



John W. North High School

RENAISSANCE

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Dear 2019-2020 Renaissance Officer:

I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer! Thank-you for showing an interest in student leadership by submitting an application to the Renaissance Council, attending the Renaissance Recruitment Meeting and turning in the Renaissance Commitment. A special thank-you, as well, to those who volunteered at Commencement on May 29.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to *There Is Power Within Every Husky* **#POWERFUL** ~ our 5th annual **Leadership Retreat**. This event will take place on **Friday, August 2** from **5:00 p.m. – midnight** and is mandatory in order to be enrolled in Renaissance. The retreat will take place in North's theater, multi-purpose room, gym and 100s classrooms. Guests include members of North's leadership groups: United Student League, Link Crew, Multi-Cultural Council, Renaissance and Class Officers. We have also invited members of the Blue Star Regiment, Pep Squad and campus clubs. Over 200 student leaders will be in attendance for this evening of bonding, leadership training and goal setting. In the spirit of the theme, please begin your **POWERFUL** new year by wearing your favorite Super Hero gear! No Super Hero gear? No worries! Wear black and white! All attendees will receive a free spirit shirt at the end of the evening.

Supervision for the event will be provided by a school administrator, class advisors and a campus aide. Students and parents are asked to park, pick up and drop off from the back parking lot on Linden Street. The front gates will be closed for the evening. Dinner and snacks will be served. The retreat will end at 12:00 a.m. Parents are encouraged to pick up students promptly at midnight.

It is so important that all leadership groups understand the expectations of our student government and activities program. In the upcoming year, we will be empowering our fellow Huskies through mentoring, organizing recognition rallies and events, providing staff appreciation and supporting students via our Dog Pound Spirit Crew. Our hope is to connect students to school through sponsoring activities and projects that provide a positive campus culture for all North students.

Please see the Renaissance Summer/Back-to-School Schedule posted on our website at north.riversideunified.org. Mandatory events include the Leadership Retreat and the Happy New Year celebration on the first day of school where student leaders will be welcoming students to the 2019-2020 school year with cheers, handshakes and high fives.

As was discussed during the Renaissance Recruitment Meeting in May, the Leadership Retreat is mandatory for enrollment in the Renaissance. Students in attendance will be given priority enrollment. **Please RSVP by July 31 via Text Remind or by texting me at 951.203.7786 (be sure to leave your name!).** Ask your parents to sign the permission slip available online and return it when you check in at the retreat.

Renaissance students who attend the retreat will also be given an opportunity to volunteer at optional activities August 5, 6, 9. Leaders will be able to sign up for volunteer duties during the Leadership Retreat.

The Leadership Retreat is the first step in planning activities and laying the groundwork of our leadership team. You will be given an opportunity to learn the skills and commitment needed to work together successfully. Needless to say, the new school year begins now for student leaders! Please come to the Leadership Retreat with an open mind and be prepared to dream, think, share, get to know others and enjoy the beginnings or the continuation of your leadership experience.

New this year is **RENFEST!** Pizza and bonding activities will be provided on **Wednesday, August 7** from **12:00-2:00 p.m.** in the **Multi-Purpose Room**. All Renaissance members are invited, but are not required, to join us!

I am excited to begin a leadership journey with all of you! We will be meeting during 5th period once the school year starts. Welcome to the challenges and frenzied pace of student leadership!

I look forward to an exciting new year ~ see you on **August 2!!**

Sincerely,

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Please leave your name if you voicemail or text!

If you have not already done so, please join Miss Porter's Remind class to receive Renaissance text message reminders throughout the year!

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