

September 15, 2014

Dear Parents and Students,

The junior and senior Creative Writers are invited to attend a Writers' Retreat held at Lake Logan Episcopal Center in Canton, North Carolina on October 22–October 24, 2014. The purpose of the trip is to kick-off the Senior Thesis project by having the seniors formulate a plan for how they will accomplish this task. The juniors will have the opportunity to hear the concepts of this year's projects and will begin to devise their projects for next year. The curriculum connections and standards are as follows:

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Principal

**Dr. Nancy J. McGinley**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Associate Superintendent

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- Students will learn, practice and document the stages of the writing process.
- Students will create written work that has a clear focus, sufficient detail, coherent organization and effective use of voice.
- Students will formulate and develop a concept for their Senior Thesis project to be published at the end of the senior year.
- Students will share and evaluate other students' works in peer response groups across grade levels.
- Students will learn to work as a group in order to improve individual writing skills.

SOA teachers Rene Miles, Rutledge Hammes and Sean Scapellato will be our chaperones. Our bus service will be provided by Lancaster Tours Charleston. The total price of the trip is \$250, which covers food, lodging and transportation. Several scholarships will be given to students who *demonstrate need* and explain how the trip will benefit them. Scholarship Applications, which can be found in this packet, are due on Monday, September 22.

We will depart from school at 6:30 am on October 22. **Please arrive at 6:00 am sharp** so that we can load the bus and depart on time. If we do not depart on time, our group will not be served lunch at Lake Logan. Each student will be allowed only one small bag. We will return to the school on October 24 around 5pm; your child will call you on the way home if we are going to arrive at a different time.

Since your child will be traveling with a school group, we will need a copy, front and back, of your health insurance card and numbers where you can be reached in case of a medical emergency. Included with this letter is other information that you will need:

- Writers' Retreat Agenda
- What to Bring
- Address and telephone number of LLEC
- Lake Logan Center Policies
- CCSOA Behavior Contract
- Emergency Contact Information Sheet
- SOA Medical Information Form
- Permission Slip
- Scholarship Application

Please make note of the following due dates:

- Monday, Sept. 22                      Scholarship Applications Due  
Parent Information Meeting (5:30 sharp, Rm. 4133)\*  
First Payment (\$150) due  
CCSOA Behavior Contract due  
Emergency Contact Information Sheet due  
SOA Medical Information Form due  
Permission Slip due  
Copy of Health Insurance Card (front & back) due
- Tuesday, Oct. 6                        Second Payment (\$100) Due  
(Due to the small number of students attending this trip,  
refunds cannot be given if your student is unable to attend.)

\*There will be a parent information meeting on Monday, September 22 at 5:30 pm in room 4133 on the SOA Campus, my Creative Writing classroom. If your child is planning to participate in this year's field trip, your attendance is required. If for any reason, you are unable to attend, please contact me.

My hope is that this Writers' Retreat will enhance your child's writing process and provide an opportunity for bonding, friendship and fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell at (954) 579-4281.

Sincerely,

F. Rutledge Hammes  
Creative Writing Teacher

**Writer's Retreat**  
**October 22-October 24, 2014**

**Wednesday, October 22**

6:30 am	Depart
11:30 am	Arrive
12 noon	Lunch
1 pm	Unpack & walk to the lake
2 pm	Conference Room, Workshop I: Introducing the Senior Thesis Each senior will present his or her thesis (10 minutes each) a. Where are you? (Describe what you are attempting to do and share a piece of work.) b. Where are you going?
5 pm	Break
6 pm	Dinner
7 pm	Break
7:30 pm	Conference Room, Workshop II: Introducing the Senior Thesis (Continuation of the afternoon workshop)
9:30 pm	Campfire Stories – Roasting and Toasting the Senior Thesis
10:30 pm	Lights out

**Thursday, October 23**

8 am	Breakfast
9 am	Conference Room, Workshop III
11:30 am	Break
12 noon	Lunch – picnic lunch and hike up the mountain
3 pm	Break
3:30 pm	Conference Room, Workshop IV & Workshop V
5:30 pm	Break
6 pm	Dinner
7 pm	Dorm Rooms, Hidden Talent Show Rehearsal
8:30 pm	Conference Room, Hidden Talent Show
10:30 pm	Lights out

**Friday, October 24**

8 am	Breakfast
9 am	Clean up and load the bus
10 am	Conference Room Senior – Formulate a plan for the remainder of Senior Thesis Juniors – Formulate a proposal for next year's Senior Thesis
11 am	Depart
5 pm	Arrive at SOA

## What to Bring

- sleeping bag
- wash cloth and towel
- long distance calling card (cell phones will not work from this location)
- comfortable walking shoes (hiking shoes or tennis shoes)
- warm layers of clothing (including jacket/sweater/fleece/sweatshirt)
- hat and gloves
- warm PJ's
- flashlight
- toiletries
- current medications
- 3x5 index card with quote
- A copy of your Senior Thesis to date (Seniors only)
- Suppressed Desire Talent Show Costume, Props, Music, etc.
- Notepad/journal, pen/pencil
- **Bag breakfast for the ride up**
- **Money for lunch on the way home**
- **\$7 Tip for the staff and bus driver**

(Drinks and snacks will be provided in the lodge meeting room.)

## Address and Phone Number of LLEC

Lake Logan Episcopal Center  
154 Suncrest Mill Road  
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