



Crystal Springs United Methodist Church Youth Ministries

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This is always a great week and I know we ask a lot of you ... by signing up to do MARINES, you agree to give up:

junk food,
fast food
desserts
school lunches
caffeine,
your cell phones & electronics,
internet and social media,
your cars,
choosing what you wear to school

* * * you ARE expected to do all homework and complete ALL assignments for that week! This is not an excuse to not study or turn in your work. If a teacher tells us you have used MARINES as an excuse to sleep in class, not do your work or study – you will be asked to leave. The whole point is to live for Christ with excellence!

I am going to be honest here ... this week is about sacrifice and discipline. **Its 4 days of giving it all up for the One who gave everything up for us.** This is a week designed for us to get rid of a lot of our normal distractions so we can focus on our relationship with Christ. I am so glad that you want to grow with Him and that you are willing to make the sacrifices required of you. I always hear that there are some who talk about ways to "cheat" ... sneaking cell phones, drinking cokes at school, etc. Please know that you get out of it what you put in to it. I want you to give serious thought to why you are doing MARINES and that you will decide to do it full out ... have the whole experience and willingly give up what is required of you. I am praying for you as you make this commitment.

If you choose to do MARINES, do it with the intention of succeeding faithfully!