



July, 2014

Dear Parent,

I hope you and your family are having a good summer. I am writing to give you more information for the upcoming 9th Grade Orientation/Retreat. Students will spend 1 ½ days at a comfortable residential camp at the Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Camp in Yucaipa. This link will give you more information on the location and accommodations:

<http://www.pilgrimpinescamp.org/index.html>

The program's overall goal is to foster the creation of new relationships, giving students the opportunity to get to know each other, and also have time to reflect on their lives, relationships, and faith in God in a peaceful and thoughtful setting. We hope to help students develop self-reliance and confidence during outdoor activities, which will include low ropes team challenge initiatives, other team building, and goal setting activities. The Campus Ministry team will facilitate the retreat activities.

Distribution of Student/Parent Handbooks and an overview of school activities, traditions and, policies and procedures will be facilitated by the Director of Student Activities and four senior class ASB officers who will be joining us. A group of five faculty members including 9th Grade advisors will serve as chaperones for the entire orientation and retreat.

We are looking forward to having your daughter at this Orientation/Retreat. It is the first step in our efforts to help her make a smooth transition to high school and it is mandatory for her to attend. I thank you very much for your support and appreciate you taking the time to complete all the required forms. Please call the school office at 714-776-1717 if you have any questions. Below is a list of forms that need to be turned in to the school office by August 8th.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Shanti Ernest
Dean of Students

Forms to be completed for 9th Grade Orientation/Retreat:
(Please turn in completed forms to the school office by August 8th)

- Parent Permission
- Behavioral policies and procedures
- Health History



**9th Grade Orientation/Retreat
Fri. August 22nd – Sat. August 23rd, 2014
Information and Packing List**

Date and Time: Be at Connelly on Fri. Aug. 22nd at 6:45 am

Return: Sat. Aug. 23rd, 2010 (1:00 pm) (*Family Day picnic at Connelly begins at 1 pm*)

Transportation: Bus - departing from and returning to Connelly High School.

Packing List

Bedding:

- Warm sleeping bag, pillow, blanket

Clothing

- Comfortable Outdoor and Indoor Clothes for Warm and Cold Weather
- Jeans, Capris, or Long Shorts (must be mid thigh length or longer) – **(NO SHORT SHORTS)**
- Jacket /sweatshirt and Hat
- Long sleeved shirt/t-Shirts
- Pajamas
- Socks

Shoes

- Closed Toed Shoes, preferably athletic shoes. You will be doing outdoor activities

Hygiene

- Toiletry Kit (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste etc.)
- Towel
- Chapstick

Other

- Cap
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Medication if needed

DO NOT bring any expensive items like jewelry, iPods, iPads, video games, etc. Medications must be given to Mrs. Taylor at the main office upon arrival at school for the retreat. One of the adult chaperones will be put in charge of all medication once the retreat begins.



PARENT PERMISSION FORM

I, _____, the undersigned parent/guardian
PARENT NAME (Please Print)

of _____, _____
STUDENT NAME (Please Print) GRADE

do hereby give my daughter permission to participate in the 9th Grader Orientation/Retreat @ *the Pilgrim Pines Camp and Conference Center in Yucaipa, CA from 7 am, Fri. Aug. 22nd – 1 pm Sat. August 23rd, 2014*. I agree to direct my daughter to cooperate and conform to the directions and instructions of the supervisory personnel in charge of the event. Should it be necessary for my daughter to have medical treatment during the activity, I hereby give permission to the school personnel to use their judgment in obtaining medical services and give permission to the physician selected by the school to render medical treatment deemed necessary and appropriate for my daughter. I agree that in the event my daughter is injured as a result of her participating in the event, including transportation to and from the venue of the event, recourse for the payment of any resulting hospital, dental, medical or related costs and expenses will first be had against any accident, hospital, medical or any available benefit of mine or of my spouse. I hereby release and save harmless Cornelia Connelly School, their employees and chaperones from any liability.

My signature confirms that I have read and understood the information on this form and other forms provided by the coordinator of the event.

Mode of transportation: Bus (Departs Connelly at 7:00 am – Students must be at school by 6:45 am)

Shanti Ernest 6/26/14
Dean of Students Date

Parent Signature Date



9th Grade Retreat/Orientation August 22nd – 23rd, 2014

Behavioral policies and procedures:

The following policies and procedures are designed so that everyone can enjoy the retreat in positive and constructive ways. Please remember that you represent Cornelia Connelly School and you are held to a high standard of behavior. These policies are in place to also keep you safe and promote good conduct while participating in activities. All adult chaperones are responsible for your safety, well-being, and conduct. You are expected to respect and cooperate with chaperones and abide by all the policies. All school policies outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook are also in effect. (An on-line version of the Parent/Student Handbook will be available on the Connelly School website prior to the retreat.) Violation of any retreat or school policy will result in disciplinary action.

1. Show respect by cooperating with faculty and adult chaperones at all times.
2. Respect your peers on the retreat, both inside and outside of planned events.
3. Respect the time schedules and adhere to all established curfews set by the coordinator of the retreat.
4. Attend all mandatory activities and meal functions.
5. Keep your assigned chaperone advised of your whereabouts at all times.
6. Comply, throughout the retreat, with any and all instructions directed to you and/or the group by a chaperone or retreat director.
8. Strictly follow the instructions of your chaperones for free time guidelines.
9. Do not consume or be in the possession of alcohol/drugs or any other illegal substance at any time.
10. Know that all school policies as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook are in place for the entire duration of the retreat.
11. Adhere to the established dress code at all times.
12. Sleep in your assigned cabin and not allow members of the opposite sex in your cabin at any time.
13. Be in your assigned cabin at the correct time every night when your chaperones do room checks.
14. Keep your assigned cabin clean.

15. Exhibit controlled behavior and keep noise to a minimum in the cabin and throughout the retreat.
16. Make sure you have your belongings with you at all times and not assume that someone else has taken care of your things.
17. Respect everyone's property and belongings.
18. Refrain from speaking inappropriate language and do not engage in any activity that is disruptive, interferes with the educational aspect of the retreat, or is not in keeping with the mission and philosophy of Cornelia Connelly School.

Please sign and return this form along with all other retreat forms.

I have read, and understand the above policies and procedures and agree to abide by them.

Student Name (Please print) _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

I have read and understand the above policies and procedures and I will direct my daughter to abide them.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____