

## *NORTHWESTERN WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The students of the Northwestern Middle School are offered one period of Bible instruction one day per week. This comes as part of the North Central & Northwestern Weekday Religious Education Program and is in keeping with Supreme Court rulings.

Because the program is supported by gifts from local churches and individuals, the classes are free to the students. The teacher again this year will be Pastor Paul Bartholomew, a pastor at a local church. While the classes are non-denominational and non-sectarian, *the classes are biblical lessons from a clearly Christian perspective.* God's word is our text. Parents and pastors are welcome to attend any classes.

Students, whose parents/guardians have signed this form giving them permission to attend, will be "released" from school supervision during a studyhall and "escorted" to a nearby facility for the class. Students will be closely supervised by at least one adult the entire time they participate in this program. (Please note: Students are not forced to go to class on any given day if homework, studying for a test, ill health, bad weather, etc. are a factor. However, to attend even one time - to check out the class for instance - permission must be given by you.)

Since the students will be leaving the school building, we need your consent to act in their behalf should a medical emergency occur. Your signature in the YES position below will enroll your child in the released-time Bible class and give us the necessary release to care for any emergency.

Should you be available to assist as a volunteer "escort" please indicate your willingness on the permission slip below.

*If you have any questions, contact Pastor Paul at 419-846-3154.*

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*(Please return this lower portion to the school office)*

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, give my permission for my child to be released from school once a week to attend Christian instruction through the released-time Bible classes. The students will be released to the custody of the North Central & Northwestern Weekday Religious Education Program, and I give them permission to act on my behalf in case of a medical emergency. It is understood that the school assumes no responsibility for the students during any released-time activity. I understand that this approval is for grades 6-8 and that this approval may be withdrawn by written notification at any time.

YES, I do give permission for my child to attend. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

NO, I do not want my child to attend. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian signature)

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Check if you can help with escorting students. Phone \_\_\_\_\_