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Dear Parents,

Discipleship leading to Confirmation preparations are well underway for this year. I am very excited that your youth is able to participate in our ministry this year. There are a few dates and items you should be aware of at this time.

- We will meet again this year in our day school or on Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30. Our Sunday evenings will operate as youth group with both large group teaching, small group interaction, and time hanging out with food and games in the youth room.
- Confirmation begins the Sunday after Labor Day - **September 10th**. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 20th at 11am** or **Tuesday, August 23rd at 7pm**. We will be having our annual parent meeting, students are welcome to attend. This will take place at the church on Cross View Way in the Big Room upstairs. *This meeting is for all parents of students in grades 6th - 8th grade who intend to go through our Discipleship ministry during the day at school or on Sunday evening.* At this meeting we will discuss details, answer questions, and explain key changes.
- Parental involvement is very important in multiple ways to this ministry.
 - There are events that need parent drivers and helpers.
 - We use a small group model (on Sunday nights) in which we would like 1 adult for every small group. This means we need around 6-8 men and 6-8 women to help make this ministry the most effective it can be.
 - We specifically need two males and two females to be 6th grade small group leaders.
- Teachers: In the day school - 6th Grade will be taught by DCE Intern Christine Young, 7th Grade by Pastor Aaron Kuehn, and 8th Grade by Pastor Joel Howard. On Sunday evenings - Pastor Howard will teach the majority of the time, along with other occasional speakers.
- Please read the handbook carefully as this has all the details for expectations and dates. Students must complete all work from the previous year or it will be added to the next year's requirements as well.
- ***Please fill out the enclosed forms and return them to the church office.*** Please turn in forms before September 5th so that all materials can be ordered. See included sheet for costs. All forms can also be found on our website.

- Parent Night: You are welcome to attend our Parent Night on October 15th starting at 5:30! Experience Sunday night youth group by attending the large group teaching time, and then moving to the commons for socializing and food.
- Communication:
 - During this year we will send out monthly newsletters with much information in it. You can receive this via e-mail or text.
 - Signup for Text Messages - this will be how we communicate changes, cancellations for bad weather, and send out more information. Text the following: @grace-prnt to the number 81010 ; 6th - 8th grade youth can sign up for text updates by texting @grace-disc to the number 81010

I also want to encourage you as your child begins or continues this exciting process to partner with them! The more involved you are in this journey of discipleship, the more likely they are to invest themselves in their spiritual growth throughout their life. Please get involved in your youth's spiritual growth, because they will learn from you.

While there are many things that are still getting prepared for this year's Discipleship leading to Confirmation, we are very excited that you and your child will be taking part in this important milestone in their lives. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at our church office: 262-251-0670. May our Risen and Exalted Savior bless you through the journey of confirmation.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pastor Joel Howard", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Joel Howard