



Dear Parents,

August 12, 2019

The 6th – 12th grade mentors, teachers, and student body will be leaving Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 a.m. from the upper school campus parking lot for an exciting three-day retreat (September 17-19) in Rockbridge, Virginia, at the Young Life Rockbridge Alum Springs camp. It is always a wonderful experience for all of us as we get to know each other and form a unified student body in a less formal setting.

The students will be spending time in worship and devotions each morning and evening. The daytime will be spent involved in team-building activities, swimming, eating great food, riding a zip line down out of the mountain and into the water, climbing on a rock wall, basketball, soccer, and blessing each other through wonderful fellowship. The students may also be stretched as they participate in activities that may be out of their comfort zone, but are good character builders. The campus is a beautiful demonstration of God's handiwork and is always refreshing.

Each year, the retreat proves to be a memorable time for each and every person attending. However, for our seniors, it will be their last retreat with StoneBridge School. We look forward to their leadership and pray their retreat will be extra-special. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will move in a powerful and mighty way in our midst as we get away from the routines of life and focus on Him. We are confident that as we seek Him, the Lord will do something special in each of our lives and that we will come away from the retreat with a renewed sense of purpose and unity.

Since we will be leaving early (approximately 6:30 a.m.) on Tuesday, September 17th, please have your student here by 6:15 a.m. so we can get organized and pack the bus or vans. We will be returning by about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19th. Please also pray for warm, sunny weather, safe travels, and healthy participants. Students will have Friday, September 20th off from school to rest and reflect.

The cost for the retreat is included in the standard fees for students. All adults who plan to attend will be charged \$135.00 on their account on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. All parents must pay the retreat fee in order to attend. You may also bring a check in to Mrs. Walton in the upper school office by September 3rd if you prefer.

Thanks to all of you who have responded to our need for help at the camp. We have some parents ready and willing to help as usual and we are sure each one will be blessed as he/she serves the student body and by fellowshipping together. Please complete the chaperone form and return to Suzanne Walton at Suzanne.walton@stonebridgeschool.com to RSVP by **Friday, August 23rd (extended date)** if you would like to come and help out and enjoy the retreat with us.

In anticipation of a great retreat,
Cheryl Hunnewell
Dean of Students