Mission Statement

Here at Richwoods High School, a diverse community of learners, with a rich tradition of excellence, I will actively participate in a safe and enriching learning environment where my needs and aspirations are customized. I will accomplish academic success, experience personal growth, and increase social responsibility.

July 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Students:

I am excited to become the new Principal of Richwoods High School for the 2020-21 school year. I have spent the past year as the Principal of Glen Oak Community Learning Center K-8. Prior to that, I was Assistant Principal at Richwoods from 2016-2019. I have been employed by Peoria Public Schools since 2004. I am looking forward to an incredible 2020-21 school year.

The administrative team and counseling department will remain the same for the upcoming school year. Assistant Principals will be assigned by grade level to provide additional academic and behavioral supports. Assistant Principals by grade level include Mr. David Webb (9th grade), Miss Amy Adamow (10th grade), Mrs. Marlie Heider (11th grade), and Mr. David Poehls (12th grade). Together, along with the Richwoods High School teachers and staff, we will provide your child with the best educational experience that is both challenging and rewarding. The Richwoods staff is second to none because they excel at creating a positive learning environment based on healthy student relationships.

The Richwoods staff has been working hard throughout the summer developing the latest instructional strategies and techniques to continue to meet the needs of all students. Everyone is energized and thrilled for the upcoming school year. Our academics continue to thrive as Richwoods was recognized for the fourth consecutive year by US News and World Report as one of the Best High Schools in the nation. The International Baccalaureate Program and our Advanced Placement achievements continue to make Richwoods High School, “The Standard for Excellence.”

We are proud to announce that 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 Wednesday, August 5th at Richwoods, from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please email Miss Amy Adamow at amy.adamow@psd150.org to register. The deadline to register is Monday, July 27th.

Beginning Monday, August 10th, counselors will be available to assist families with questions and concerns. Counselor hours will be 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM until school begins on Wednesday, August 19th. As stated in the registration handbook, students cannot change classes after April 1st.

Due to COVID-19, most students will be on a Blended Virtual A/B Learning Schedule. Students' temperatures will be checked each day when they arrive at school. Students must bring hand sanitizer to school and must wear a face mask while in school and on the school bus.

Other aspects of the 2020-2021 school year may be subject to change due to the effects of COVID-19. Rest assured, if any changes happen, we will keep you informed and updated on those changes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Mrs. Carly Emken
Principal
Important Dates to Remember:

1. **Wednesday, July 8th – Registration Opens**
   a. Online registration for returning district students opens on Thursday, July 9th and closes Tuesday, August 18th. *The registration deadline for All-Virtual Learning @ Home is Friday, June 24.*

2. **Wednesday, August 5th – IB/AP Teambuilding Workshop**
   a. 8 AM - 2 PM
   b. Please email Amy Adamow at amy.adamow@psd150.org to register.
   c. The deadline to register is Monday, July 27th.

3. **August 8th, August 11th, and 13th – Registration Hub Hours**
   a. Student Registration Hubs will be open from 9 AM - 6 PM on August 11th and August 13th. Registration Hubs will be open from 9 AM - 2 PM on Saturday, August 8th.
   c. All students must register. Registration Hubs are available to ALL Peoria Public School families.
   d. Please remember 9th grade students must have an up to date physical and immunization records.
   e. 12th grade students must have updated immunization records.

4. **Thursday, August 13th – Freshman Orientation**
   a. 9th Grade Orientation from 10 AM - 12:30 PM, at Richwoods High School.
   b. Students will receive their schedules and find their lockers and classrooms in order to be prepared for their first day of high school!

5. **Wednesday, August 19th – First Day of School!!!!**
   a. This is a full day of school. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 AM - 7:25 AM.
   b. Classes start promptly at 7:30 AM. Dismissal is at 1 p.m.

6. **Wednesday, August 26th – Back to School Knight**
   a. Back to School Knight from 6 PM - 8 PM.

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