NW Youth Times

What a time to be doing youth ministry!

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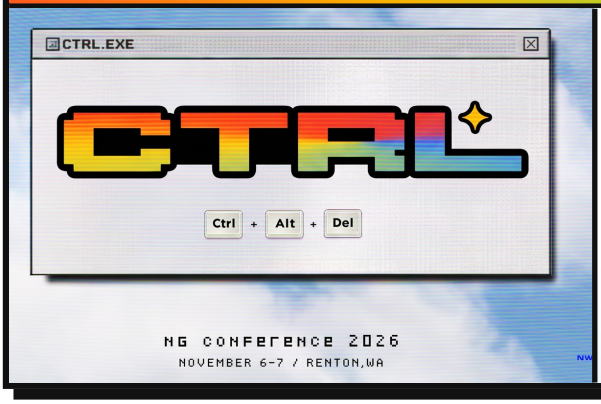

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48 hours left: NG Conference early registration ends Thursday!

Don't let your students pay $30 more. Register today.

Register at nwyouth.com/conf →

Church groups: $60 per student through Thu., Oct. 15 (individuals $70). After Oct. 15, everyone pays $90. Jr. high, high school and college.

1 · CULTURE SCHOOL SAFETY · SEATTLE

Detectors at the door? Two Seattle schools said yes.

Students asked for weapons detectors. Not everyone is sure they help.

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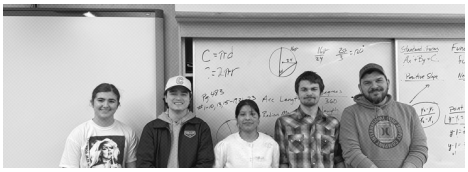

Youth Alive student leaders. NW Youth photo.

On Oct. 7 the Seattle School Board unanimously backed a pilot putting walk-through weapons detectors at the doors of Rainier Beach and Nathan Hale high schools.

Both schools asked for it. The target start is December. The same pillar-style detectors already screen crowds at district graduations and football games.

The backdrop is heavy. Two teens were shot and killed at a bus stop near Rainier Beach in January.

Students will help grade it: wait times, accuracy, and how it feels every morning.

THE CASE FOR. Nathan Hale senior Kayla Roos said they let students learn "without fear of weapons." A mom who lost her son said they deserve "serious consideration."

THE CASE AGAINST. The board didn't discuss cost, and the district has an $87 million deficit. One board member asked what happens when a weapon is found. And January's shooting was off campus.

Sources: KUOW (Oct. 7) · The Seattle Times (Oct. 9) · KOMO News · Seattle's Child · MyNorthwest

USE THIS IN YOUR TEAM TIME

Takes 10 minutes. Print this page or pull it up on the screen.

READ

1 John 4:18 together (see "2 · Bible").

TALK

1. Where do our students feel least safe: school, online, home, or here?
2. Would you want detectors at your school? Why or why not?
3. What makes a student who comes alone feel safe here?

DO THIS WEEK

Each leader picks one student who usually walks in alone. Greet them at the door by name and check in before they leave.

2 · BIBLE

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.

1 JOHN 4:18, NIV

3 · LEADERSHIP

Check the door. Then check the heart.

Gen Alpha students (born 2013 and later) bring the school day to youth night. Gen Z leaders notice who isn't okay.

WEATHER · WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

Seattle/Renton	**66/50**	Mostly cloudy
Yakima	**70/44**	Sunny
Spokane	**64/37**	Frost, sunny
Coeur d'Alene	**62/41**	Mostly sunny

National Weather Service forecast for Wednesday.

ALSO COMING UP · NW YOUTH

FEB. 25–27, 2027

NW Youth Summit Stone Church, Yakima. Leaders 18+.

APRIL 17, 2027

Create Northwest University. Student fine arts.

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