

Hello Students and Parents!

This is Pastor Weaz. As you may know, we are transitioning to meeting online with students. We are going to do this in various ways but the biggest is Zoom meetings. So, I want to give you a brief introduction into setting up your student to connect with us in the coming weeks.

- 1) **ZOOM Gathering:** Our weekly Youth Group meeting will take place on Zoom. We will continue to meet each Wednesday starting at 6 pm until 7pm through May 20<sup>th</sup>. In order to receive the invite, please email me at [MHammond@BlackhawkMinistries.org](mailto:MHammond@BlackhawkMinistries.org) or opt in for our weekly text updates by texting Blackhawk to 40650 and we will text the invitation. We will also share the invitation link via Instagram at “pastorweaz” and on our Blackhawk Facebook Page. Once you receive the link you can also copy and paste and share with other students or parents of students.
- 2) **ZOOM Connection Meetings:** This is where our Youth Coaches and I will meet throughout the week with various small groups. As the host, we will have full access to mute students’ video or audio as well as allow students to join the group. The group will end when the host exits the meeting. It is a safe way for each group to meet and allows us to continue to build community, albeit in a different but effective way.

**To Join on *Phone*:**

- Follow the link sent to that says, “Join Meeting.”
- The link will prompt you to download Zoom. *You do not need an account to join.* There will be a prompt to put your name in once the meeting starts.
- Once downloaded, click the link sent out to you via mass text, email or that we post over Facebook or Instagram. Click the “Join Meeting” button and you are in.

**To Join on *Computer*:**

- Follow the link sent out to you that says, “Join Meeting.”
- A tab will open up and a download will start for the Zoom program.
- Once downloaded, a screen will pop up asking you to allow video & audio. Click “allow.”
- This will lead you to the meeting and you should enter at that time.

**Note:**

- All Zoom downloads are free, and you do not need to make an account if you do not want to. **All you need is the link to enter the meeting.**
- Please make sure that you are able to use the audio on your device.
- You may need to manually give the app permission in your phone settings.

Thanks for your patience and for encouraging your student to join us in this way. We love parents being involved and serving in our Student Ministry; however, we ask that these gatherings remain a place only for students in order for them to connect uniquely. For more info and parent resources to do with your student, find our Student Ministry page at <https://blackhawkministries.org/blackhawkstudents>

Blessings,

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