

Welcome to **E.D.G.E** formerly known as “*High School Joint Youth Group*.”

**E.D.G.E** stands for “**Every Day God Encounters**” and with that acronym ever before us, our high schoolers strive to find new ways to practice and feel the presence of God in our personal lives, serve the community as God’s hands and feet, and learn how to be receptive to God’s nudges throughout our days that point us in the direction of God’s unique purpose for each youth. Additionally, we believe that seeking God first in all things gives us an “edge” in the world that helps us to truly thrive from the inside out; that this active relationship with God will allow us to step into our full potential. We believe leaning into these “**Every Day God Encounters**” will serve to distinguish youth as servant leaders within the community, demonstrating a new way to live in and impact the world around you.

**This year we are bringing back our popular Washington DC Mission Opportunity\*** and below, we have outlined the necessary requirements to be accepted as a candidate for participation. These events serve not only as our efforts to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, being his hands and feet in the world, but also to grow as a team; to work together through fellowship, prayer, peer support and mission. We anticipate a productive, meaningful year with a hearty candidate pool for our February Washington DC Mission Trip.

Here are dates **EDGE** will be meeting and the events that coordinate with our works of God.

All events noted are opportunities we will do as a group. You may recognize a few from previous years! Join us this program year for a fun faithful walk with God and each other.

***Attached you will find the links for the Adventure Park Outing.***

### **October**

**2 EDGE** Welcome Back Luncheon (yearly overview)  
**5 EDGE** School break trip to the Adventure Park at the Discovery Museum  
**22** Rise Against Hunger **EDGE** group

### **November**

**1** Rake N Roll **EDGE** Group  
**13** DC information Meeting

### **December**

**4** HS **EDGE** Christmas Party (DC Applications Due)  
**6** **EDGE** Caroling Wilton Commons

### **January**

**22** **EDGE** HS Study Break  
**TBD** Distribution of Citrus Sale offering

### **February**

**5** DC Orientation Meeting  
**16-20** Washington DC Trip

### **March**

**12** **EDGE** Luncheon  
**24** **EDGE** Midnight Run  
**TBD** Distribution and Delivery of Citrus

### **April**

**2** **EDGE** Last Supper Luncheon  
**30** **EDGE** Luncheon with Rising 9th

***\*DC Mission Info Continued on next page***

### ***High School D.C. Missions Trip February 16-20th 2023***

***These dates were consciously chosen as February 20th begins a week-long school break. It is our hope that by returning Monday afternoon, activities and opportunities that February break offers to our families can still continue as it allows for the rest of the week off. We want to encourage the ability to take family vacations, college visits and school sports participation etc, so we hope this advanced notice will offer scheduling help.\****

For 26 years this trip has been a well balanced hands-on opportunity to work in soup kitchens and homeless shelters in the Washington DC area. **High School students active (youth group, church school teaching, nursery volunteer, local service participation with youth group,) in one of our Churches are invited to apply.**

High School applicants must attend opportunities to serve offered on the calendar as well as both the November 13<sup>th</sup> info session and the February 5<sup>th</sup> orientation session as well as work on the fundraisers to help defray program costs. If you are in High School and may want to apply, be sure to continue to be an active participant in your Church, Joint Youth Group and attend the November 13<sup>th</sup> information session to become eligible to apply.

***Sunday, November 13th, 11:30 am***

*Mandatory session for potential HS applicants (parents welcome.)*

***Saturday, December 3 or 10, 10am-2pm***

*Mandatory Fundraiser at Various School Locations/Village Market*

***Sunday, December 4***

***Application Deadline***

***Sunday, February 5, 11:30am***

*Mandatory Orientation for all HS Team Members Youth Only*

***January-March***

*Mandatory Citrus Sale Fundraiser*

***Thursday, February 16th***

*8am- Luggage drop-off at WEPCO, Pick up Students after school at the Deli for departure*

***Monday, February 20***

*3-4pm- Arrive back in Wilton*

*\* This opportunity will be dependent on current Covid protocols at the time. We are hoping and planning for a return to this service opportunity!*

We are encouraged and hopeful to offer this trip this coming year and if you have heard about this experience from others you know it is one that is transformative for our youth. Please reach out with any questions!