



Dear Parents,

Let me be the first to say welcome, or welcome back, to high school ministry at Salem Alliance Church! A little introduction to myself- I was born and raised here in Salem, Oregon, graduated from Reach Training Institute, have been pastoring high school students at Salem Alliance for more than 10 years, and I love what I do.

For those of you new to this phase of parenting, let me give you a brief glimpse into what you can expect from your student this next year: CHANGE. Your student will change their schools, their classes, their teachers, their likes and dislikes, and believe it or not many of them will even change their friends. Your student will begin to experience new freedoms and experiences unveiled in high school that are typically not available in middle school. Your student will likely begin to create their own solutions to their problems instead of seeking out your advice. And in many cases, they will consult their friends instead of consulting you.

I know it's a lot... but here in Student Ministry at Salem Alliance Church we truly believe **we are better together**, and my leader team and I are here for you. You don't have to go through this journey of parenting alone. In fact, I believe that this voyage of raising teenagers to know and love Jesus works best when we are partnered up together. So please don't ever be afraid to reach out for help - my leader team and I are here for you and your student!

Our goal in High School Ministry is to help your student take the next steps in their faith journey. That is why we will challenge them to read their Bible, serve others, invite their friends, participate in their Huddle, join us for retreats and missions opportunities, and on and on and on. There is always more to learn and experience in a relationship with Jesus and everything we do is intentional in helping your student take *their* next step, no matter how big or small.

It is going to be a great journey and I look forward to connecting with you and your student!

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