

August 2, 2017

Dear Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders,

We are excited to invite any 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their mentor to join us in this adventure as we explore the CORE foundations of our faith on Sundays starting this fall.

**What is Core?** Core is a year-long program designed to explore the foundations of our faith and help our students and mentors grow together.

- Based on the attached 27 Faith foundations
- Closing Retreat
- 1 Year commitment (28 weeks)
- Homework and Service hour opportunities (weekly journaling, memorization, interviews, group service projects, etc...)
- Presentation of a bible for each student.

**Who attends Core?**

- Core is set up for 8th grade students **and** a mentor adult (parent, aunt, uncle, etc).

**When is Core?**

- Core classes will be held Sunday mornings from 11:00-12:15, lead by various teachers and speakers.

**Where is Core?**

- We will be meeting in the upstairs room of the gym at Forest Park Covenant Church.

**What is new?**

- We will be using a multifaceted approach at addressing the Core foundations. Our desire is engage God's word as we encounter today's issues.
- Students will use a journal to assist their pursuit of God's word. (\$11)
- We will run on the following schedule on Sundays:
  - 11:00-11:05 Check in/snack
  - 11:05-11:30 Target Lesson
  - 11:30-11:50 Small Groups- Parents/ students
  - 11:50-1 Journal/ Reflection time/ Projects/ Encounters
  - 12:15-12:30 Large group Prayer/ Closing

See you **Sept 17** for the bible handout in the service, and our first class together. Looking forward to moving forward in our faith journey together this year!

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**Please let us know BY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, if you are planning to join us, so that we can order your bible!**

