

# Eight Grade Retreat Day

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Every year the 8th grade goes on a retreat, and this year we went to the Jesuit Retreat House on State Road in Parma. Everyone was so excited to be able to go on the retreat and have time to “refocus”. We spent this time reflecting on our years at Saint Charles, focusing on God, and looking toward the future. Juliet Hamlin said, “I felt more comfortable to be myself and felt more free.”



We started off the retreat with talking with friends and breakfast. We then remembered all our classmates that left the school and all the memories we shared. Then we talked about how we can get rid of labels in high school and be ourselves. We talked about high school and how to maintain our relationship with God. We also played games like Math Madness, Jumping Jack Fast, and more.

Everyone had their favorite part of the retreat; whether it was being with friends or remembering all the special times over the years. Anna Kwiatkowski said, “I really enjoyed reflecting on the memories over the past couple of years and really enjoyed the Minute-To-Win-It games.”

Another activity we did on retreat was writing thank you letters. We wrote these to the people who helped us at Saint Charles: teachers, parents, friends, or anyone who helped impact our lives. This gave us a chance to reflect on how much we grew over our years here.

This retreat could have never happened without Mrs. Updegrave, Mr. Pelcin, Father Josh, Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Ungvarsky, and Mrs. Rabatin. It was a great way to close our 8th grade year. Thank you from the whole 8th grade for all your hard work and planning, Everyone really enjoyed the retreat.

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