



# MENNO SIMONS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

One of the ongoing events at Menno Simons Christian School is our yearly trek to Camp Valaqua. It is a great way for our Jr. High students, staff and lucky parents to form bonds and begin a new school year together. Next September we will be heading out to camp on the second day of school (Wednesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>) and will be returning Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Jon Olfert (Valaqua director) and his staff are excited to host us again and next year's Grade Nine students have already begun preparing for this event. The retreat is also an opportunity for team building, many fun activities and getting to know each other as we begin a new adventure together.

In order to facilitate the organization of this event, there are two documents for you to complete. Attached are the medical and permission forms. It is important to note that no student will be allowed to participate in the retreat without these two forms completed in full. We are asking that these be filled out before the end of June to ensure we have all the require information for our quick start in the Fall.

As well to assist in your planning the following are supplies the students should bring with them to camp:

- sleeping bag and pillow
- toiletries and bug spray
- flashlight
- sunscreen, hat, bathing suit and towel
- two pairs of shoes (one of the pairs could be water shoes)
- grade nines may bring water guns☺
- a change of clothes that will last three days☺
- a light jacket and sweater to wear around the campfire at night

Students are not to bring their electronic games, i-pods or cell phones. This is a camp rule as the focus is on experiencing God's nature and building a community. If a child needs to contact any of you, they can certainly use the camp's phone. If you would wish to contact your children while on the retreat, you may call the camp (403) 637-2510

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this exciting event, please contact us at the school.

Sincerely,

The Junior High Staff