Parent/Guardian,

First, I just want to say THANK YOU for allowing me to play a part in the lives of your students. We are on your team and desire to see your children grow and thrive in all areas of their lives. My wife and I would love to connect with you more and get to know your family. We are so appreciative that you entrust us time with them on a weekly basis and we do not take the responsibility lightly. We know that time is valuable and goes by way too fast, so we wanted to inform you on all the activities we will be hosting throughout this entire summer. Our aim is not to take away from your family time, but to facilitate a meaningful opportunity for growth and life change this summer.

Our weekly **Wednesday nights** will continue throughout the summer with our summer theme **SQUAD WARS!** The students will be placed on teams for a summer of competition. I will attach a flyer that informs you on what each weeks theme will be. This will help you to know how your students can dress appropriately depending on what night it is. Ex.) Water Wars will be June 12, so you might want to remind them to not wear a white t-shirt that night :)

We are so excited to be doing our first retreat this summer at Laguna Christian Beach Retreat.

This retreat center has been a host for many life changing encounters in our lives as students and we desire to see the same this summer. The trip will be July 26-29. The total cost is \$200 for lodging, food, and all other expenses, but we will be doing our Holy Smoke BBQ fundraiser on July 14 to counter the cost. The plates are \$10 a piece and will include a pulled pork, slaw, baked beans, and bread. If your child sells 20 plates, the trip will be paid in full. If your child sells 10 plates, the trip will be halfway covered, leaving you with \$100 left to pay. I will attach the fundraiser sheets so that your child can begin selling plates ASAP. We will also have a mandatory parent meeting for the guardians of the students attending on Sunday, July 21 at 12 p.m (following our morning worship service). The deadline to sign up for the trip is June 19. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit must be turned in when you sign up.

We will be having a NOW group at our home 1506 Traylor St E. Fyffe, AL 35971 beginning on June 2 from 5-6 pm. This now group will be on Sunday afternoons for 6 weeks (not including Father's Day). Our vision of doing a small group at our home is for students who want to dive in deeper and be challenged by the Word of God as well as form a close community with the people around them. We believe that life happens in the context of community and that is one of the greatest gifts that we have. Our group will be themed "Different", where we will be discussing what it's like to live a life set apart for a sacred purpose. Please encourage your children to bring a bible and a notepad.

Again, thank you so much for allowing me to play a part in your children's lives. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions or concerns (256)717-9282 or go to <u>www.fyffelife.com</u>

Jake and Destiny Ridgeway

Student Pastor | Fyffe Ministries