



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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HIGHLIGHTS

Eric Turner: Crossings Middle School Spiritual Life Coordinator

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. DENNIS: MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

We've had a great start to the school year! I'm really enjoying my role as the Middle School Counselor. Let me share a little about myself. I've been teaching various grade levels for 30 years in both public and private schools, and I even did some homeschooling when my children were young. I've been at Crossings for the past 12 years, and I love our Crossings family. I'm so happy to partner with you in developing our students into Christ-centered servant leaders.

This year, my two main goals are to support students in their spiritual, mental, emotional, and academic needs and to help them see how deeply God loves them and has a plan for their lives. If our students leave middle school with their identity firmly rooted in Christ's love, then our time together has been a success.

I'm available to students throughout the school day and also teach lessons in their Bible classes on various topics throughout the year. Please feel free to reach out if you have any concerns about your child, and I'll be glad to do a check-in with them. I'm looking forward to seeing all that God will do with our students this year!

SAMUEL RAYMOND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN ROATAN, HONDURAS

At CCS, we're thrilled to partner with Samuel Raymond Christian School (SRCS) in Roatan, Honduras. SRCS was founded by Miss Deborah, who answered God's call to leave OKC and start a school that has since grown and thrived for over ten years. We are excited to support SRCS during our KISS Week (Dec. 9-13) by collecting and donating supplies and helping to meet the school's ongoing needs. Through this partnership, we believe that we can bring lasting hope and opportunity to these children and their families, lifting up an entire community in Christ's love. More information about our KISS Week ([Knights in the Spirit of Service](#)) will be shared soon!

[Click here to learn more.](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

Things to put in place for your kids' new tech

Introducing technology to middle schoolers can be tricky, but with the right approach, parents can help their kids develop healthy digital habits like establishing some clear rules together and use parental controls to help keep things age-appropriate. Keep open conversations about what they see online and continue to encourage offline activities.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Faith Plays a Part in a Student's Identity

Your child embarks on a significant journey toward discovering their identity in middle school. Early on, they may wrestle with questions like, "Who likes me?" and experience self-doubt as they seek belonging. As they grow, these questions deepen into "Who am I?" as they search for a secure foundation for their self-worth. This journey is challenging, and often filled with doubts and comparisons. Everyone from peers to social media will attempt to mold and shape your student's identity.

As parents, you play a vital role in this process, reminding them of their worth as God's unique creation, chosen and beloved, fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). Surround them with Christ-centered mentors who model faith and reinforce God's truth. By intentionally nurturing their journey, you're helping them form a resilient identity grounded in God's love, preparing them to walk in their God-given identity with confidence.