

St. Thomas More Junior High Youth Group

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<http://www.stmparish.net/ym>

Dear Students and Parents of Our Guest Schools,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the first few weeks of school! With the beginning of another school year comes another year of Junior High Youth Group Dances at St. Thomas More. As a student at one of our Guest Schools you are welcome to attend these monthly dances. **Please note that no additional guests are permitted.** In order to attend your name must appear on the class list supplied from your school's office. In addition, you must have a valid Dance I.D. card (issued from St. Thomas More) and \$5 to attend.

Returning 8th Graders:

1. If your dance ID was collected at the last dance (June) it will be available at the door of the dance.
2. Bring \$5 to the dance for admission.
3. If you have your dance ID please bring it with you for admission.
4. If you lost your ID please bring a small photo and \$2 for a replacement.

7th grade & new students to the school:

1. Fill out a **Guest School Dance Card Application**. Your school should hand these out with this letter.
2. Bring the form (with the wallet sized picture taped to the form) to your first dance + \$5 admission fee
3. Your ID will be made and available at the door of the next dance.

A list of dance dates is available at the bottom of this letter. Please note there is no dance in March and April due to Lent.

Included with this letter are the **Dance Rules**. By entering the dances, you are agreeing to follow them. **Please pay particular attention to the DRESS CODE. This code will be enforced upon entering the dance. Failure to do so could result in losing your privilege to attend dances.**

Our dances begin at 7:30pm and end at 10pm. Please have your ride in the parking lot by 9:55pm to ensure a speed pick-up. Students are not permitted to leave the dance early unless a parent/guardian comes to the door.

Supervision at our dances is provided by a team of parish staff, parent chaperones and officers from the Brooklyn Police Department. Please be assured that the students' safety is our highest priority and that our Dance Rules are meant to ensure a safe environment.

If you have any questions regarding the Junior High Dances, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience (216) 749-0414 or via email at youthministry@stmparish.net. We hope to see you at our first dance on September 11th!

God bless,

Jeff Stutzman, Youth Minister
St. Thomas More Parish

Dance Dates 2016-2017

Sept 9, 2016
Oct 14, 2016
Nov 11, 2016
Dec 9, 2016
Jan 13, 2017
Feb 10, 2017
No Dance March & April
May 12, 2017
June 2, 2017

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Dance Rules

Students must be in 7th or 8th grade and be a parishioner of St. Thomas More Parish. In addition, students enrolled at St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School, St. Leo the Great Elementary School, or Mary Queen of Peace Elementary School are permitted to attend the dances. All students' names must appear on the current class list.

The following items are not permitted: tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, aerosol sprays or weapons of any kind (Items may be confiscated and may not be returned). **Cell phones are not permitted to be used in the dance, however may be kept in a purse or pocket as long as they are not being used and in sight.** Students needing to make an emergency call should consult a chaperone.

No fighting or profanity.

The use of basketballs, footballs or any sports equipment is not permitted during the dance (this includes hanging on basketball rims or nets).

Jackets, purses, hats/visors and bags are not permitted to be worn at the dance and must be checked in the coat room. Items that are deemed inappropriate or dangerous will also need to be checked. St. Thomas More Church/Youth Group is not responsible for items that are lost or stolen.

No inappropriate displays of affection, this includes inappropriate forms of dancing.

Proper attire required. **No pocket chains, no low-cut tops, no crop tops, no midriffs, straps of tops must be 1" thick, no bare shoulders, pants must be pulled to waist. Shorts and skirts must be of an appropriate length. The Youth Minister determines appropriateness of clothing and his decisions are final.** Anyone wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to call home for different clothes or will be given a t-shirt to wear to be returned by the end of the dance.

The dance begins at 7:30pm and ends at 10pm. Students are not permitted to leave early, unless picked-up by a parent. Parents should be in the parking lot by 9:55pm to ensure a speedy pick-up.

Dance admission is \$5 (includes a free soft drink). No admission without JHYG Dance ID card. Signed Dance Card Application required before Dance ID will be issued. Lost cards can be replaced for \$2.00.

Breaking of any of these rules may result in expulsion from the dance, suspension from future dances or other legal actions. All decisions regarding discipline by Youth Minister are final.

St. Thomas More Junior High Youth Group and its staff and the Diocese of Cleveland and its Bishop assume no responsibility for the actions of any individual at this event and will not be held responsible for injury or loss of life as a result of participation in this event. Students will be held responsible for their own actions and reactions and may be subject to discipline from Youth Minister and/or the Brooklyn Police Department.

St. Thomas More Junior High Youth Group reserves the right to amend the rules based on need with permission from the Youth Minister.

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