

September 10, 2015

Dear Parents of Our Sophomore Class,

The Sophomore Class Retreat is fast upon us, and I'm writing this letter to outline the purpose and details of that day, September 18, 2015. The goal of the Retreat is to create some time and space where students can get to know each other a little better while engaging in some meaningful and fun team-building activities. Our Sophomore Retreat this year will include a canned food drive to benefit a local shelter and a visit to New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art where students will participate in a Scavenger Hunt as they discover -- or perhaps re-discover! -- aspects of this world-renowned cultural institution.

Some important things to know:

- Permission slips were emailed home with your young person and need to be signed and returned to school as soon as possible if you have not done so already. Also available on the portal and via email.
- We will be leaving by coach bus from Friends Academy at 8:20 AM Friday September 19 and returning to campus between 4:15 and 4:45 PM. Dismissal from school is upon our return to campus.
- We will be travelling to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on 85<sup>th</sup> Street and Fifth Avenue where folks from the Watson Adventures company will meet us and send us off on a Scavenger Hunt for various esoteric and delightful puzzle pieces inside the museum. We have worked with Watson Adventures for several years now. We love their Scavenger Hunts!
- Lunch – Students should bring \$10-15 for lunch. Lunch will be by advisory or advisory pairs- TBD in Museum or outside stands
- Re-usable water bottle – please make sure that your son or daughter has one for this trip. They may bring snacks to share for the ride home (please – no nuts!).

That's about it for now. The Sophomore Class Advisors will be chaperoning the trip and are very excited about spending the day with the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade! Personally, I love this day and really can't wait for it to be here! If you should have any questions about the Retreat, please contact me at [sara\\_pozzi@fa.org](mailto:sara_pozzi@fa.org) (516-465-1773) or Mark Schoeffel at [mark\\_schoeffel@fa.org](mailto:mark_schoeffel@fa.org) (516-676-0393).

Warm regards,

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