



December 15, 2015

Dear Cornerstone Parent,

I hope you've been able to find time to enjoy Christmas this year. Having three kids myself, I know how hectic the season can be! I'm praying for you all this Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Jesus with your family.

I wanted to make you aware of a few important upcoming dates for youth ministry to get on your calendar for early next year:

January 7: Winter Parent Meeting (7 – 8 p.m.)

We will talk about the remaining calendar for the year, give updates about the ministry, and answer any questions you may have. We will also talk in detail about the Winter Retreat (See below).

January 24: Winter Retreat Registration Deadline

Our annual winter retreat is fast approaching! **The retreat dates are March 11-13**, but already it is time to start preparing for the trip. The retreat takes place in Columbus, Ohio. Some of the highlights of this youth gathering include:

- Upscale hotel-style rooms.
- All indoor facilities—No leaving the building to get from our rooms to the programming area.
- The Crew, a Christian band from Canada, will be the musicians. They have a unique style that blends humor, music and energy. Our group really enjoyed them when they were at the gathering in 2013.

The cost for the gathering this year will be \$150 and includes registration, meals at the retreat, and travel expenses. \$75 is due with the registration form and the remaining \$75 on March 3. We will talk more about the gathering at the parent meeting. If you have questions, this would be a great time to get them answered.

I'm including copies of the registration forms in case you want to get started on those now. I'm hoping to have a notary at the parent meeting to complete the forms, but it depends on their availability. Banks also can provide this service usually.

Hope to see you at the parent meeting!

Serving the Savior,

Jason Christ
Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries