



ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

September 26, 2014

Dear Parents of the Class of 2015,

Our seniors will be participating in their senior class retreat on October 15-16 at Southwind Camp in Ocklawaha, Florida. For information regarding the facilities we will be using, you can visit the camp's website (www.southwind.younglife.org). We will be leaving by bus from school at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, and returning to St. Francis by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16.

Students please return the signed permission form and check to your theology teacher by **Friday, October 3rd**. The cost of the retreat is only **\$50.00**, as Student Activities covers the remaining balance.

This class-wide experience always proves to be one of the highlights of our students' senior year at St. Francis! To that end, we ask that any doctor's appointments or college visits be rescheduled during the retreat days.

Students are asked to bring additional snacks **to be shared with all** during breaks in the retreat. These snacks are not to be taken to rooms.

Students also need to bring:

- A sleeping bag or twin sheets and blanket, pillow
- Towel, washcloth, soap and toiletries
- Swimsuit for pool/ t-shirt and shorts for the canoes

(In an effort to balance modesty and fun, we would like to allow the seniors to swim at the retreat center pool, but with the following dress code. Ladies may wear either (1) a one-piece bathing suit or (2) an appropriately modest two-piece bathing suit.)

Students must wear appropriate casual attire whenever they are not in the pool areas.

- Openness and faith

We are currently working on finding a certified lifeguard, which is required by the retreat facility to be present during any pool activities. If we are unable to find a certified lifeguard to volunteer, the pool facilities will not be made available to us.

Appropriate casual dress may be worn (see pp. 23, "Casual Dress Day" in the Student handbook). In order to enter into the spirit of the retreat no cell phones, iPods or other electronic devices may be used once we arrive at the conference center. They will be collected and returned to students. Of course, all school rules apply during the retreat.

If there is an emergency during the retreat and you need to reach us, please use the following numbers: 863-529-3793.

Please join us in praying that this retreat experience may deepen and enliven the faith of our seniors.

Blessings,

Lisa Garcia
Director of Campus Ministry

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