

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Middle School meets Sundays from 5:45pm-7:15pm.

What we do: Devotional Thoughts, Ice Breakers, Games, Announcements, Worship, Lesson, Small Groups, Journaling/Reflection, Acts of Service.

**Why we do it:** Youth Group Values

**Connect** with God

**Grow** in Community

**Serve** others

**Multiply** our life

### **What youth group is not:**

- a) a place that specializes in behavior modification. Instead we teach that God loves us and we should respond to that love in obedience.
- b) a place that teaches happy and feel good spirituality. We know the Christian life is a difficult, yet rewarding, journey
- c) a place that teaches we only need God when we go through a problem.
- d) a place that teaches "good" people go to heaven when they die. Jesus is the only way.

## 3) Registration/Release Forms (turn in today if you didn't last week)

- a) Bringing a friend to an outing or youth group? They must fill out a release form
- b) extra forms will be on the website
- c) Use the website (changed from last year) <https://www.zionreformed.org/youth-group/>
- d) I hope to have all the info you need for everything on this site youth group meeting times, announcements, fundraiser info, retreat dates & locations, mission trip dates and locations, when payments are due, email link, etc. If you have a question about something, please visit the website first. If you can't find the info there, then contact me or another adult leader. If you think I should add something to the website, let me know.

#### 4) Student Led Devotions

Opening Devotions each week

With a partner (youth leaders will be assigned to each date to work with students to encourage and hold them accountable)

Requirements: Bible verse, explanation, Prayer, you can add anything else (ex. Music video, inspirational video, devotional thought, experiential activity, etc.)

#### 5) Fall Fundraisers (see hand-out)

Student Accounts: Money that students earn from fundraisers goes into their “account”.

This account money may be used to pay for mission trip, retreat, and outing costs.

Students must indicate this as their method of payment when signing up for something. If they sign up by paying out of their student account, but don't show up for the event, that amount will still be deducted from their account.

Seniors must use up their account money, they can't get the cash at the end of the year.

Unused account money is donated to the youth program.

Account money can only be transferred between siblings.

If you do your own fundraising, you cannot turn that money in to us to hold it in your account. But, you can pay ahead on any trip.

You cannot write a check to just have us hold money in your student's account.

People cannot make “donations” into your account at random times. If they want to pay a trip payment for you, that is fine. But you are no longer making a “tithe” or “offering” when you specify it to a specific person.

We are trying to minimize the potential for illegal deductions that can be made when people write a check to “Zion Reformed Church” and trying to minimize confusion with student account bookkeeping.

**Again This Year:** Payments listed on the payment sheet will have an “**Early Bird Payment Date.**” Payments after the early bird date will be at a greater cost.

If you want to pay ahead for other payments, you may do that.

#### 6) Special Worship services

a) **Feb 3** - Youth-led Worship Service

b) **August 4** - Mission Trip Youth Service

#### 7) Attendance

We will be keeping track of attendance again this year. If a student wants to go on a mission trip, they need to be at Sunday youth group at least 50% of the time youth group is held. There's a lot of relationship building, spiritual growth, and teaching throughout the year that prepares us for mission trip. It is important that you participate in that if you want to go on mission trip. Also, too often seniors check-out their last year and feel like strangers to the rest of the group on mission trip.

If someone is new to youth group and wants to go on the mission trip, we will start keeping track of the 50% from the date they start coming to our youth group.

8) **Behavior For Trips**

Mission Trips and retreats are a privilege. Proper behavior is required in youth group to be able to attend these events. Students will also be expected to do what is asked of them by youth leaders, particularly in serving on mission trips. They will also be required to write a Pre-Mission Trip Devotional, and pray for each person going on the trip. By signing up for these events, students are saying they are willing to do what is asked of them, without any resistance. If students are unwilling to do these things, they should not sign up. Jeremy, the youth leaders, and Pastor Greg have the right to take away trip privileges at any point.

8) **Important dates** (See hand-out)

Please make firm commitments (“maybe” is not helpful)

9) **Prayer Cards:** Child’s name, prayer request you have for your child for this year

10) **More Questions or Concerns?**

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Regarding All Payments (outings, fundraisers, etc):  
**Make checks payable to “Zion Reformed Church”**