

# THE GOOD MAGNIFIED

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## HAPPY SUMMER!

I hope everyone is enjoying some rest and relaxation this summer. I'm still switching myself into summer mode (mentally, physically, sleepily...), but I'll admit that it's much more boring around here without the students!

I want to thank all the families that made our first year of Magnify such a great success. It seems like a decade ago we had our first gathering and talked about embracing our inner purple penguin (what makes us unique), soon followed by our awkward but grace-filled season of virtual youth group, and finally our joy-filled Spring back in the gym. We really let the Holy Spirit guide us the whole way and I'm really proud of the community that we formed.

At our last formal gathering of the school year we celebrated the Church's birthday at Pentecost with games, piñatas, pizza, and ice cream. Afterwards, we spent our small group time reflecting on the past year. We asked the students to think about who really worked hard for them this year, what are some awesome things they saw people do, and what are things that they're proud of themselves for. I love hearing their thoughts about these sorts of things. You might want to ask them for yourselves!

## THANK YOU!

I want to again thank our incredible team for all their hard work this year. The team has changed a few times through this year too, but God continues to bring the right people together to serve our students. Thanks to Maggie Grotefendt, Tom and Laura O'Hara, Allie Pawlow, and Matt and Michele Wasser! We couldn't do it without them stepping up to lead activities, coordinate snacks, and most importantly leading our small group conversations. They're the best!

## NOW, WHAT?

Magnify will officially relaunch in the fall, but we still want to stay connected this summer! We won't have formal monthly gatherings, but maybe some sporadic casual hangouts for ice cream, an open gym, and maybe even some service opportunities. Our team will still be available to you for anything you or your students might need as well. You or your students can text me through the Magnify phone number and I'll get them connected with any of our small group leaders. It's a real privilege to serve your kids in this ministry and we look forward to continuing to do so. Happy Summer!

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