

Parent/Student Meeting 2022

1) Youth Group Meetings

High School meets Sundays from 4pm-5:30pm.

High School Leaders

- Adam Eriks
- Rachel Eriks
- Bronson Swan

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- Kim Verbrugge
- Jeremy Zoet
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Middle School meets Sundays from 5:45pm-7:15pm.

Middle School Leaders

- Adam Eriks
- Tom MacGraw
- Mackenzie Wallace

- Josh Verbrugge
- Jeremy Zoet

What we do: Youth and Leader-Led Devotions, 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 to salvation.

3) Registration/Release Forms

<https://zionreformed.breezechms.com/form/566fb77195>

- a) This form can be found on the Youth Page of Zion's website: www.zionreformed.org
- b) Bringing a friend to an outing or youth group? They must fill out a release form

4) Student Led Devotions

Opening Devotions each week

Alone or with a partner or two

Requirements: Bible verse, explanation, Prayer, you can add anything else

(ex. Music video, inspirational video, devotional thought, experiential activity, etc.)

5) Fundraisers

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.

If people would rather donate money to you than buy a product for a fundraiser, you can turn that money in at the end of the fundraiser. For example, you ask “Would you like to buy a KeyCard Coupon Book or a Calendar to help me raise money for our trip to Nashville (or Holland) ? If not, would you be interested in making a cash donation?”

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.

7) Date for Special Worship services

a) **May 21** - Graduate Sunday

b) **July 23** - Mission Trip Youth Service & Shareholder Dinner

High School Students must pay \$100 extra for the mission trip if they cannot attend Shareholder Dinner.

9) 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.

Exemptions may be granted for unique circumstances, like COVID, quarantining, funerals, separated parents who have their kids every other weekend, etc.

10) 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.

High School Students signing up for mission trip are also required to have shareholders. Shareholders must be contacted prior to the trip, a post card must be written to them, and they must attend the shareholder dinner to meet with their shareholder during dessert.

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