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A New Edition...Sort Of

I remember back when I just started junior high, one of my most worn out cassette tapes was a new, self titled, up and coming group called *New Edition*. The boys in this R&B quintet brought a new fresh sound that appealed to teenagers. From this group came such solo artists as Bobby Brown and Johnny Gill as well as other successful singers and record artists.



New Edition would have been considered progenitors of the boy band movement of the 1980s and 1990s and led the way for groups like New Kids on the Block, Boyz II Men, Backstreet Boys and 'N

Sync, and yet they still embraced their roots. They even released an album at the height of their popularity, covering many 1950s popular doo-wop groups a few years later. I can still hear my dad asking me one day as I rode in the car listening to and singing along with the group's version of "Earth Angel" on my Walkman, "How in the world do you know that song?"

I find it interesting how something old can influence and generate something new. Just last week

my girls were watching Nickelodeon and I noticed a new singing group on the TV called Fresh Beat Band and I thought, other than the lack of big hair on the girl members, the look and sound of this

group is very 1980s. Even down to the purple tights worn under a pink skirt by one member and the matching silver jackets worn by the group. I guess the experts are right, time repeats it self and it all comes back around.

I know that a newsletter to parents of PSUth students is not a new concept. It follows in the tradition of other great newsletter writers and youth pastors. And it probably won't always look like this in the future. But regardless, the *PSUth Communicator* is designed especially to keep parents in the loop of what is happening with the students of the group. Now if I could just get the songs "Cool it Now" and "Mr. Telephone Man" to stop replaying over and over again in my stupid head...sigh.

As always, if I can be of any help to you or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

In His Grip,

Pastor Dan

Special points of interest:

- Winter Slam Details
- Spaghetti Dinner Information
- Risky business: Teens driving with other teens

Spaghetti Dinner is Just Around the Corner

It is time once again for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser. This year's dinner will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, from 4pm to 7 pm. This is a great way for our students to raise money for them to pay for future events and trips that PSUth engages in. 100% of all money collected from individual ticket sales goes into the student's account.

Speaking of tickets, the cost is \$6.00 for adult, \$3.00 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and



under are free.

As in the past we will be looking for some help from parents. There will be a short parent meeting following the 11:00 service on February 12th to discuss the logistics of the dinner. A signup sheet will be available to let us know where you can help out.

So encourage your students to sell tickets and to help out. They are the ones who benefit from this.

Risky business: Teens driving with other teens

As a promise to parents to keep them aware of real issues in the world, I came across this article by Joel Provano from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. In light of some of the recent laws taking effect in Pennsylvania, I thought this would be worth sharing.

Risky business: Teens driving with other teens

Teenagers engage in a variety of risky behaviors while driving: chatting on their cellphones, texting and speeding, among them. But two new studies add to the evidence that one of the riskiest practices is just having another teen in the car.

The studies, conducted by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm Insurance, not only showed that having another teen in

the car is dangerous, they identified why.

The first study found that teens who drive with multiple passengers in the car share certain characteristics: They consider themselves thrill-seekers, felt that their parents did not set strict rules or monitor their whereabouts and were not very aware of the risks associated with driving.

"The good news is that that these teens make up the minority," said Jessica Mirman, a behavioral researcher and one of the study's authors. "Teens in this study generally reported strong perceptions of

the risks of driving, low frequencies of driving with multiple passengers and strong beliefs that their parents

monitored their behavior and set rules."

The second study interviewed teens who had been involved in serious crashes to determine what their behavior was just before the wreck.

More teenagers -- both male and female -- said they had been distracted or engaged in risky behavior just prior to the crash when there were teen passengers in the car.

"Both male and female teen drivers with peer passengers were more likely to be distracted just before a crash as compared to teens who crashed while driving alone," said Allison Curry, director of epidemiology at the Center for Injury Research and Prevention. "Among the teens who said they were

"71 percent of males and 47 percent of females said they were distracted directly by the actions of their passengers."

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What's Up for February

Sunday School

Feb 5th - 9:45 to 10:45 am

Feb 12th - 9:45 to 10:45 am

Feb 19th - 9:45 to 10:45 am

Feb 26th - 9:45 to 10:45 am

Power House

Feb 1st - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Feb 8th - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Feb 15th - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Feb 22nd - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Feb 29th - 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Parent meeting

Sunday

February 12th

12:15 pm

In the chapel

February 3—5

Big MAC Winter Slam 2012

For those students who are attending Winter Slam, we want to be sure parents are aware what is and is not to be brought on the trip.

pick up and drop off . . .

We will meet at the Youth House to leave on Friday, Feb. 3rd at 5:15 pm.

We will return by 3 pm on Sunday, Feb. 5th.

We will stop for lunch on the way home on Sunday afternoon, so be sure to save some money for that.

Need to contact us at Winter Slam?

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stuff to bring . . .

- 3 changes of clothing; bathroom stuff, a towel; slope clothing;
- \$25 for travel meals and/or slope food.

stuff to leave . . .

- Anything ILLEGAL, tobacco; drugs; alcohol; weapons; fireworks; whining, etc.
- anything you wouldn't want to lose or have stolen, etc.
- Prank stuff—shaving cream; water guns/balloons, etc.

The Rules Regarding Electronics

Cell phones, ipods, laptops, and other personal electronic devices are not permitted to be used by students while at the campground. We realize that the drive there takes 2.5 hrs. So students are allowed to bring them on the trip while in the van, but will need to voluntarily surrender the items to one of our sponsors when we arrive. If they refuse, parents will be called to come pick their child up Friday night at the campground.

Middle School SPAM* Night



Friday, Feb. 17th

6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Youth House

6th, 7th, & 8th

Graders

* Soda Pizza And a Movie

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Feb 14th - Joseph Hawkins

Feb 14th - David Bolich

Feb 19th - Alexa DeFrancesco

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distracted by something inside the vehicle before they crashed, 71 percent of males and 47 percent of females said they were distracted directly by the actions of their passengers."

The study also uncovered a drastic difference in the behavior of male and female teen drivers: Males

with passengers in the car were six times more likely to perform an illegal maneuver and more than twice as likely to drive aggressively compared to when they were driving alone. Female drivers rarely drove aggressively before a crash, whether they had passengers in the car or not.

The study's authors said it is incumbent on parents to promote safe

behavior by young drivers.

"It's critical that parents stay involved in their teens' driving beyond the learner permit phase," said Chris Mullen, research director at State Farm. "This includes continuing to monitor their driving activities and to review ways teens can be safe drivers and passengers."



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