

Hello SWEAT parent,

This past year has been one of my favorite years in SWEAT. It's been great to meet so many new students and families who've come to our church and watch their students get plugged in and disciplined. Even in the last few months, our students have sold their stuff and sacrificed above and beyond to raise thousands of dollars for missions. I feel like God has really done something special with this group of students and I am so thankful. I wanted to give you a heads up about some important dates for the rest of the year and the spring semester so you and your family can incorporate it into your family schedule. Mark your calendars...

First Assembly of God's weekend service times will change a little bit over the holiday season. We will continue to have our regular Saturday night service every week at 6pm on our Main Campus. On Sundays December 18th, 25th and January 1st we will have a 9am service at our main campus and an 11:15am service at our East Campus (located at Lincoln Middle School).

SWEAT on Wednesdays will continue to be at the same time 7-9pm in Aud. A. There will **NOT** be a SWEAT service on December 28th.

Sunday Night Small groups will continue through the spring. For the month of January we are going to experiment with all the grades meeting together at the church in Aud. A from 4-6pm. There will be some time for each age group to break off for deeper discussion at the end of each night. This is the best way to ensure that your child is getting disciplined, so make every effort to encourage your child to come.

Invite nights are one of the ways your child can reach out to their unchurched friends. These are "special" nights we have at SWEAT where we intentionally target reaching students who are disconnected from God and doing whatever we can to get them connected. For the spring semester, we have scheduled them for the last Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm.

SWEAT 678 is our monthly middle school service. We will be having them on Saturday nights in the spring so parents can simultaneously attend the Saturday night service and students can still attend small groups on Sunday nights. Save the dates....January 28th, February 25th, March 29th (Thursday night), April 21st, and May 19th. The service will be from 6-8pm on all those dates. There will be games, food, worship and a short impactful sermon.

Our Spring Retreat will be held in Gainesville on February 17th – 19th. The estimated cost will be \$59. If your house is available for students to sleep at each night, please contact my assistant, Sara Corvil at saracorvil@gmail.com.

Fine Arts is an amazing discipleship opportunity for students to discover and excel in the gifts God has given them. We will be participating in the district competition in Ormond Beach April 27th – 28th.

Gainesville Outreach 2011 is our yearly missions trip to the city of Gainesville. It is scheduled for June 25th – 30th. The cost is \$120. The biggest change for this year is we will only be allowing students in high school to participate; this includes students who are entering high school in August 2012.

Supernova is our annual middle school day camp. The dates this year will be July 17-21st. We are encouraging all middle school students to come and participate in awesome worship, fellowship, and opportunities to serve our community.

...and finally, SWEAT will be taking a trip to **Honduras** during summer 2012. We are really excited to partner with missionaries Rey & Elise Diaz from July 21st – 28th and their organization Amor, Fe y Esperanza (AFE) which stands for Love, Faith and Hope. We will be working with them as they minister to a community of families who live in a garbage dump. We will get the opportunity to help with a construction site and build something for the community, help in the school AFE opened for the children in the community and ministering to all the parents who live in the community. I am so excited about this life changing opportunity for our students. We are opening the trip up to all high school students, but there is a limited number of people we can take. The cost is approximately \$1200. There is an information packet and an application available at the information desk at SWEAT every week. You can also check out their website at www.afehonduras.org.

I will be sure to send you more information about all of these events as we get closer to them. I am praying for you and your family to finish this year strong. Loving Jesus and Loving People. If there's anything I can do to help serve your family, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you again!

*Robbie Johnson
Youth Pastor*