



JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear RSM Parents...

Welcome to Summer! We as a staff team can hardly believe how fast this ministry season flew by. Although we are very excited for what God has in store for us next year, we want to take a moment and reflect on some of the many "wins" we experienced in 2017-18:

- Students envisioned and led an Operation Christmas Child packing party event where students filled 400 shoe boxes in one night and had an opportunity to share/hear the gospel.
- RSM staff and leaders conceived and executed a high school student retreat (*Propel*) where students were equipped to discover and define their current season as a Christ follower.
- We experienced incredible student and leader participation in retreats to Passion Conference 2018, and Winter Meltdown at RVR where several students made first-time commitments to Jesus and chose to follow Him. We are looking forward to an upcoming Urban Missions trip to Washington DC (*Lead The Cause*) where students are being equipped to share their testimony and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Students are leading the RSM Worship, Programming, and Front-line Teams.
- We just celebrated, blessed, and prayed for 20 graduating high school

seniors at a special RSM ceremony last month.

As we prepare for the fall, we will be “downshifting” a bit through the summer months to “recalibrate” the RSM ministry. While we will be hosting a couple of events through the summer, the majority of our energy will be spent planning new approaches in discipling the youth of this generation for Jesus Christ. One dimension of our planning efforts will be in fostering greater autonomy between high school and middle school students. We will do this by hosting two separate programs on Sunday evening for middle school (5-6:30pm) and high school (7:15-9pm). In doing this we will be able to create a ministry approach that reaches students in a way that is more relevant to their age stage. These changes will take place in the fall; however, through the summer months we will keep you informed of ministry opportunities, schedule, and approach as those details become more and more solidified. You can get a sneak-peek at our Fall 2018-19 [middle school](#) and [high school](#) calendars on our website.

With that being said, we would like to announce an exciting role change for Juliana Plugues. Juliana has been on staff in RSM for the past two years as the *Student Ministries Associate of Programming*, and during that time she has been extremely diligent in empowering lay leaders to serve in student ministries while creating strong systems to keep us successful. This year we have sensed God calling Juliana into new territories with greater influence. Therefore, beginning July 1st, Juliana will be transitioning into an *Associate Director* role in Student Ministries with a focus on Middle School Ministry. We know that Juliana will be a huge asset in this new role and she will continue to be a force to be reckoned with as she continues to trust the Lord in this new calling.

As you can see, there is much going on in RSM and we couldn't be more excited about what's next! Stay Tuned!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to partner with you in the discipleship of your child.

In Him,

Luke Casagrande and the RSM Team



2018 RSM Senior Send-Off Celebration



Events and Opportunities...

June 2nd - Mandatory "Lead The Cause" Team Meeting (Registered 8th-12th Grade Students and Leaders)

11am-12noon in the Mini-Auditorium

If you are registered and/or planning to register for LTC, we will meet together as a team to continue to prepare for this mission trip. Do not miss this meeting!! Our other meeting dates are July 8th and July 15th.

June 3rd - Last RSM

This will be our last meeting before summer break. Students will enjoy fellowship, fun, and games as we celebrate all that God has done this season!

July 15th - RSM Pool Party

Save the date! RSM will be hosting a pool party from 1pm-3pm on July 15th. More event details and invite to come.

August 12th - "My Story" Outreach Event (HS)

High school students mark your calendar for the second RSM "My Story" event. More details to come.

Serving and Job Opportunities...

July & August - Children's Ministry Summer Aide (Student Opportunity)

The Children's Ministry is looking for students in 8th-12th grade who love kids and are interested in serving during the summer months so that regular volunteers can enjoy some time off! This serving opportunity will be full of fun, games and showing the children in the classroom what it's like to have a relationship with our Lord! They are looking for students to serve during the months of July and August during all services. If your student is interested, please sign them up below! If your student is in need of volunteer hours, they can receive 1.5 hours for every Saturday or Sunday that they serve!

Questions? Contact Johannah Williams at jwilliams@gfc.org

[Children's Ministry Summer Aide](#)



Student Ministries Serving Opportunities

Parents, we believe that your unique story, gifts, and abilities are purposed to make an impact for Christ. In fact, our prayer is that you are inspired to imagine how God can use you right here, right now. Even if you are unsure as to where you might "fit" in youth ministry, we would love to hear from you and help you find your place. If you are feeling called to love and lead middle or high school students, please consider serving in Student Ministries!

Questions? Contact Christine Seese at cseese@gfc.org

[Learn More About Serving in RSM](#)

Student Ministries Programming Associate (Part-Time Employment Opportunity)

RSM is looking to hire a part-time Programming Associate to join our dynamic staff team. This role will support the middle school and high school ministries primarily through planning, coordination, and making moments significant at our weekly Large Group experience. If you are a passionate and motivated person who loves coordinating teams, being creative, solving problems, and lives to inspire others, then you may be the right fit for this role!

Please send resumes and inquiries to Christine Seese at cseese@gfc.org

[Student Ministries Programming Associate Job Description](#)

RSM Calendar Updates...

Please keep an eye out for newsletter and email updates regarding Summer 2018 RSM activities. Our Fall 2018-19 RSM [middle](#) and [high school](#) calendars are now available for you to check-out on the middle school and high school pages of our website!

