



# Prep Academy News

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

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## Prep Academy Fall Retreat!

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – 8:45a.m. to 7:15p.m.

**Description:** Prep students will ride the 8<sup>th</sup> grade morning bus from their homeschool to Central Academy arriving at approximately 8:45 a.m. Once all buses have arrived, we will board two charter buses and travel to Wesley Woods Retreat Center, (10896 Nixon St., Indianola IA). Lunch and dinner will be provided. Activities will include a low ropes course, climbing wall, wagon ride, inflatables, and archery. Charter buses will return to Central Academy (1912 Grand Ave.) at approximately 7:15 p.m.

**It will be the responsibility of the parent (guardian) to arrange for transportation from Central Academy to the student's home at approximately 7:15 Wednesday evening.**

**Purpose:** Prep students come from twelve different middle schools. The retreat provides an opportunity to meet and bond with students from all over the city, as we explore what it means to be a Prep student. Former Prep students will be on hand to share their Academy experiences.

**Philosophy:** Wesley Woods follows the philosophy of *Challenge by Choice* which encourages campers to achieve their goals in a safe environment where they can stretch beyond their comfort level. This is quite similar to what Central Academy offers academically! A place to set and achieve goals that may seem beyond reach at first glance.

**What's Next:** Prep Academy students will receive permission forms in class beginning Tuesday, September 6. Complete and return these forms to any Prep Academy teacher or Prep support staff. Students who return all paperwork by Friday, September 16, will be entered to win one of five bags filled with Academy goodies!

**Questions?** Contact Diane Fox, Prep Academy Advisor at [diane.fox@dmschools.org](mailto:diane.fox@dmschools.org)

### Happy Birthdays!

Wednesday, August 24 - Moumen Yagoub  
Monday, August 29 – John (Liam) King  
Wednesday, September 7 – Vanessa Velez

### Thought for the Week

Ability is what you're capable of doing  
Motivation determines what you do  
Attitude determines how well you do it!  
Winston Porter

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# Reminders

## **Attendance:**

If your child is absent, in addition to contacting your student's home school, please contact the Central Academy Attendance Clerk at 242-7653.

## **Canvas:**

Canvas is the link to get detailed information about classroom activities, assignments, and due dates.

Student access: go to [www.dmschools.org](http://www.dmschools.org) click on "student", then "Canvas". You will see a blue column on the left side of the page. Click on "dashboard" to find the individual class information.

Parent access: go to [Canvas Access - Parents - Des Moines Public Schools \(dmschools.org\)](http://Canvas Access - Parents - Des Moines Public Schools (dmschools.org)) for detailed information on how to set up a parent account.

## **Infinite Campus:**

Infinite Campus is where teachers record information about your student's individual progress. This includes grades given on assignments, what assignments might be missing and as time progresses, topic scores. For more information on the use of Infinite Campus visit <https://www.dmschools.org/infinite-campus-studentparent-portal/>

# Contacts

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