

# 2020-2021 Rhetoric School Retreat

## 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Teachers

### Why a Retreat?

Community...We were made for community. At Cary Christian School, we have the incredible opportunity to build deep lasting relationships due to our K-12 structure and smaller class sizes. Relationships, however, take intentional focus. This retreat is designed to reach the following goals:

- Provide opportunities for students to strengthen relationships with others in their grade and with their teachers through safe, fun activities.
- Provide an opportunity for our House families to kick off the school year and begin to form as a cohesive group
- Provide opportunities for the CCS Rhetoric School to become more unified in school spirit
- Provide Mr. Hinton and other staff with an opportunity to speak with our Rhetoric School in one location
- Provide opportunities for students to focus on their own relationship with God by creating quiet time space for individual reflection and cabin night devotions with their parent chaperone and cabinmates

### Safety Protocols:

To contract with the charter bus company and camp, we agree to following their company protocols. Please read and know that by allowing your child to participate on this retreat, you are agreeing to follow these protocols.

- Charter Bus-
  - **Mask Protocol: The bus driver and all passengers must wear masks while traveling on the bus.**
  - Clean bus every night with bleach and bleach wipes
  - Bus seats sprayed with Lysol
  - Bus washers wearing rubber gloves
  - Antibacterial ready for passengers before they board vehicles
  - Drivers wiping down the following after passengers leave bus:
    - Handrails, Bathroom Handles, Seat Handles, Inside Luggage Compartment Handles & Rails, Steering Wheels, Dashboard Cup Holders

- Camp Seafarer-

Ensuring safe fall programs will require a partnership among all of us. Our top priority is to keep our participants, families, and staff safe. In light of our current reality, we have elevated our medical protocols and practices using recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Camp Association (ACA), North Carolina State Health and Human Services, Pamlico County Health Department, and Wake County Health Department and with guidance from our Camp Medical Advisory Committee.



To minimize illness at Camp, we ask that you monitor the temperature and health of each participant daily beginning 14 days prior to your arrival at Camp. **Each student must fill out the attached health form documenting their daily temperature and symptom check, signed by student and parent-14 days before the trip-start on August 3.**

- Mask protocol: Masks/buffs/gaiters must be with you at all times; “mask ready”
  - When outside-
    - if outside of 6 feet from others, mask does not need to cover mouth and nose
    - if closer than 6 feet from others, masks need to cover mouth and nose
  - When inside- masks must cover mouth and nose except when in your cabin or eating with your cabin group

### Details of Facilities:

We will travel by Charter Bus to Camp Seafarer in Arapahoe, North Carolina.

- Monday, August 17 12:30 pm-Depart for Camp Seafarer
- Wednesday, August 19 12:30pm-Depart for Cary Christian School

Cabin information:

- Cabins will be assigned by grade level - boys and girls in separate cabins/separate areas, less than 10 in each cabin allowing us to spread out, chaperoned by one parent per cabin
- Cabins have single beds, screens (open air), indoor bathrooms and showers
- Cabin groups will become a “family” and will be allowed to choose to not wear masks in the cabin, at their meals, group settings, and devotions

Space used:

- Most activities will be outside in open air. There are covered outdoor facilities we will use if we have rainy weather (or as we call it at camp - “liquid sunshine”)
- Outdoor amphitheater will allow our entire group to be together for meetings.
- Taylor Lodge is an indoor airconditioned facility that we will be available to us at half capacity.

As with any field trip, the decision to send your child is at the parent’s discretion. Because the teachers will be traveling on this retreat, there will not be classes at CCS for the Rhetoric students on these days. More information on what to bring/not to bring, how to register, and schedule details will follow the first week of school.

