Hello Pride of the City,

I pray you are having a safe and relaxing summer. I am happy to return to the Pride for the 6th year as your very proud principal. I am also pleased to announce our phenomenal administrative team: Mrs. Maegan Skahill (12 & POP), Mr. Michael McCormick (11), Miss June Smothers (10), and Miss Moiria Scott (9). Assistant Principals are assigned to the grade levels indicated above and provide additional academic and behavioral supports. Together, along with the Peoria High School counselors, teachers, and staff, we plan to provide your child the best educational experience possible.

Last school year was quite a whirlwind, but I am happy to say we were still very productive in focusing on academics, attendance, and school culture. We are continuing to progress with student attendance, freshman students on track, and graduation rate. We will remain steadfast in our efforts of continuous improvement in these areas and more to highlight the many reasons we are “The Pride of the City”.

We are excited to welcome our new students and families to PHS; and we extend a warm greeting to the returning members of the Pride. We are dedicated to providing every student with a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment. As a team, we will work to help all students obtain their goal of graduating Peoria High School college and career ready.

School begins on Wednesday, August 18, and the daily school hours are 7:30 am – 2:00 pm. The building opens daily for students at 7:00 am and students must leave the building by 2:15 pm if they are not with an adult sponsor/coach. 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.

This year, the Freshman Orientation will be on Thursday, August 12, from 11 am – 1 pm (specific details will be forthcoming). This will be a great opportunity to ensure your student is ready for his or her first year in high school. Students will receive their schedules and meet their teachers during this time. We will also have extra-curricular sponsors, coaches, and PHS spirit wear available. Any student new to Peoria High may also attend the freshman orientation but should email moiria.scott@psd150.org for more information.

As a reminder all 9th grade students must have proof of their updated immunizations and physicals. All 12th grade students must have proof of their updated immunizations. Records can be emailed to peoriahigh@psd150.org now to ensure your student is in compliance with state/school regulations on the first day of school.

We are proud to continue the Pride Parent and Teacher Organization (PPTO) for the 2021-22 school year. We are looking for energetic parents to join the PPTO to assist in various activities to further support and celebrate the students and staff at Peoria High. If you are interested, please email rebecca.lemont@psd150.org. We appreciate your support. Join today!

We will persevere with a steady focus on building on our successes and having a great school year at the Pride of the City, Peoria High!

Sincerely,
Dr. Annette Coleman, Principal