



## **HopeStrong Pickaway School Ministries Information for Parents**

**HopeStrong Pickaway School Ministries** is a community-led collaborative program that provides Released Time Bible Education (RTBE) to students during the school day with all funding provided by community donors. Written parental permission must be obtained for students to attend. Students are released to leave school, for about one hour, one time per week for Bible class. Trained volunteers accompany students from the school building door to high quality transportation and to a nearby location off school property for an engaging Bible class.

Our program this year will be for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders together on Monday mornings, beginning March 3rd. A detailed schedule of the 2025 Spring Session is attached. Your student would leave their Monday morning to-school transportation and immediately board a HopeStrong bus which will leave at promptly 7:20AM. The program will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church and will include a breakfast snack. Your student will be returned to the school by 8:10AM. St. Paul Lutheran is located at 6046 St. Paul Rd., Ashville.

All volunteers go through an extensive application and approval process, including background checks, and, we are committed to child protection and safety policies. At least two volunteers are required to be with students at all times, and the program is responsible for taking students' attendance and for students' safety. The ministry is insured in every aspect – volunteers, leadership, and transportation.

The program's overarching goal is to instill hope in students through faith in God. For more information about HopeStrong Pickaway's Released Time Bible Education program serving your school district please contact the Site Coordinator listed on the parent consent, email [hopestrongohio@gmail.com](mailto:hopestrongohio@gmail.com), or visit our webpage [www.hopestrongohio.com](http://www.hopestrongohio.com).

Local congregations and organizations committed to this collaborative work in Pickaway Co. include: Center Pointe Church, Crossroads CCCU, Elizabeth's Hope, First Church of Christ in Christian Union, God's Abled, Hedges Chapel CCCU, Heritage Nazarene Church, New Life Assemblies of God, Nicolas Drive COG, Ohio Christian University, River of Life COG, RoundTown As One, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, University Church, and Village Chapel Church.

# HOPESTRONG

## HopeStrong Pickaway School Ministries Parent Consent Form PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

### Consent

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the student listed below, give permission for the Student to attend the released time Bible education program of HopeStrong Pickaway and participate in transportation to this program. Students are responsible for any school assignments missed during released time classes. I may revoke consent for my Student to attend the program at any time, and the program may remove any student from the program for disciplinary issues or for being disruptive. I understand that volunteers and program administrators are trained to report child abuse and neglect and concerns about self-harm.

Class time may be adjusted from the approximate times provided. At times, videos or photos may be taken during class or special events, and I give permission to St. Paul Lutheran, HopeStrong Pickaway, and the state and national released time Bible education organizations with which HopeStrong is affiliated (School Ministries Ohio and School Ministries, Inc.) permission to use and publish, without charge, photographs or videos of my student.

I request the school to provide a copy of my Student's emergency medical card to HopeStrong Pickaway, so that information is readily available in case of an emergency. I understand this parental consent is valid for the 2024 - 2025 school year or until revoked by me. I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the student listed and I have the legal authority to provide this consent.

**Printed Name of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies, medical, or other issues that program volunteers should know about your Student:**

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**Student's Viking Period Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

HopeStrong-St. Paul-TVEMS  
2025 Spring Session

Detailed Time Sequence		
7:10 am	7:20 am	Students arrive in lobby with HopeStrong Volunteer
7:20 am	7:30 am	Bus ride to St. Paul
7:30 am	8:00 am	Bible Instruction. Breakfast Snack
8:00 am	8:10 am	Bus ride to TVEMS
8:10 am	8:14 am – Class bell	Students in lobby with HopeStrong Volunteer

Session Number	Spring 2025 Dates	Lesson (TBD)
2025-17	March 3	
2025-18	March 10	
2025-19	March 17	
2025-20	March 31	
2025-21	April 7	
2025-22	April 14	
2025-23	April 28	
2025-24	May 5	