July 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Students:

Richwoods administration, faculty, and staff are extremely excited to be returning to the Castle for the 2021-22 school year. We have high hopes for this school year. We have spent the summer preparing the latest in teaching and learning to provide the ultimate learning experience for our Knights. This includes rigorous instruction and a highly energetic environment with a focus on building positive relationships and opportunities.

Your returning Richwoods Administrative Team for the 2021-22 school year includes: Mr. David Poehls (12th grade) and Ms. Amy Adamow (10th grade). We are proud and excited to welcome Ms. Renee Andrews (11th grade) and Mr. Ryan Morrison (9th grade) to the Administrative Team. Assistant Principals are assigned to the grade levels indicated above and provide additional academic and behavioral supports. Together, along with the Richwoods High School counselors, teachers, and staff, we plan to provide your child the best educational experience possible.

Despite the challenges faced due to the pandemic during the 2020-21 school year, Richwoods High School maintained 95% attendance online and in-person. We also increased the number of students enrolled in our Advanced Placement and Dual Credit (Early College) courses by 152, further closing the minority gap of students taking advanced courses. The International Baccalaureate Program, Advanced Placement, and Dual Credit achievements continue to make Richwoods High School, “The Standard for Excellence.”

We are also proud to announce that we are adding the Black History 365 Curriculum to our course offerings at Richwoods High School. “Black History 365 is an educational entity whose purpose is to create cutting-edge resources that invite students, educators, and other readers to become critical thinkers, compassionate listeners, fact-based, respectful communicators and action-oriented solutionists.” Please see https://www.blackhistory365education.com/ for more information.

Richwoods will host a summer workshop for incoming Pre-IB, current IB, and any Advanced Placement students interested. This interactive workshop will be held on August 5th from 9:00 – 11:30. Please email Ms. Amy Adamow at amy.adamow@psd150.org to register. The deadline to register is Monday, August 2nd.

We will also be hosting our annual Freshman Orientation on August 12th from 9:00 – 11:30. Incoming freshman will take tours of the building, receive lockers and schedules, meet coaches and club sponsors, and enjoy music, food, and fun!

Beginning Monday, August 9th, counselors will be available to assist parents with scheduling questions and concerns. Counselors’ hours will be 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. until school begins on Wednesday, August 18th for all students.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Carly Emken