



chca middle school ADVISORIES

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That's our mantra at CHCA Middle School ... and in pursuit of this goal, every student here meets daily with an "advisory", a small group of students with a faculty advisor. Throughout the year, each advisor seeks to connect these students through service, spiritual growth, social connection, organizational activities, and fun projects. It's a really unique program ... and we're really excited to see how it continues to impact the growth of our kiddos this year!

The advisory program has a "bottom-up" structure, designed and implemented by the advisors themselves. As a result, each advisor has a lot of flexibility in how advisory time is used ... some choose to let the students plan and direct much of their time, while others find that planning the detailed structure themselves is more effective. Either way, most advisors have found that having a regular routine makes it easier and more enjoyable for everyone. Here's an example of how an advisory might set their schedule and a current list of advisory times for this year:

Example Advisory Schedule

Mondays: Share day/Show & Tell
Tuesdays: Weekly service project
Wednesdays: Locker cleanout/Student Lounge
Thursdays: Bible study based on chapel
Fridays: Fun competition/tournament

2009-10 Advisory Times

Bell 3 – Six advisories (5th/7th)
Bell 8 – Four advisories (7th/8th)
Bell 13 – Ten advisories (7th/8th)
Bell 17 – Seven advisories (6th)
Bell 18 – Four advisories (7th/8th)
Bell 20 – Three advisories (5th)

To help, we've also put together a website full of ideas for advisory time: <http://chca.blogspot.com>. This is a dynamic, growing resource ... so if you try an activity that works well with your advisory, please take a few moments to submit it to this website so other advisors can try it with their kiddos.

We'll also be emailing a weekly ten minute Bible study to each advisor on the day of chapel this year to reinforce the spiritual message with a group activity or discussion. And occasionally, we'll ask advisories to use some of their time to do an activity related to our yearly theme (like an Olympic event, etc.). Finally, we're creating a unique and fun space for advisories to use ... the Student Lounge (room 221).

Thanks, in advance, for your continued support for our students and for your dedication to their growth and connection through advisory. If you have any questions or comments about the advisory program, please don't hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, let's make it a great year!

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