

Hi youth and parents!

It's Spring; the sun is shining more, it's getting warmer, birds are singing, and the youth keep requesting to play games like Break-In (ask me about it sometime). It also means there's lots of really great things happening in youth ministry in the next little while, including:

- transitions for Grade 5's and Grade 8's into Jr. and Sr. Youth
- graduating Grade 12's
- year-end events and parties
- special summer youth nights and events
- opportunities for families and parents to get involved
- important dates for the fall

So, take a look at our newsletter below and get pumped for everything we got going on! Reach out if you have any questions - we love hearing from you!

Blessings,

Brad



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# IMPORTANT DATES

▶ Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates. See the rest of the newsletter for more details.

## **JR YOUTH**

- June 19 Contest of Champions
- June 26 Jr. Youth Parent Social & last day of Jr. Youth
- Sept 11 Jr. Youth Fall Kickoff
- Oct 25-27 Jr. Youth Fall Retreat

### **SR YOUTH**

- June 14 Gr. 12 Commissioning at Youth
- June 21 Campfire Night & last day of Sr. Youth
- Sept 6 Sr. Youth Fall Kickoff
- Sept 20-22 Fall Retreat '24

# **HELLOS AND GOODBYES**

▶ The end of the school year means lots of hellos and goodbyes. Our grade fives are getting ready to enter Jr. Youth, our grade eights are moving up to Sr. Youth, and our grade twelves are graduating! In order to make these transitions as smooth as

possible, we've set up some special times for youth to check out their new groups:

## **GRADE FIVE NIGHTS**

#### June 5 - Intro to Jr Youth

Grade fives! Join Derek and Renée for your first Jr. Youth night. You are welcome to all Jr. Youth nights in June!

## GRADE EIGHT NIGHTS

May 3, May 31, June 14 | 7-9:30PM Come and see what goes on at Sr. Youth! Join us for these three Friday nights to see what your high school youth experience will be like



## **GRADE TWELVE FAREWELLS**

#### June 14 - Commissioning

We want to say thank you to our grade twelves and bless them as they leave us and pursue all that God has for them. On June 14 we'll have a special prayer and commissioning time as a part of our regular youth program.

### June 23 - Sunrise Worship and Breakfast What better way to say goodbye to Youth than to praise God as the sun rises? We're

inviting all grade twelves to join us Sunday the 23rd for sunrise worship followed by breakfast.

More details and registration here.

Along with the above events, Grade 12 students are invited to participate in any and all of the young adults programs and events from now onward. See wmbchurch.ca/youngadults for more details.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

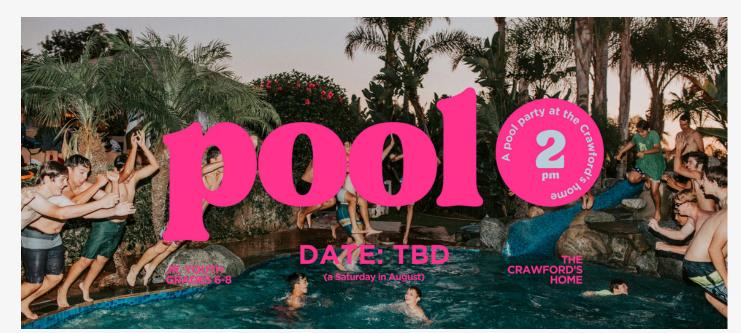
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► The best way to end off the school year. Let's stay up all night!



► A night of competitive games, challenges, puzzles, and more at Jr. Youth!



▶ You gotta love a summer pool party with lots of snacks. What else could you need?! For Jr. Youth grades 6-8. DATE TBD (a weekend in August)



▶ For the last Sr. Youth night of the school year, we're having a campfire at Avaleigh's grandparent's house!



► A sunrise worship service and breakfast to celebrate our graduating youth.



► A day of summer fun in Grand Bend, ON for Sr. Youth. DATE TBD (A weekend in July)



#### June 23 - Summer Kickoff & Ice Cream Social

Join at our Summer Kickoff & Ice Cream Social! We will be kicking off summer in style with lawn games, fun, balloons & ice cream! We'll see you at the Waterloo Site at 6 pm.

### June 28 - PD Day Soccer Camp We need volunteers! If you are older than grade 5 and enjoy

running around with kids, join us for our Kids PD Day Soccer Camp. Parents and youth welcome! Email Derek Klumpenhouwer for more info

### June 23 - Jr Youth Parent Social

We'd love to touch base with our Jr Youth parents about our hopes and dreams for Jr Youth in the future as well as get to know you. Stick around for the evening on Wednesday, June 23rd when you drop your kids off for Jr. Youth. And yes, there will be snacks :)

# SUMMER AT WMB YOUTH 😎

Here at WMB Youth, we like to slow down a bit in the summer. Make sure you mark down our youth night dates and special events.



#### ► Thanks for reading!

If you have any questions about Youth Ministry at WMB, please get in touch. Please pray for our youth and leaders as we follow Jesus together. Enjoy the spring weather!

# **GET IN TOUCH**



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