



Dear Parents,

SuperStart! is just around the corner and we wanted to make sure you were as informed as possible before signing up your child to join us on this amazing weekend event specifically designed for preteen students (grades 4-6).

In case you've never heard of SuperStart! before, here is a quick overview: It's a weekend event produced by Christ In Youth, an organization that has been putting together age-intentional events all over the world for almost 50 years (you can check out their website at www.ciy.com/superstart). It takes place in a large auditorium, where your child will worship alongside hundreds of other students their age. It's literally an experience they'll get nowhere else. It's also one of the safest and most well-organized events for students in the country!

This year's SuperStart tour is about finding hope in God's promises. Have you ever played a card game or board game and things just looked bleak? Sometimes when we get to the end of a game it seems impossible to win, but then we draw the "wild" card and suddenly it doesn't matter what happens next. You know because of that "wild" card you can get through anything the game may throw at you. It completely changes the way you play. It gives you hope that you can win. It's a Game Changer.

A lot of preteens today are starting to feel like the odds are stacked against them. What do they do when they're not sure how to get through what life throws at them? At SuperStart! preteens will learn that when they trust God and hold tightly to his promises, they'll discover the hope that can carry them through any circumstance and into the abundant life of a kingdom worker. Knowing that changes everything. It's a Game Changer.

SuperStart! offers small group times in which your child can connect with their adult leaders and other students. This is one of the most important things we can do as a youth ministry. Next to your influence as a parent, building those bonds between our leaders and their peers is the number one thing that will help your child grow in their relationship with Christ.

That's why 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship students are invited to experience SuperStart! March 20-21, 2020 for \$85 per participant. (Cost covers registration, meals, Plug n'Play, and a t-shirt.) Students will meet at Gary on March 20 at 5:30 p.m. and go to Community Church in Naperville for Day 1 of SuperStart! After the Friday night session, students will head to Wheatland Salem UMC in Naperville for a group lock-in!

On March 21, participants will return to the SuperStart! site for a day of continued game changing fun. During our Plug n' Play time, we will enjoy lunch and arcade games at Round 1 in Fox Valley, then return to Community Church for the "Game Changer" closing session. Everyone will return to Gary at 3:30 p.m. for parent pick-up.

To register, simply visit garychurch.org, complete a Gary Youth permission slip (if you have not done so already), CIY Medical and Liability Release Form, and submit your \$85 payment.

We're excited for SuperStart! and the amazing experiences we'll have over the weekend. If you have any questions that can't be answered by visiting www.ciy.com/superstart, contact the 4th & 5th Grade Leadership Team through the Church Office, office@garychurch.org.

Sincerely,

Your 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Leadership Team

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