

## 2021-2022 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 with our K-12 structure and smaller class sizes. Relationships, however, require intentional focus. This retreat is designed to reach the following goals:

- 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 cabin mates
- 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 a cohesive group.
- Provide opportunities for the CCS Rhetoric School to become more unified in school spirit
- Provide an opportunity to speak with our Rhetoric School students as a whole community
- Have fun!

### Safety Protocols:

In order to contract with the charter bus company and camp, we must agree to follow their company protocols. **Know that by allowing your child to participate in this retreat, you are agreeing to follow these protocols.**

- **Charter Bus** - Mask Protocol: The bus driver and all passengers must wear masks while boarding and departing the bus.
- **Camp Seafarer** - Their top priority is to keep our participants, families, and staff safe. As an organization, they will have the following protocols in place.
  - Participants will wear masks in areas where social distance is not easily maintained and inside buildings (not including their cabins).
  - To minimize illness at Camp, **beginning on July 30, each student must fill out the attached Health Form documenting for 10 days prior to the trip that they are temperature and symptom free. The form must be signed by the student and the parent and will be turned in when students arrive at school on August 9.**
  - Temperature checks on the day of our trip before getting on the bus - to be consistent with the 10-day form and to ensure nobody is arriving with a fever.
- **Cary Christian School** - **You will need to fill out the Medical Consent Form [in Magnus](#) by July 26 (this form will be live the week of July 19).**

### Details of Facilities:

Camp Seafarer in Arapahoe, North Carolina.

- Monday, August 9 9:00 am-Depart for Camp Seafarer
- Wednesday, August 11 12:30pm-Depart for Cary Christian School

Cabin information:

- Cabins will be assigned by grade level, boys and girls in separate cabins/separate areas, 8-14 in each cabin (depending on grade level and attendance), chaperoned by one parent per cabin.
- Cabins have single beds, screens (open air), indoor bathrooms and showers.

Space used:

- Most activities will be outside in open air. There are indoor and 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 air-conditioned facility that will be available to us.

**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 and schedule details will be shared the first week of school.

**[Click here to reserve your child's spot.](#)**

**[All responses and health information must be submitted by Wednesday, July 26.](#)**

We are excited to spend time together on this retreat!

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Dean of Students

