Palma class retreats are designed to create “spiritual thinkers” by putting each unique theme into action. In addition to spiritual enrichment, each retreat reinforces team building for camaraderie and brotherhood, personal challenge for growth and confidence, and the kind of experiential activities through which boys learn best. Attending each retreat with fellow Chieftains will enhance the bonding that is the foundation of a Palma education.

7th Grade: Team Boat Building
Wednesday, August 28, 2019 • Happy Valley, Santa Cruz • $75
Theme: “Be Not Afraid” — Mark 6:45-52 “Jesus walks on water.”

8th Grade: Ropes Course
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 • Happy Valley, Santa Cruz • $75
Theme: Direction Through Connection — John 15:1-14 “I am the vine and you are the branches.”

9th Grade: Beach Clean Up and Kayaking
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 • Marina State Beach and Elkhorn Slough • $65
Theme: Care for Creation — Genesis 1: Creation Account

10th Grade: Hike Fort Ord
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 • Fort Ord • $15
Theme: Resisting Temptation — The Temptation of Jesus, Matthew 4:1-11 “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

11th Grade: Beach Clean Up and Kayaking
Wednesday, October 30, 2019 • Fort Ord • $65
Theme: Sustainability and Intergenerational Justice — Matthew 6:25-29 “Learn from the way the wildflowers grow.”

12th Grade: Ropes Course (with added challenges)
Wednesday, October 16, 2019 • Happy Valley, Santa Cruz • $75
Theme: Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet — John 13:1-15 “Do as I have done.”

Each retreat begins with Mass at 7:30 am in the Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel. Students should arrive no later than 7:15 am. Students return to campus by 3:00 pm. Permission slips and any other paperwork will be given to students in their theology class and will need to be returned, along with the payment, at least one week prior to their retreat. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to be a Junior High parent chaperone, please email Ms. Mia Mirassou (mirassou@palmaschool.org) or Mr. Jim Micheletti (micheletti@palma school.org) or contact the Campus Ministry office at 422-6391, ext. 300. Thank you.