

Where has the High School Youth Group been?

Have you seen the High School Youth Group lately? If not, it is probably because we have been so busy! Since school started in September, we have done some exciting things. Most recently, nearly 30 of us went to Pine Hills Camp and Retreat Center for



A few of the guys (Zach, Jack, and Tom) relax during free time on the retreat with a game of chess.

a retreat the weekend of October 24-26. Our theme of "Keeping the Flame" led us to discussion about the light in our lives, from God, and how we stay true to those flames. Additionally, we had our own, St. Francis Olympics with the new sports of: Teddy Bear Dodgeball (Teddy Bear Football was called on account of heavy rain), Bible and Church Trivia, and one large game of Capture the Flag. The weekend was rounded off with a lock-in at the Family Fitness



One of our group musicians, Tom, jamming on the retreat

Factory where we played shoeless soccer, swam, and watched movies. By three in the morning, when we headed to our cabins, half the group had dozed off watching "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."



Kathyrine is ready for action in one round of "Teddy Bear Dodgeball"

The two teams taunt each other across the center line of Capture the Flag.



Additionally we reached out to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Clinic. As a Halloween treat for the patients, the High School Youth Group painted pumpkins. The results were works of art to cheer the patients. Earlier in October we also had an open gym and game night. Basketball, cards, and the Worst-Case Scenario Survivor Game were a few of the activities that night.



Alan and a few others played a very competitive game of Battleship on Games Night.

On November 2nd, the Youth Group invited their parents to enjoy a potluck dinner and a short presentation on Youth Group events and future plans. Well over sixty people came and the evening was enjoyed by all.

In the past month, the website was revamped to include a calendar of events and other information for the group and those who are interested in finding out what the Youth Group is doing. Take a moment to check it out at :



www.stfrancisa2.com/lifeteen.

Another serious moment courtesy of Matt.



While we've been busy so far, we have just gotten started. Great things are planned for the upcoming months, keep an eye open for announcements and information on our future activities. Some major things we are just beginning to plan include World Youth Day 2005, our Summer Service Project trip, and a Peer Ministry Team.

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