



# Parent Handbook

## 2018/2019

## **The vision of Harbour Youth- Know it, Live it, Share it!**

We love to see students grow, learn and journey in following Jesus! Through engaging lessons and activities, dynamic small groups and amazing retreats and trips, we desire that our students will be equipped to know, live and share the Gospel message in their circles.

### **Tuesday Nights:**

Students in grades 6-12 will meet at Harbour on Tuesday evenings throughout the school year. Doors open at 6PM for a flexible drop off time. Students can hang out with their friends and leaders, play games and grab a snack at our canteen. Programming runs from 7-9PM (see last page of this document for nightly schedule).

We use Jesus' discipleship model; we believe that small circles of people can make a huge impact! On Tuesday nights, we emphasize the importance of engaging with a small group. Each group will have 10 students around the same age, along with 2 leaders. Four things will happen in these groups:

**Look Back-** Connect, how was your week?

**Look Up-** Open the Bible and go through a lesson. How is this teaching relevant today?

**Look Forward-** What's coming up this week? How can we pray for one another?

**Laugh-** Enjoy time spent together connecting and investing in each other!

### **Sunday Mornings:**

Students in grade 6-8 are dismissed from the service after worship on the first and second Sunday of each month.

### **Serving:**

We love when our students get involved! We have found that students that are serving alongside other volunteers feel more connected to the church and community and are more likely to identify Harbour as *their* church, not just their parent's church. There are several opportunities to serve both on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. We encourage all students to fill out a *Student Volunteer Application Form* and get involved!

## **Leaders:**

Our leaders are amazing! They are all committed to the Lord and serving our Youth Ministry well! Each leader has been background checked and interviewed by a staff member and has attended a training session before being cleared to serve.

Our leaders will connect with parents and the students in their small group outside of Tuesday nights. This can be done through texts, emails, phone calls, and face-to-face meet ups.

## **Youth Band:**

We want to encourage our students to showcase their gifts! One way they can do this is by joining the Youth Worship Band. Band practices take place on Tuesday nights before programming begins. It is open to anyone in grades 9-12. The band will lead worship nights one Tuesday per month and will play on stage on a Sunday morning 2-3 times per year.

## **Retreats:**

Each year, our youth and leaders enjoy a weekend retreat to Muskoka Woods Camp. Students experience God through fantastic worship and teaching. They also deepen friendships and make significant memories. Students in Grades 6-8 attend the Bedlam Retreat in November. Students in Grades 9-12 attend the SnoCamp Retreat in February. Both retreats are organized by FEB Central. Information packages come out a month before the retreat. For general information, you can check out [febyouth.ca](http://febyouth.ca).

## **4:12 Summer Program:**

4:12 Team is a unique 5-week leadership program that focuses on equipping youth to serve, love and lead like Jesus. Participants will develop leadership skills and grow deeper in their faith. They will have opportunities to lead at Harbour's camps and serve the children and youth in their community. Information and applications for the 4:12 program will come out in April 2019.

## **Forms and Communication:**

Each year, we ask parents to fill out a *Parental Permission Form/Consent Waiver* for each of their students. This one form allows for students to participate in programming, retreats and other offsite activities for the entire youth season. Emails are sent weekly to keep parent's informed about upcoming events and topics. If you would like to be on this list, please email [chrissy@harbourfellowship.com](mailto:chrissy@harbourfellowship.com)

### **Tuesday Youth Night Schedule**

6:00-7:00- Hang out time/ Youth Band practice

7:00-7:30- Intro, announcements, group game

7:30-8:45- Sr Youth in small groups for lesson

7:30-7:45- Jr Youth large group message

7:45- 8:15- Jr Youth small group

8:15-8:45-Jr Youth Memory Verse/Game/Activity

8:45-9:00- Hangout/pick up time

### **Worship Night Schedule**

6:00-7:00- Hang out time/Youth Band practice

7:00-7:15- Intro, announcements

7:15-7:30- Big group game

7:30- 7:45- Worship

7:45-8:05- Message

8:00- 8:45- Sr Youth small groups

8:05-8:30- Jr Youth small groups

8:30- 8:45- Jr Youth game/activity

8:45-9:00- Hang out/pick up time