



Dear Upper School Families,

In order to truly foster community, we are taking each grade level out for an overnight excursion. This will give the classes an opportunity to get to know their classmates, share a common experience, and establish what they want to accomplish as a class for this school year.

Freshmen: will continue their experience with the Freshman Outback for two nights, leaving for Upper Priest Lake on Tuesday, August 28th, and will return Thursday, August 30th hopefully in time for the school bus home. **For Monday, August 27th, freshman must bring their already packed backpack for a gear check before our trip on Tuesday.**

Sophomores: will now participate in their college trip at this time. **They will visit Oregon colleges from August 28th-30th.** This trip allows students to start realizing what colleges of all types expect from them and allows students to begin formulating what type of college they want to attend. They will leave Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00 am from SGS with a downtown stop at the Grocery Outlet at 6:20 am. Students will return to SGS on Thursday, August 30th around 6 pm with a downtown stop provided. They will call to confirm their ETA on the ride home.

Juniors: on their overnight, they will leave for Lake Spokane on Wednesday, August 29th and return Thursday, August 30th in time for the school bus home. On Tuesday, they will be participating in an IB kick off, meeting in the Dragon's Den.

Seniors: will go to Camp Reed, leaving Wednesday, August 29th and returning Thursday, August 30th in time for the school bus home. **Besides the outdoor waiver, participants need to fill out the Camp Reed waiver.** The seniors will be participating in a college boot camp here on campus before their overnight facilitated by Russell Werkman on Tuesday.

Faculties leading these trips are as follows:

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Rick DeFord and Melanie Mildrew	Jamie Nolting and Kerry Clark	Mark Rickard and Sara Smith	Jeff Darnall and Judi Morgan

These trips are part of the curriculum, and your child is expected to participate. A gear list and instructions on how to fill out the online waivers are attached. **Please fill these waivers out and be aware that the forms will be unavailable after August 24th, so please fill them out as soon as possible.** Filling out the forms completely is important because this is what we use when figuring out our menus for the overnights. The Outdoor Adventure Program has extra tents and gear to loan out so please see what you can borrow before going out and buying new gear. We are also asking that if your child has medical needs like an Epinephrine pen that you send an extra to the school so that we have an extra available for overnights and in case your child forgets their device at any point during the school year. Thank you for your support.

If you have questions, please contact Melanie Mildrew at (208)721-8000 or Russell Werkman at (509) 464-8749.

Thank you,

Melanie Mildrew