

## ***SGA Embarks on its 2nd Annual Retreat***

Thanks to the efforts of Principal Andrij Stasiw, Saint George Academy (SGA) students and faculty once again embarked on their annual schoolwide retreat which took place from September 12-14 at the Ukrainian American Youth Association (CYM) in Ellenville, New York.



*Students and faculty head upstate by bus*

During the retreat, students and faculty participated in numerous activities including sports, swimming, sunbathing and exploring.



*Students and faculty members play sports*

The schoolwide SGA Chorus also met with Principal Andrij Stasiw, where they prepared for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Saint George Academy and School by learning a new song.

In the evenings, students gathered in the great hall to dance, socialize and relax.

Students took part in team building projects as well. This year, students were divided into teams consisting of at least one representative from each grade. The teams were asked to work together to create a short skit about one of their teachers. The audience then had to guess which teacher was being represented. Not only were the skits amusing and clever, but they allowed students from various grades to get to know each other and work together on something creative.



*Students acting out their teacher skits*

Students also had the pleasure of meeting with the inspirational Father Ivan Kaszczak, pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kerhonkson. Father Kaszczak highlighted the importance of attaining true happiness in life; not by collecting material possessions, but by doing good deeds for others.

Students returned home very happy with the experience. Many of them made new friends and all made unforgettable memories. Until next year....!



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