



Office of Student Services

Academic Planning

College Admissions

Eighth Grade Families,

The eighth grade retreat is right around the corner! There are quite a few details that you will need to know as we prepare to send the students on their way to Camp Buckner for an amazing time of purpose and fellowship. This year's theme is "Do The Hard Things". In keeping with the theme, the students will be challenged by this year's selected High School student leaders and the faculty and staff; to grow through worship, testimonies, and various activities including a high ropes course.

- **Departure** is Wednesday, February 1 at 4:00 pm from the gym and **returning** to the gym on Friday February 3 by 3:30 pm
- **Drivers Needed** - We will need approximately 9 drivers each way to transport all the kids to Camp Buckner, near Burnet (approximately 45 minute drive) and back.
 - Wednesday – meeting at the gym by 3:30pm
 - Friday – meeting at Camp Buckner by 1:30pm

If you are able to help with driving, please e-mail Rebecca Glace at rglace@hccsa.org and let her know
1) which day(s) you're willing to drive 2) how many kids your car will hold

- **Parent Letters** have become a tradition at the eighth grade retreat. As a part of the retreat program, the eighth graders are blessed with surprise letters of encouragement from their parents. We are asking parents to send one letter (in the case of a divorce, a separate letter from each parent is acceptable). Following the theme "Do The Hard Things", please highlight your child's current strengths and attributes as well as focusing on charging them with what you hope to see them do in the future. Letters are intended to be a surprise for the students, so please deliver them in an envelope to Rebecca Glace before February 1. **It is critical that each student receive a letter, so please make this a priority.**
- **Goodie bags** are being planned by Victoria Policke as a special treat for the students. If you would like to help, please contact her at vpolicke@hccsa.org

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- **Please drop off all bags/bedding** (packing list attached) **at the gym between 7:30-8:45am the day of departure** (to be transported by staff and student leaders prior to 8th graders' departure time).
- **Forms** are due (see attachments) by departure. **Students will not be able to attend without forms.** Please turn forms in to Rebecca Glace in main office.
- **Please note** that there is no fee for the retreat. All costs, including snacks, are covered by the school. If there are any special dietary restrictions or needs, please let Rebecca Glace know so she can communicate with the retreat site.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Debby Krohmer and Rebecca Glace

Staff in Attendance

Debby Krohmer
Scott Horne
Angelo Milicia
Ed Baptiste
Nichole Perez
Carolyn Horvath