Dear St. Peter’s Families,

In the past 2 years or so that I’ve been at St. Peter’s, I have been so impressed by the faith of the teens, and I know that that is because they come from families that encourage and support them in their faith—so I wanted to thank you, parents, for the way that you bring your children to Christ. It is so inspiring to me and it encourages all of us here at St. Peter’s in our work!

All the information you will need for your son or daughter to be properly prepared for the Dunrovin High School July Retreat is here in this packet! Please read through carefully to make sure your child can have the best experience possible!

* General Schedule for the weekend
* Packing List
* Dress Code
* General Expectations for Behavior & Conduct
* Retreat Leadership
* Communication Strategy

**Drop Off + Pick Up**

* Please drop your child off at **Dunrovin Retreat Center** in Marine on St. Croix at **6:00pm on Friday, July 12th, 2024.**
* Please pick up your child at **Dunrovin Retreat Center** at **12:00pm on Sunday, July 14th, 2024**. Please be sure to get them on time as another group will be coming in to the retreat center just following our retreat. Students will have attended Mass Saturday evening.

**General Schedule**

**Friday Evening**:

Opening session

Games

Prayer

**Saturday:**

Breakfast

Men’s and women’s sessions

Lunch

Free time

Prayer workshop

Dinner

Evening session

Adoration/Confession/Mass

**Sunday:**

Breakfast

Morning prayer

Closing session

**Packing List**

* **Sleeping bag or blanket and sheets**
* **Pillow**
* Towels/Washcloths as needed
* Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
* Casual and comfortable clothing for activities
  + Wear things you will be comfortable in and won’t have to worry about getting dirty or wet, or having to adjust often throughout the day during activities
  + See dress code policies below for appropriate and dignified choices!
* **Nice clothes for Mass on Saturday Night**
* Pajamas
* Trash bag for dirty clothes
* Comfortable shoes
* Water Bottle
* Small backpack or drawstring bag to keep your items together throughout the retreat
* **Bible, journal & Rosary** (if you do not have these items and can’t afford one, contact Katie to get one for free)
* **Pen/Pencil for taking notes**

**Don’t bring:**

* Electronics- see below
* Candles- per Dunrovin’s terms
* Essential oils- per Dunrovin’s terms
* Firearms or fireworks

**Medication** - Fill out and turn in all medication forms in detail, without skipping anything. There will be some standard OTC medications on retreat (ibuprofen, band-aids, etc.). OTC inhalers and allergy medicines can be brought. If you have any OTC pain killers or prescription medications (except inhalers and allergy medicines), they should be put in a clearly labelled, well-organized clear ziploc bag with your name written on the bag in permanent marker, and these will be turned in if they have not already been given to Katie.

**Dress Code -** We desire our dress code to be something that is taught as a part of what it means to be a Christian, teaching the virtue of modesty for life, not simply a list of rules for a weekend retreat. If you or your son or daughter have questions about this, please contact Katie Hall.

Clothing is to be modest, dignified, and appropriately suited to retreat activities:

* Men must wear shirts at all times
* Leggings/yoga pants should only be worn with special attention paid to modest/dignified presentation, such as wearing longer tops, shorts, or a skirt, to cover the hips entirely.
* Short-shorts will not be permitted (5-inch inseam is a good standard/mid-thigh is the expectation.) It might be fitting for men or women to wear compression shorts under loose shorts or dresses.
* Spaghetti straps, crop tops, and open-back tops will not be permitted on retreat.
* If sleeveless shirts are worn, they must not reveal the chest or undergarments (I.e. cut-off shirts on males or females).
* Clothing with any inappropriate words or images are not permitted at any time.

\*If not in compliance with the points outlined above, your student could be asked to change clothes, and if necessary, he/she could be given something else to wear. Checking your child’s bags before retreat is encouraged to help avoid any hassle or potential embarrassment of being addressed.

**Emergency Phone Numbers:**

Katie Hall – (612) 460-7761

St Peter’s – (651) 982-2200

Dunrovin Retreat Center – 651-433-2486 (Open till 4pm)

**Dunrovin Retreat Chaperones**

* Katie Hall- Youth Minister
* Adult Volunteer Small Group Leaders:
  + Sheila Konz- Youth group leader and parent of camper
  + Lindsey Belting – Past youth group member who is now in college
  + Megan Jennen - Past youth group member who is now in college

More to come!

**Our Communication Plans**

* We will communicate with parents in two ways:
  + **Email:** Used for longer/more detailed information (ex. Permission slips that need to be filled out) and longer updates through the weekend
  + **Text:** Used for last-minute information or little updates throughout the weekend
* Please contact Katie Hall by ***sending her a text*** to (612) 460-7761 ***and an email*** to khall@stpeterfl.org including the words “Dunrovin Retreat – My Name: (FIRST & LAST) – My son/daughter’s name: (FIRST & LAST).” Katie will respond and add you to her Dunrovin retreat contact spreadsheet and ensure communications are working prior to the retreat

**Code of Conduct**

**Code of Conduct & Behavior Expectations:**

1. Participants may not leave the event prior to conclusion unless accompanied by an adult leader or parent/guardian.
2. The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, vapes, drugs, or weapons of any kind is not permitted.
3. Participants must heed directions of youth ministers or adult chaperones from the parishes.
4. Participants must respect the rights and properties of others. Damage to or defacing of property will be the financial responsibility of the participants involved and/or the participants parents/guardians.
5. Participants must uphold the dignity of others. Inappropriate language, dress (see dress code above), public displays of intimate affection, and possession or use of pornographic materials or media is prohibited.
6. All leadership will be in compliance with this code of conduct, with the exception of the cell phone policy outlined below.
7. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in the need for a parent or guardian to come and transport the participant home.

**Cell Phone and other Electronics Policy:**

The following electronic devices should be **left at home:**

* Cell Phones- Can be brought but left with leaders only to be used in emergencies.
* iPods/iPads
* Earbuds or Headphones
* Laptops or Tablets
* Smart Watches

If any of these items are found by leadership during the retreat, they will be confiscated and locked up until parent pick up on Sunday. Checking your student’s bag prior to retreat helps us from having to deal with confiscating items. If you have questions about this policy, feel free to contact Katie Hall.

Thank you!