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Dear New 6th Grade Parents,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying summer! As the new school year will be here before we know it, I wanted to inform you and your student about the Middle School Ministry here at Parkside Church. We are all looking forward to the arrival of the incoming 6th grade class, as they always bring a fresh excitement and enjoyment to our ministry.

First, I would like to introduce myself. My name is **Robby Lacey** and I serve on the Pastoral Team. I graduated from Kent State University in 2019 with a marketing degree, but ultimately decided not to pursue business because I felt a call to ministry. To explore that call, I was encouraged to apply to the Parkside residency and was hired. After a year in that role, I was then hired as the full-time middle school pastor in the fall of 2020.

It is also my privilege to invite your son or daughter to **Middle School Student Impact** beginning Tuesday August 3rd, which will be a special night of welcome for new 6th graders. Student Impact meets regularly on Tuesday evenings from 7–9pm at the Warehouse, which is located at 31200 Solon Road in Solon. Your middle-schooler will be built up by the Bible, develop meaningful friendships, and will definitely have some fun.

Middle school Student Impact (SI) alternates between small group and large group each week. **Small Groups** are led by our Adult Ministry Team (AMT) members and students will be grouped together by grade and gender. Our intent in having small groups is to allow students to spend time together in a more personal and discussion-oriented environment. On **Large Group** nights, we will begin the night with time in fellowship and a large group game and then I will teach from the Bible.

During the school year (September through June), students are also invited to our **Middle School Sunday Morning Group**, our Sunday morning gathering which meets each week in room B020 during the 9am worship hour.

I encourage you to take note of the dates of **Mohican Madness**, our annual camping trip August 28th–29th. This will be the first retreat that your students will have the opportunity to attend. I highly recommend it to all of our incoming 6th graders, as it is a tremendous opportunity to make new friends and develop lasting relationships. Registration and information will be available at www.parksidechurch.com/mohican.

There are several ways to remain updated on what is happening in the middle school ministry. Sign up to receive our email newsletter by going to parksidechurch.com/studentnews. We also keep our page on Parkside's website updated with the most current announcements and events. I highly recommend signing up to receive **text message updates by texting 'ParksideMS' to (833)-777-0355** and following us on Instagram @parksidestudents.

It is the deepest desire of myself, Casey and the AMT to see every student that passes through our youth group come to know Jesus Christ in a personal and intimate way, and that they would find their identity in Him alone. I believe that God will use Parkside Student Ministries to make disciples and it is with that confidence we welcome you and your 6th grader to join us.

Our goal for this ministry is to come alongside you, the parents, in helping to encourage your student to grow in their relationship with Christ. Please partner with me in praying that God will make Himself known to your student, and that He will do incredible things in and through their lives. Thanks again for your partnership and involvement in our ministry. Whether it is on a Tuesday night, a Sunday morning, or whenever the opportunity presents itself, I encourage you to stop in and say hello. I would love to introduce myself to you in person and get to know each of you.

In Christ,
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