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MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

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LEADER EDITION

HI!

The middle school ministry team at Hope is excited to give you VITAL information for the promotion of rising 6th graders. We recognize this transition is BIG for students, parents and leaders.

To BEST help our families, we desire for YOU to be in the KNOW with information to help students and parents make this transition into Middle School Ministry. You have the opportunity to be the BEST influence for families. This document is meant to give you details and information.

We recognize the transition from 5th to 6th grade is very similar to riding a ROLLERCOASTER. It could look scary, the line is long, and has TOO many loops. As a leader, how you communicate your belief will help to ease tensions and fears for what lies ahead. **Will you help be an ENCOURAGER to students and parents?**

We have prepared information for parents as well, you can direct them to theparenthub.net

Turn this page over and get to know Middle School Ministry.

key dates:

Learn MSM & help students transition
Leader Webinar & Breakout (choose 1)

June 18 -7pm (via Zoom)

June 28 - 2pm (via Zoom)

July 11/12 - Promotion Weekend
Students will be 6th Graders

July 24 - Best of the Mess
Event for rising 6th graders,
parents & leaders.

our strategy

All students need a safe place to explore questions of faith; some students need to be challenged to deepen their trust in Jesus; still others may need opportunities to discover their spiritual gifts and lead in various ministries.

Everything we do is designed to meet students wherever they are on their journey and give them a clear next step to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and surround them with people that will encourage them to know they are created by a God who loves them and gives them a sense of belonging!

We designed two types of environments to reach students where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

REACH ENVIRONMENTS are designed to be filled with fun experiences that students can have fun and begin to realize they want to belong and that they do belong here. These events are also created to be easy invites for friends.

Tuesday Squad Nights (6:30 - 8pm) at each campus.
(Refer to the Squad Night page for more information.)

GROW ENVIRONMENTS are designed to encourage students to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and become disciples, followers of Jesus, and then they encourage others to become disciples of Jesus.

Weekend Small Groups during most service times.
(Refer to the Small Group page for more information.)

Our Tagline: *YOU BELONG HERE*

This tagline will be used in our physical environments and digitally to help everyone to focus on students here and those that are not here yet. We believe every middle school student matters and they have a place to **BELONG** at Hope Community Church.

2020 Road To Promotion Key Dates:

Leader Webinar & Breakout

Learn MSM & Help Students Transition - With the changes occurring over the past few months, we have designed a leader meeting to help ALL 5th grade volunteers understand MSM and walk away with practical steps on helping students and parents make the transition to MSM.

Current KidCity volunteers - you still have a level of influence upon Rising 6th grade students and parents. Will you help them make this transition? Join the webinar to know how YOU can help.

June 18 - Leader Webinar & Breakout
Thursday Evening option at 7pm on Zoom

June 28 - Leader Webinar & Breakout
Sunday afternoon option at 2pm on Zoom

July 11/12 - Promotion Weekend
Rising 6th Graders now in MSM

July 24 - MSM Best of the Mess
Rising 6th Graders, Parent, & leaders onboard into MSM, with MESS & memories.
**Registration required for this event*

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best of the mess

July 24

Best of the Mess is designed to be a shared memory with students, parents and leaders. **Due to COVID-19, we have worked to redesign this event to properly social distance and still make memories for students, parents & leaders.**

On Friday Night, we have designed a drive thru event with a few stations to bring smiles, laughter and fun moments for the family.

Here is what you can expect **Friday Night**...

- Memory moments with families
- Pickup a Best Of The Mess Box
- Stations that will bring smiles and laughter
- Cheering SQUADS, everyone loves to have their own cheering squad!

Parent Webinar - Every year we take time to help parents understand this transition, what their student is going through, and how MSM is here to help. We are scheduling a **Parent Webinar for Monday, August 10th** - we welcome small group leaders to join and learn alongside parents.

Parents can register for Best of the Mess at gethope.net/msm

Serving at BEST OF THE MESS

In our BEST efforts to help students make the transition into MSM, we invite you to consider volunteering at Best Of The Mess - July 24, a Friday Night drive thru at Raleigh Campus.

- If you are moving into MSM, this will be a GREAT opportunity to see and experience MSM with your students and their parents.
- If you are NOT moving into MSM, this will be a GREAT chance to CELEBRATE your time with your students and to offer a SUCCESSFUL handoff to MSM and their new leader.

Volunteer Registration link will available at resources.gethope.net/msm



interested in serving?

Serving Opportunities in MSM:

It takes many people working together to invest into the faith journey of students. We have opportunities for many skill sets in MSM. Leader, we need you to engage and here are some basic ways to serve:

Small Group Leaders

Invest, lead discussions around created curriculum and get to know your group of students

Squad Night Leaders

Hang out, interact and play games with students.

Welcome Team

Greet, help with check in and make parents & students feel comfortable coming in the msm environment

Team Yes

Fill in those important areas that allows the events to achieve excellence

Are you considering moving up from KidCity to MSM?

Start a conversation with your Campus MSM Pastor to start the ball rolling with serving, but they might reach out to you first.

NOTE: No Intersection in Middle School

Serving Opportunities for RISING 6th Graders*:

There are many opportunities for 6th grader students to use their desires, gifts, and talents to serve others.

KidCity, First Impressions, Special Needs Ministry, Local Hope Ministry, and MSM

FAQ's to help parents

Where does my student go during Weekend services?

At every campus, there is a designated space for Middle School Ministry. We encourage your to swing by any weekend to see the environment, ask questions, and meet the MSM pastor.

With NO intersection, what will my student do during that time?

Students entering into 6th grade will NOT have intersection, but they will have an incredible opportunity to serve. We see students every year start to use the gifts God has given them by serving in KidCity, First Impressions, Local Hope, Special Needs Ministry, and within MSM. Students take steps towards owning their faith when they are serving others. Visit www.gethope.net/serve to get started.

How do they Check in/ check out of MSM?

Rising 6th graders are gaining more responsibility and Check In/ Out is one of those areas. A parents is NOT required at check in/out in MSM. We guide parents to have a PLAN for their family, examples include: have your student wait in MSM until you come get them, plan a central location to meet, or encourage them head to their serving location.

What are Squad Nights & are they different from Weekends?

Squad Nights are MSM's approach to helping students REACH their friends. With the pressures of life, these are designed to be FUN for your student with a short devotion about a God that loves them and made them on purpose. Weekend Small Groups are designed to build community and GROW in their relationship with God.

What events are there for my MSM student to attend?

Each semester we have a few events to help students REACH their friends, CONNECT in community, and GROW in their faith. Upcoming events are located at www.gethope.net/msm

My child has special needs. What support is available so that they too can participate in MSM?

We have GREAT news for you! Our Special Needs Ministry team is here to encourage and support your family! We desire for your child to connect with others while growing in their relationship with Jesus.

Email us: specialneeds.staff@gethope.net

What will my student be learning in MSM Small Groups?

The MSM team works together to plan and package curriculum for your student. Flip over to the Small Group page, in this packet, to see the emphasis for this year. We are planning to give greater detail to our curriculum during our parent webinar after Best of the Mess.

We also publish a Parent Cue on theparenthub.net to help your family grow together.

Why should my student be part of Middle School Ministry?

Around 11-12 years of age, a student's brain is being RE-wired. In that process, they might challenge their beliefs from childhood, don't be surprised by their questions. At this age, they will solidify their beliefs about God as they own their faith. We offer a safe discussion environment with friends and leaders to help students GROW closer to Jesus for themselves.

What goals should a MSM student aim for in their relationship with Jesus?

Our desire is to help students take their NEXT step on their faith journey. This could include accepting Jesus, baptism, serving and taking steps towards living out their faith through prayer, bible reading, and personal worship. We encourage small group leaders to encourage students to identify their next step and stand beside them when they take it. Our desire is for parents and leaders to have a great relationship together to walk alongside your student well.

How do I know what is going on in MSM? Where do I get the information?

We have a few places for parents to KNOW what is going on.

- www.gethope.net/msm - info & registrations
- theparenthub.net - parent cue & articles
- facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups - develop community with other MS parents
- instagram.com/hope.msm - social media

family connections

More than a website gethope.net/msm

A **Family Equipping Model** partners with parents and key influencers to reach and equip the next generation to know and love Jesus and live life to the full.



theparenthub.net
articles and parent cue for what we're learning



[facebook LIVE](https://www.facebook.com/PARENTHUBLIVE)
Family Ministry at Hope equips parents with a Facebook Live Video. The video is published on ALL Family Ministry Facebook pages and archived on theparenthub.net

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Want a monthly newsletter focusing on upcoming events, what your students are learning, conversation starters and links to great resources?

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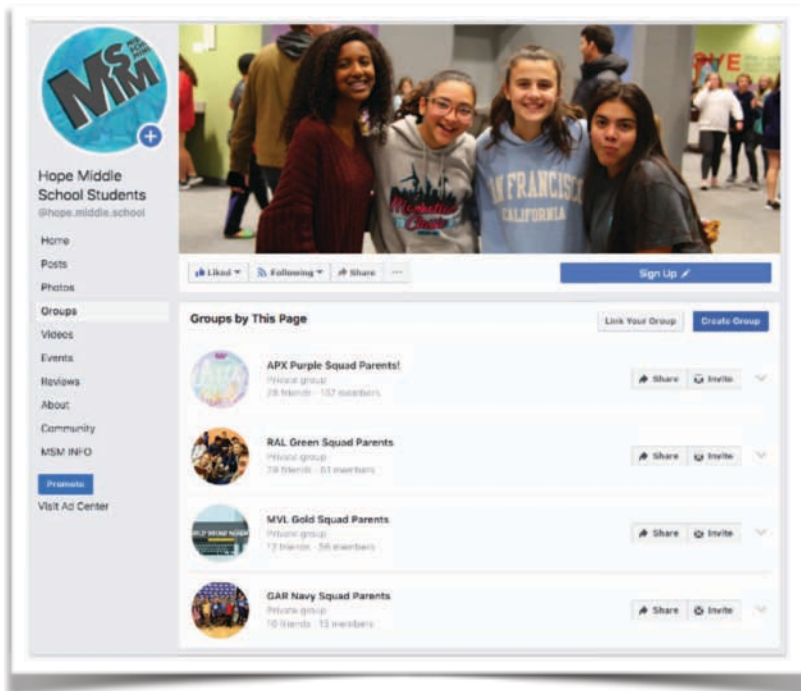
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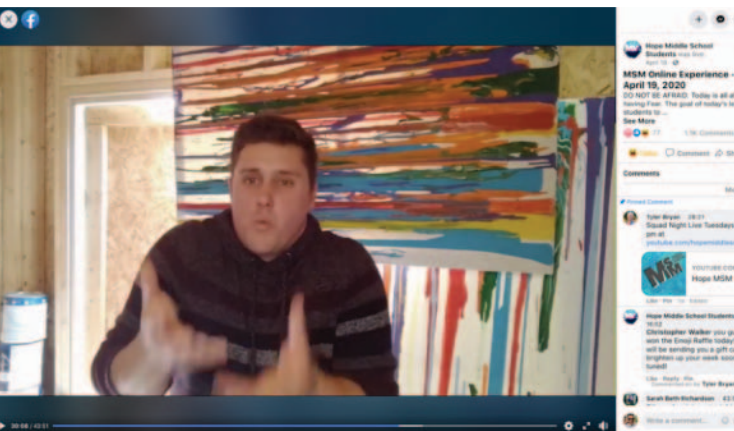


[facebook GROUPS](https://www.facebook.com/MSM)
LIKE the MSM Facebook Page & JOIN the group for your campus. Encourage parents to do the same.
[facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups](https://www.facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups)

Weekend

online experience

10:30am on Facebook



Due to COVID-19:
 We are NOT able to meet in person. We are monitoring and creating plans for ReOpening with proper safety guidelines. We will communicate effectively all of the plans to appropriately open as that gets defined.



While we wait to open - we have been operating a weekly MSM Online Experience.

Join us online - Grab a Bible, watch the video together, play our online game and watch live with us Sunday at 10:30am on our MSM Facebook Page.

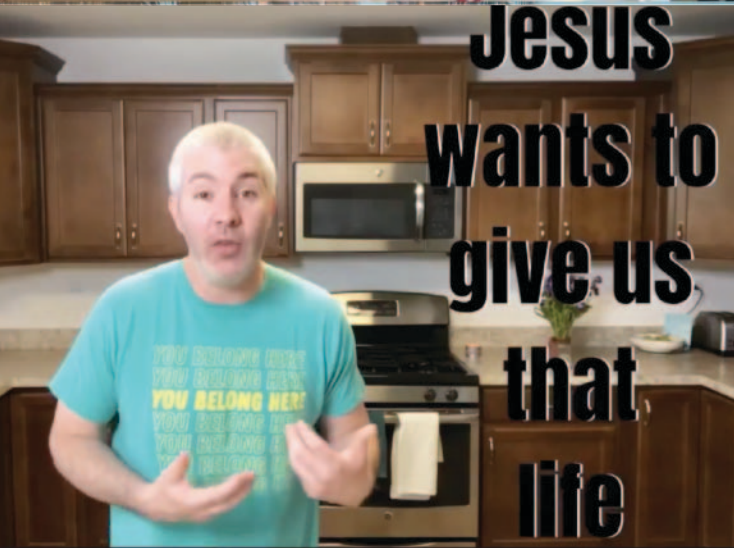
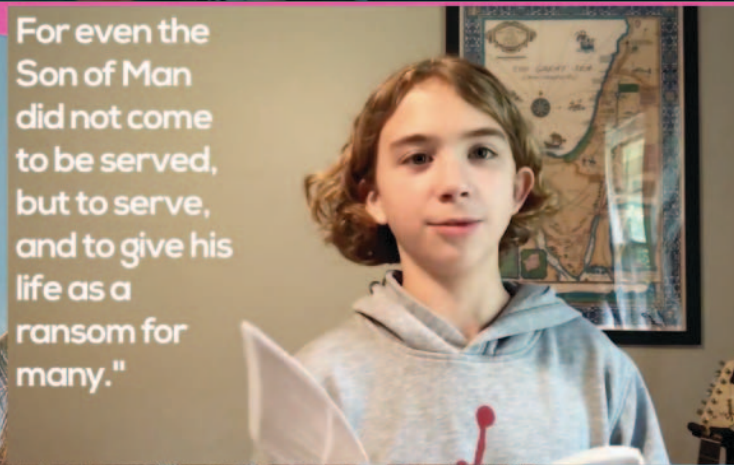
Facebook/hope.middle.school

Students: Be Encouraging, Be Consistent, Be Real, & Be Helpful to make the most out of our online experience.

Parents: Assist your student in getting logged into facebook using your account. We recognize they are not old enough to have their own account just yet - we hope you will sit with them to experience church together.

Leaders: Help students to GROW closer to Jesus. Show up on time, participate in the chat, and be ready to engage & encourage students.

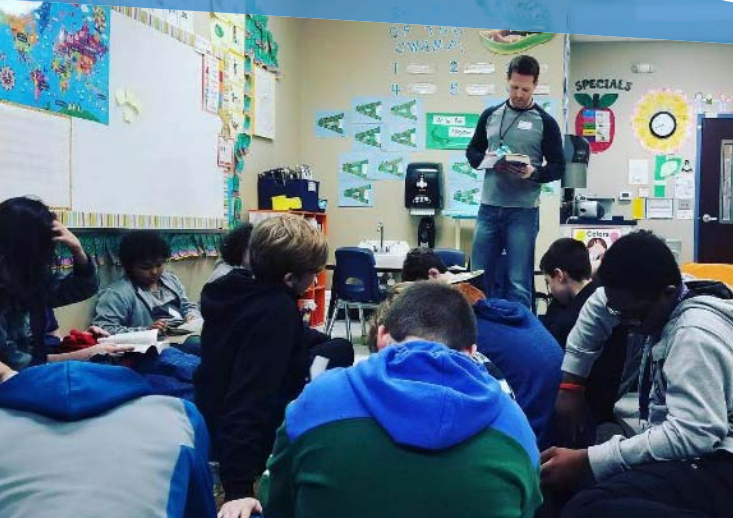
We plan to continue an online experience when things first return. We recognize families might not be ready to return right away. We will adjust our online experience accordingly as more details are developed.



parent discussion:
 Every Online Experience, we post a Parent Discussion that highlights main points and some questions to open conversations as a family.
theparenthub.net
 navigate & click: This Weekend Content

Weekend

small groups



Small Groups are designed for students to **GROW** in their relationship with Jesus Christ and develop community with other students and their leader.

Jesus calls us to go into the world and make disciples, baptize, and teach others. Every weekend we are discussing questions to develop a personal faith.

Students: Be Encouraging, Be Consistent, Be Real, & Be Helpful to make the most out of small groups.

Parents: Consistency for your student will be **KEY** during middle school. Pick a campus & service hour to help your student have a relationship with their small group leader and friends.

Leaders: Help students to **GROW** closer to Jesus. Show up on time, prepared, and ready to engage & encourage students.

2020 Fall Teaching Overview:

Christian Basics

You Belong Here (*MSM Culture*)

Identity

Ultimate Authority

Wise Choices

Doubts & Questions

2021 Spring Teaching Overview:

Healthy Relationships

Moral Boundaries

Spiritual Disciplines

Book of the Bible

Jesus

Due to COVID-19: We are continually monitoring programs we can safely offer. We are actively working on plans to ReOpen safely. We will make it very clear to all leaders.

parent cue:

Every Series we post a Parent Cue that highlights teaching topics and some questions to open conversations as a family.

[theparenthub.net](https://www.theparenthub.net)

navigate: Students → What We're Learning

SQUAD NIGHTS

Tuesday Nights
6:30-8pm



Squad Nights are designed to be an EASY place to show up & BELONG.

Jesus calls us to go into the world and make disciples, that happens when we REACH our community.

Reach environments are designed to be FUN experiences for students to know they BELONG and are loved by God.

Students: Show up, Invite & Bring their friends.

Parents: Transportation, Encourage attendance & Volunteer (weekly/ biweekly)

Stay Connected: @hope.msm
gethope.net/msm



Due to COVID-19: We are continually monitoring programs we can safely offer. These Dates & Locations are Tentative. Ask Campus MSM Pastor for updates.

Dates are set. Locations might change.

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Squad Dates	Purple Squad	Gold Squad	Green Squad	Navy Squad
Sept 8 - All In Squad Night	Apex Campus	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex
Sept 15	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Sept 22	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Sept 29	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 6	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 13	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 20	Womble Park	MVL Campus	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 27	Womble Park	MVL Campus	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Nov 3	Womble Park	MVL Campus	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Nov 6-7 Invasion	MSM At Adventure Landing \$	MSM At Adventure Landing \$	MSM At Adventure Landing \$	MSM At Adventure Landing \$
Nov 10	Apex Campus	MVL Campus	Ral Campus	*Hoping to be in Garner
Nov 17 - All IN Squad Night	Apex Campus	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex

** **Weather Backup** is onsite at the Campus. **Severe weather**, we follow the lead of Wake County Public Schools for safety.

MS events

2020/ 2021 Year Snapshot

Calendars sometimes change, use this as a guide for planning.
Our website will always have the up to date information at www.gethope.net/msm

With the status of COVID-19, this calendar is tentative and might need tweaked. We are actively pursuing safety for all events and programs, as we continue to develop the details, we might need to make some changes.

Middle School Ministry has a wide range of events, all with a specific purpose. We structure our events to have intentionality in these areas:

REACH

Reach experiences are designed to be fun for students to know they belong and are loved by God.

CONNECT

Connect experiences are designed for every student to be KNOWN by a leader and to build relationships with other middle school students.

GROW

Grow experiences are designed to encourage students to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and become disciples who makes disciples.

SERVE

Serve experiences are designed to give students an opportunity to serve alongside their parent to develop compassion and actively be the hands and feet of Jesus.

***We are building opportunities for MS Families to serve alongside each other in 2020/2021. More information to come.*

Dates	Event Name & Quick Info
July 11/12	Promotion Weekend
July 24	Best of the Mess (CONNECT) Rising 6th students & parents <i>*Registration required</i>
Sept 8 <i>Tentative</i>	All In Squad Night (REACH) at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
Sept 15 <i>Tentative</i>	Squad Night at Campus (REACH/CONNECT) Every Tuesday weekly 6:30-8pm
Sept 19	Parent & Small Group Leader Breakfast (CONNECT)
Nov 6-7	Invasion at Adventure Landing (REACH) <i>*All Nighter & registration required</i>
Nov 10	Last Squad Night at Campus for Fall 2020 (REACH/CONNECT) Tuesday 6:30-8pm
Nov 17	All In Squad Night (REACH) at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
Jan 19, 2021	All In Squad Night (REACH) at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
Jan 26	Squad Night at Campus (REACH/CONNECT) Every Tuesday weekly 6:30-8pm
Feb 19-20	MSM Girls Night (GROW)
Feb 26	MSM Guys Night (GROW) <i>*Possible New event 2021</i>
Mar 19-21	Double Dog Dare-a-thon (REACH)
Apr 27	Last Squad Night at Campus for Spring 2021 (REACH/CONNECT) Tuesday 6:30-8pm
May 4	All In Squad Night (REACH) at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
May 11	HSM Game Night (Rising 9th Graders) Transition event for Rising 9th students, parents & leaders

leader connections

Communication methods for MSM Leaders.



leader email

Every week, you will receive an email to stay up to date with information and details.



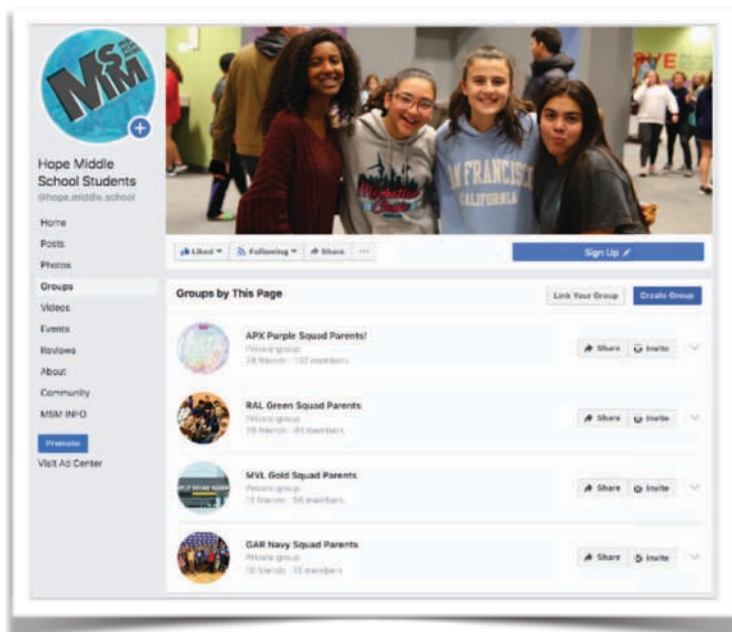
group me

Text group through the application Group Me, which is meant for quick communication, such as WINS, info tweaks, and develop community with other leaders.



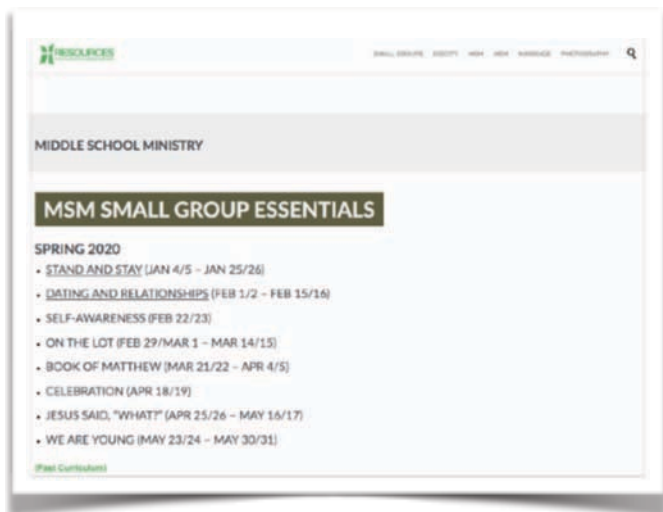
instagram

Follow @hope.msm & your squad instagram account which designated by campus squad color.
@purple.msm @green.msm @gold.msm @navy.msm



facebook GROUPS

LIKE the MSM Facebook Page & JOIN the group for your campus. Encourage parents to do the same.
[facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups](https://www.facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups)



resources website

find all leader resources at resources.gethope.net/msm
Small Group Curriculum, links for events, and helpful documents.