



## VICTORY STUDENT MINISTRIES

Dear Families of Students,

We are so excited about working with your students! The adolescent years can be one of the most challenging times in one's life, and it is our desire to walk alongside you and your family. We want to provide opportunities for middle school and high school students to experience Jesus and find deep relationships, learning that to live for Jesus here and now is the best way to live.

In this packet, you will find information about what's happening at VSM in the 2011-2012 school year - our weekly venues, as well as special events. We invite you, as your students' spiritual leaders, to allow us to partner with you by making VSM a consistent part of your student's lifestyle.

There are several ways that you can receive information about Victory Student Ministries:

1. Visit our website, [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com)
2. Sign up for our text updates for yourself/your student at one of our parent meetings, or by emailing [rwilson@victoryhighway.com](mailto:rwilson@victoryhighway.com)
3. Join our Facebook Fan Page to receive updates
4. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at one of our parent meetings, or by emailing [rwilson@victoryhighway.com](mailto:rwilson@victoryhighway.com)

Pastor Chris and Pastor Rachel

## VSM Weekly Venues

Our events take place in the VSM Center, featuring an affordable café, ping pong, pool, air hockey, & video games.

### Sunday Mornings @ 9:50am & 11:10am – One Eighty

This is a venue for middle school and high school students, revolving around discipleship, where students will hear Biblical teaching, and then connect with peers their age to discuss how the Biblical truth applies to their lives.

### Sundays @ 12:15 – 1:45pm – High School Life Groups (lunch provided)

Life groups are for high school students looking for deep relationships and deep truth; in them, we will share lunch together and walk beside each other as we follow Jesus. Groups are determined by grade and gender.

Kickoff is September 11

### Wednesdays Night @ 7 – 8:15pm – Remix (Middle School Only)

This weekly event is high energy, and a great place to be refreshed and introduce your friends to VSM. Doors open at 6:30pm, so come grab nachos at the café, or play pool or ping pong.

Kickoff is September 14

### Wednesdays @ 7 – 8:15pm – The Mix (High School Only)

Our high school night is the encouragement that you need to get through the week strong! Pivotal relationships are built with adults and peers, and we play together and grow together through media-based teaching. This is a relaxed environment to bring your friends to VSM.

Kickoff is September 14

\*midweek events will break when area schools are on holiday

## **Student Ministries 2010 – 2011 Events**

### Sunday, September 11 – High School Lifegroups Kick Off

### Saturday, September 24 – Fall Kickoff @ Darien Lake!

Who: Middle School and High School; friends are always welcome

When: 10am – 11pm

The details: Students will gather at the VSM Center for a rally to introduce the year's theme, and start the school year with a fresh challenge. We will then load buses and spend the day at Darien Lake. Food, transportation, & park admission is included.

Deadline: sign up by September 18

What students need to submit: Registration & medical waiver

Cost: \$35 by deadline; after Sept. 18, call the church office.

Get more info at [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com)

### Friday, November 18 – Skate Night!

Who: Middle School and High School; friends are always welcome

The Details: Skating at the civic center. Pizza is included!

Deadline: sign up by November 13

Cost: \$3

Get more info at [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com)

### Wednesday, December 14 – Middle School Christmas Party

When: 7 – 8:15pm

The details: Bring the funniest gift you can find for our Christmas swap. There will be prizes, food, and fun.

Cost: free

### Sunday, December 18 – High School Christmas Party

When: 6:30 – 8pm

Where: TBA

The details: Bring the most horrible (but appropriate) gift you can find for our Christmas swap, and come for a lot of food and fun!

Cost: free

### Sunday, February 5 – Superbowl Party

Who: Middle School and High School; friends are always welcome

When: Doors open at 5:30pm

The Details: Grab your friends, and come and watch the big game with us!

Get more info at [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com)

### Friday, March 2 – Sunday, March 4 - High School Winter Retreat

Who: High school students; friends are always welcome

The details: Winter break is a great time to get away and reconnect with God and your friends.

Join us as we spend the weekend sharing our lives together, and enjoying winter activities.

Deadline: sign up by February 19; after that, call the office

Cost: TBD

Get more info at [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com)

### March 30 – 31 - Middle School Spring Fling

Who: middle school students; friends are always welcome

When: We will meet at the church at 4:30pm to leave for Houghton College, and return for pickup at the church at 7am.

The details: An all-night event at Houghton College where students can experience God and stay up all night. Activities include swimming, a rock-climbing wall, sports tournaments, and inflatable games. Midnight pizza is included.

Cost: \$40

Get more info at <http://cnyyouts.weebly.com/spring-fling.html> & [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com)

### Parent Resources:

You can find parent resources under the parent section of our website, [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com). This will include current information about the biblical truth and themes that we are discussing on Sunday Mornings, and suggestions of how you can spiritually engage with your student. It will also include other resources that we feel could be beneficial to your family.

If, at any time, you feel that your student or family could benefit from professional counseling, please contact us if we can be of help in referring you to a counselor.

### Spiritual Growth Resources

We want to do anything that we can to get your students excited about reading their Bible, and gaining consistency in their relationship with God.

- One Eighty Devo's (currently on VSM's Facebook Page; coming soon on [www.victorystudents.com](http://www.victorystudents.com))

These devo's follow the topic that is taught on Sunday mornings, and have questions to engage your student in studying scripture.

- Youversion.com

For tech-savvy teens, at this website, students can sign up for personalized bible reading plans sent straight to a mobile device or an email address.

- For new Christians or seeking students: The Lifebook (available in the student center)

This book is written for students, explaining the story of the Bible, and moving through the book of John to help people understand who Jesus is, and why we should follow him.

- 40 day Walk Through the Bible (available in the student center)

These devotionals take students through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, helping them to dig into God's word.

### Computer protection & Accountability:

One of these resources is X3 watch, a free accountability program for the Internet sites being visited on the computers in your home. The individual who signs up is able to pick two accountability partners who will receive reports of any suspicious sites visited; there are additional upgrades that include filters, such as Safe Eyes, for a small fee.

We would love to see each of our student's homes signed up with this free accountability. To download this feature, visit the XXX Church website at <http://x3watch.com>.

### Fundraisers & Student Accounts:

It is our desire to make events as affordable as possible. Each student who participates in Victory Student Ministries Fundraisers has a student account, which they may use for Victory Student Ministries' events.

Our current fundraising opportunities include:

- Bulb Fundraiser (Fall)
- Dessert Auction (December)
- Ink cartridge and Cell Phone collection (year-round)
- Bulb Fundraiser (Spring)

### Getting Involved

VSM is always looking for adults that want to invest in the lives of students. We have many times and opportunities, whether you are looking to volunteer weekly or help out with special events. You can reach us at the church office at 962-7000, or by our email addresses, [rwilson@victoryhighway.com](mailto:rwilson@victoryhighway.com), and [cwilson@victoryhighway.com](mailto:cwilson@victoryhighway.com).