

April 2009

Dear Parents,

March was a very busy month. Our College students had a great time of Dinner, a movie and games. Our Jr. Highers experienced a wonderful winter retreat with several other groups. The guys enjoyed their extreme camping trip, though they may have been a little challenging. The girl's tea also went well as it provided not only opportunities to be challenged, but encouraged and even a little pampered. Thanks to Jennifer Uruburu, Dan Moreno, and Michelle Fong for all their hard work on those events. This month we started off with the Girl's Staying True Conference. With more than seven groups represented, multiple topics were addressed and several decisions were made. Thanks to Ruth Ellis, Tiffany McCabe and Michele Fong for their thoughtful planning and preparation. Thanks also to all the others who helped out and donated.

If you have missed past letters, you can view and download them on the youth website. (CEFCYOUTH.COM) Again, as we are striving to be good stewards of our finances, you may not always get information in the mail. Please check with your students as they receive information **every week**. Updates are also made on the youth website on a **weekly basis** as well.

There are multiple events that will happen over the next several months. In an effort to assist each family financially, we are making plans and preparations early in order to help save money. You can help us and yourself in the following ways:

1. **Communicate** with your students early about what they are interested in. The earlier we make arrangements for events, the more money we save.
2. **Donations** are great. We'll try to have information regarding things that you can donate as well as opportunities for you to volunteer to donate resources or your time.
3. **Actively participate** and encourage your students to participate in the fundraising opportunities. Our next fundraising opportunity will take place at the Children's Fair May 2nd 2009. We will need food donations as well as volunteers to man our booth.

This month we will not have many special functions as we are trying to provide families with a "breather", but we are also taking time to settle down in focusing on digging a little deeper.

Here are a couple of dates and events that you do need to be aware of:

Saturday, April 18th 2009 – Nerf Wars. 6 pm – 9 pm.

It's a night of fun and games. Cost \$10 per person and a snack/or drinks to share. If you bring your own Nerf gun, the cost is only \$5 per person.

Thursday, April 30th – **Last Day to Sign up for Spirit West Coast.**

(The easy form can be downloaded on the Youth Website.) In order to keep costs down, a deposit is due at registration. A Minimum of 15 people need to register by this date in order for us to attend this year.

Payment plans are available.

In honor of what Christ did for us and to encourage time with family, we will not have any fellowship groups during Easter break. I pray that you have an incredible month!

By His Grace,

Jackson Fong
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