



Greetings Parents!

Every year, during the very first week of school, all middle and high school students go on THE RETREAT. The goals of this two-day, one-night spiritual RETREAT are for all students, at the very start of this school year, to **connect with one another** AND **connect with the living God**. One rising ACS senior said,

“THE RETREAT has always been a time for me to truly connect with people that I may not have been around in the normal school day. **It’s a time of pure fun with new people** at the beginning of the year to get out of your comfort zone before school gets really kicked off!”

Our hope is that, through fun and intentional activities on this retreat, your child will build meaningful relationships during the first week of the year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in several activities: paintball, climbing tower, high ropes and low ropes obstacle courses, swimming, group competitions, and more!

However, our greatest dream for this RETREAT is that every student will either begin or deepen their relationship with God. We will have engaging and meaningful worship services throughout THE RETREAT. Students will also dialogue with their classmates and teachers about God in small groups.

Principals, teachers, and Camp Westminster staff will be present to ensure your child’s safety and care on THE RETREAT. As THE RETREAT is part of the academic calendar, we want ALL STUDENTS to attend this special trip. It truly is a highlight of the year! For concerns about your child’s attendance, please reach out to Mr. Gibbs. Students will complete a RETREAT reflection assignment in English classes upon returning. Athletic practices will not be held on ACS campus during those days to enable all students to attend THE RETREAT.

Please discuss THE RETREAT with your child and complete the [Middle School FORM](#) or [High School FORM](#) to register. Payment will be applied to each child’s FACTS account at the beginning of the school year. More details and a packing list will be sent closer to the time of THE RETREAT. We look forward to your child connecting with God and others on this special trip!

Sincerely,
Aaron Gibbs
Spiritual Life Director at ACS

RETREAT Details:

Where:

- ❖ Camp Westminster, 2412 Lake Rockaway Road, Conyers, Ga 30012

When:

- ❖ High School - Monday, Aug. 15 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- ❖ Middle School - Thursday, Aug 18 - Friday, Aug. 19

Cost: \$90

- ❖ Includes 4 meals, overnight stay, & all activities (paintball, climbing tower, ropes courses, etc)
- ❖ If finances would be a hindrance to your child’s attendance, please contact Mr. Gibbs