Dear Upper School Families,

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 25th, and returning Thursday, August 27th hopefully in time for the school bus home. **For Monday, August 24th, freshmen must bring their already packed backpack for a gear check before our trip on Tuesday.**

Sophomores: will participate in a college tour. **They will visit local and regional colleges August 25th – 27th.** The trip is designed to expose students to different types of schools and give them experience visiting and touring college campuses. We want students to start thinking about what kinds of questions they should be asking of themselves and colleges as they search for their best fit schools over the next two to three years of high school. Sophomores will start the tour on August 25th, with a day trip to local colleges in Spokane and then leave from SGS on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:30am for an overnight excursion to visit colleges in the region. Students will return to SGS on Thursday, August 27th in time for the late bus. See the letter from our college counselor, Joe Connolly, for more details. **For Monday, August 24th, sophomores must bring their laptops to prepare for the college tour.**

Juniors: on their overnight, they will leave for Lake Spokane Campground on Wednesday, August 26th and return Thursday, August 27th in time for the school bus home. On Tuesday, they will be participating in the Junior Jump, meeting in the Dragon's Den to begin the day.

Seniors: will go to Camp Reed, leaving Wednesday, August 26th and returning Thursday, August 27th in time for the school bus home. **Besides the overnight 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 Joe Connolly on Tuesday starting in the library.

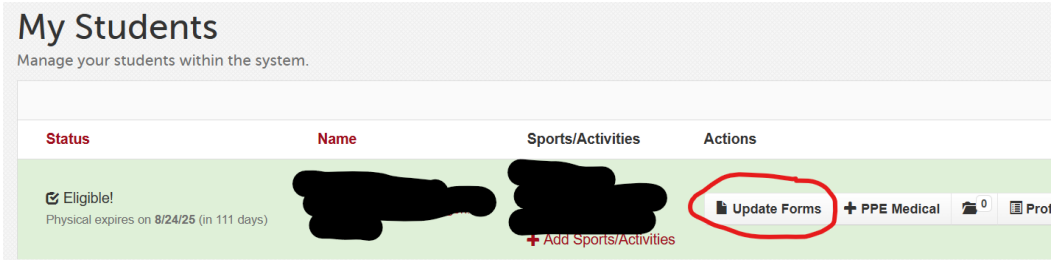
Faculties leading these trips are as follows:

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Melanie Mildrew	Mark Rickard	Ian Townley	Jamie Billings

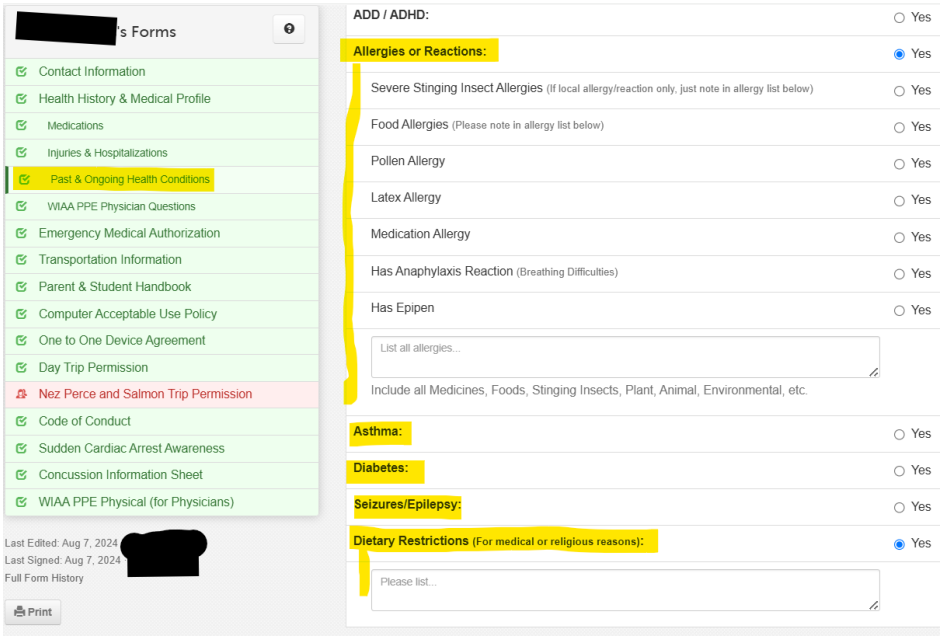
These trips are part of the curriculum, and your child is expected to participate. A gear list and instructions on how to fill out the online waivers is in the summer packet. The Outdoor Adventure Program has extra tents and gear to loan out so please see what you may borrow before going out and buying new gear.

- **Permission forms – two tasks on Final Forms due by August 11th.**
    - Even though you just filled out the medical forms, it is important that parents ensure that the information is current and complete because we are taking children overnight. It is also important that we have accurate dietary restriction information so that we can menu plan and shop accordingly.

- 1) Please log into Final Forms as a parent (https://stgeorges-wa.finalforms.com), and click on “Update Forms”



- Make sure the “Past & Ongoing Health Conditions” portion is accurate.



- 2) The permission form for this trip is a separate form on Final Forms. Look for your respective child’s form for their class trip form.
- **Forms must be submitted by August 11th:** Students without a completed form on file will not be allowed to go on the trip. If you have any questions regarding Final Forms, please contact Paige at paige.halliburton@sgs.org

We are also asking 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’ s at any point during the school year. Thank you for your support.

If you have questions, please contact Melanie via email or if it is the night before the Freshman Outback at (208)721-8000.

Thank you,
Melanie Mildrew