



Grade Retreat 2026 **Information Letter**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very excited to inform you about our Grade Retreats and **this letter contains vital information regarding the retreats so please read carefully.**

Dates: Grade 9: Sept 23-25 Grade 10: Sept 30 - Oct 2 Grade 12: Oct 7-9

Departure and Arrival: Buses will depart from Eden High School on **Wednesday at 8:30am** and will arrive back at the school on **Friday at approximately 3:00pm. Please have your child at Eden no later than 7:45am on the day of departure. Please meet at the “double staircase” entrance.**

Location: Camp Crossroads 1224 E. Bay Rd. Torrance, On. POC 1MO (705) 762-3111
SLC Staff On-Site: John Bryan, Meghan Plett, Kezia Wilson

Cost: \$290.00

Online forms and payment (ie: CC, cheque, e-transfer, cash.) must be completed and submitted to the SLC by Friday, June 12 at 3:00pm. Forms received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. The registration fee covers accommodations, transportation, meals and program activities. Students should bring a bag lunch that they will eat upon arrival at camp.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO “EDEN SLC” or you can pay via e-transfer using the email: giving.slceden@gmail.com.

Note: As we have planning costs, late cancellations affect our budget, so there is a new schedule concerning non-refundable deposits and is as follows:

Cancellations on or before:

June 30 will receive a **full refund.**

September 8 will receive a **\$100.00 refund.**

Any cancellations after September 8 will receive a **\$50.00 refund.**

If unique circumstances arise, please speak directly with John Bryan (Spiritual Life Director) at 905-646-9884 or at john@slceden.com

Also, our Safe Place Policy dictates a specific leader/student ratio, so our volunteer availability will determine how many students we can accommodate. Therefore, retreat forms will be **“time stamped” and in the event of a lack of volunteers, we will determine student eligibility on a first come/first serve basis.**

On another note, we hope to offer canoeing/kayaking as an activity. It's a great opportunity for students to experience the outdoors in this way. Each student participating will be required to complete a standard swim test. The swim test will happen onsite at Camp Crossroads. Should your child not complete the swim test, an alternate activity will be provided. A fully certified lifeguard will be on duty and every participant will be required to wear a certified PFD. Should there be no lifeguards available, an alternative activity will be planned.

Regarding cellphones and technology, our policy is to have cabin leaders collect cellphones during the orientation at the retreat. We believe that the opportunity to "disconnect" from social media on retreats is important as it places a value on experiencing new things and engaging with people personally. Cabin leaders will wake students up at the appropriate time so phones will not be needed as alarm clocks. As for retreat photos, the SLC can post photos for students to download and phones will be returned at the end of the retreat with enough time to take pictures with friends.

As a Spiritual Life Centre, we are excited about connecting with students and offering our program at Eden High School! We consider it a privilege to encourage and support students as they grow into who they are and who God has made them to be! We understand the challenges of high school life, and we work hard to help them feel welcome and supported. In addition to the grade retreats, we offer a variety of programs and you can find information about them at slceden.com. We look forward to the blessing of serving your child through the Spiritual Life Centre. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this year's grade retreat, including possible financial assistance, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

On behalf of the Spiritual Life Centre,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Bryan
Spiritual Life Director