Dear Freshmen Students,

We hope your transition from middle school to Redwood has been an easy one. High school is a time to find yourself, and although at times it might be difficult, we want you to know that Link Crew is here to help.

Link Crew is a class designed to help freshmen get informed and comfortable with the school. This booklet is our way of giving you the information you need to be a successful Redwood Giant.

In this book you will find information about lockers, eschool, game nights, tutoring, and more! We hope that the information in this book helps you enhance your experience at RHS.

GO GIANTS!
- Link Crew Class
Non Fiction

- Non fiction is a journalism class that is a prerequisite for the Bark class (school newspaper).

- It is a really fun but time consuming class

- You can take it as a freshman if you talk to your counselor, but is commonly a sophomore year elective.

- Not all non fiction students get accepted into the Bark

- Redwood’s Bark is the school newspaper, the class consists of working on and gathering information to publish

- Go to Room 177 and talk with Tom Sivertsen if you are interested.
**How The CEA Works:**

**Set up an account Online:** make your trip to the CEA faster and sign up with an account online. Go to redwood.org and click on Parents, then Nutrition Services Info&Prepayment. Then have your parents enter in their credit card information. Now every time you go to the CEA just type in your Student ID number and the money will be deducted from your account. This will be faster when you have your Student ID number memorized.

**Pick the Correct Line:** You must read the signs overhead to determine where you need to go to order the meal you want. When entering the CEA from the mural entrance you will first pass the Snack bar on your right hand side. This is where you can order A La Carte menu items, such as drinks and snacks. The four larger windows further in the CEA are for full menu meals. This is where you line up to get things such as sandwiches, hamburgers and teriyaki chicken with rice. When choosing a complete meal you are allowed to get milk and two side dishes, such as fruit.

**The Menu:** We have attached the menu here for you because it is a good idea to know a few more things about specific orderings of meals. It is always a good idea to know what’s being served each day by checking the menu listings, that way when you make it to the front of the line you know what you’re getting and won’t hold up the line. Certain popular food choices do sell out, so make your way to the CEA right when the bell for lunch sounds. The lines always look long, but we can assure you standing in them is the way to go! Cutting off other students in line is annoying, rude and can sometimes lead to getting yourself in to unwanted arguments. Follow the rules, everyone in line will get food, don’t stress out.
If you achieved a 3.5 GPA or above the previous semester, you are invited to free catered lunch to celebrate your success.

Bring your invitation to quickly and easily enter. IF you forget your invitation, a leadership student can help you at the door.

There are two achievement lunches every year, one in the fall and one in the spring.
Here are three great ways for freshman students to find out about what’s happening at Redwood High School and stay current with what’s coming up.

Start out by Logging on to the Redwood Website at www.redwood.org

The Redwood Calendar of Events:

Click on “Calendar of Events” under the Information Tab.

Under Calendar of Events you can find a listing of all upcoming scheduled school events, from school holidays, upcoming school dances, to drama performances not to be missed.

The Redwood Daily Twig:

Click on “Twig (Daily Bulletin)” under the Publications Tab.

Here you’ll find all kinds of announcements, for example- when to make up missed School Photos, a call for Talented Singers, Club Days, Staff News, Sport News, etc. This is a great place to find out about all of the available activities to get involved in at Redwood.

The Redwood Bark:

Click on “The Bark (Student Newspaper)” under the Publications Tab.

Stay current with what’s happening! Did you know Redwood has an award winning newspaper that keeps you up to date on Redwood News? It offers Redwood readers Featured Stories, Sports, Opinions & Editorials, not to mention Reviews and Lifestyle Sections. Log on and check it out, you will not be disappointed.
How Do Redwood Grades Work?

- When calculating your GPA all B’s including B- B and B+ are equivalent to a 3.0; all ranges of an A, B, C or D grade follows this format: i.e. + and – count the same as a solid grade
- To find your GPA add up all the points that each of your letter grades are equal to and divide by the number of classes you take
- Letter grades are equal to: A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1
- P.E. and Leadership do NOT count toward your academic GPA, while music, art, and computer classes DO count toward your academic GPA

Redwood Honors Society


Redwood Honors Society is an award that is given for academic achievement and school services. It looks good on college applications and you can apply once a semester.

Requirements:
- Must have a B grade average, with no grade lower than a C
- At least 10 hours of school service, that can include: sports, clubs, school publication staff music, and being present at other Redwood activities
- Membership is not automatic, there is a deadline, so check the website listed above for the deadline

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)


The California Scholarship Federation is an organization that gives out awards to students who have high academic achievement.

Requirements:
- Must earn a sufficient amount of points, those points can be found on the CSF form
- Membership is not automatic, there is a deadline, so check the website listed above for the deadline
Redwood Yearbook

In order to take the Yearbook class you to have completed

• Photo

• Graphic Design

• Nonfiction

**Only Juniors and Seniors are eligible** to take the class and applications are available in the spring of Sophomore year. You will take photos for all school events including rallies, games and club activities. If you have any questions, send and email to: [yearbook@redwood.org](mailto:yearbook@redwood.org).
Fine Arts Classes Available at Redwood High School

**Art Exploration**- This class is a prerequisite for all visual art electives. It introduces various types of art such as drawing, painting, and graphic design.

**Ceramics**- In this class students will learn to throw pieces with clay using the potter’s wheel and learn hand building techniques. Student will also learn to glaze their own pieces. (Ceramics 1-7 and AP 3D Design available)

**Graphic Design**- Students will explain on artistic skills and design using traditional media such as print making and professional digital media. Students will create design logos, posters, and more. (Advanced Graphic Design available)

**Photography**- In this class students will learn the use of photographic equipment and how to develop, print, and enlarge film, as well as how to use digital photography. Students will also learn about composition, design, lighting, and various other photo techniques. (Photography 1-6 and AP Photo available)

**Drawing and Painting**- Students will develop skills using many different art materials such as pencil, charcoal, ink, tempera, and watercolor. Students focus on art of different genres and using a variety of techniques. (Drawing and Painting 1-7 and AP Drawing and Painting available)

**Architecture**- Students will learn about the different types and uses of architecture and build models of various architecture techniques. (Architecture 1-3 available)

**Sculpture**- Students will learn to form and texture with a variety of media such as wood, wire, and plaster on a 3D level. Students will learn how to turn two dimensional designs into three dimensions, model the human form, etc. (Sculpture 1-7 and AP 3D Design available)

**Drama**- Students will focus on the craft of acting and working in an ensemble. Students are introduced to a variety of acting techniques and exercises involving movement, voice, pantomime, etc. Dance and improvisation are included in the curriculum of certain drama classes. (Drama 1-8, Honors Theatre Directing, and Senior Projects in Drama available)

**Artist’s Voice**- This is an evening course for students who want to pursue individual artistic vision and voice in different forms of art, who work with community guest artists on specialized topics.

**Band/Music**- Students develop skills in different types of music as well as with specific instruments. There are different bands for different levels of skill and a student does not need to be an advanced student to join. (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band available)

**Beginning Guitar and Bass 1-2**- This is a one-year class for students who are inexperienced and want to learn to play guitar and/or bass guitar. This class is a prerequisite for Music and Performance Workshop 1-2.

**Music Performance Workshop**- This class focuses on the performance of vocals and instruments such as piano, drums, guitar, bass, etc. Students are exposed to a variety of music styles.
Handling Unexcused Absences and Tardies

1. 5 tardies = 1 unexcused absence

5 unexcused absences = 1 loss of credit

That means your potential 5 credits for a class decreases to 4 on your transcript.

2. If you’re 10 or more minutes late to a class, it counts as an absence.

3. Check your attendance every once and a while on Eschool.

4. If you’re marked as late or absent for a certain class and you really were in the class or on time, talk to your teacher or counselor or have a parent/guardian call the office right away within 24 hours. Dealing with it past 24 hours will result in possibly not being able to excuse it.

5. If you know you’re going to be absent for a warranted event such as a college visit or preapproved athletic competition, you must fill out a form from the office (105) and have all your teachers sign it A WEEK prior to being absent.

6. If you’re sick, your parent/guardian must call within 24 hours to excuse it.

7. Some teachers are lenient and others are strict about how “on time” you are. Some teachers want you in your seat while others don’t mind if you’re a few minutes late. Know your teacher’s late policy!
In order to access the Common Folder or personal school files:
1. Go to [www.redwood.org](http://www.redwood.org)
2. Click on the “Students” tab
3. Look for the “Remote File Access” option
4. Sign in using your Username and Password for your school account

In order to check your grades online:
1. Go to [www.redwood.org](http://www.redwood.org)
2. Under the section “Quicklinks” (which is in the left margin of the homepage) there is the link to “eSchool Plus Home Access”
3. Then sign in using your eSchool account name and password (they are the same as your school computer login and password)

If you do not see the link under “Quicklinks”
1. Find the “Students” tab
2. Click on the option “eSchool Plus Home Access Center”
3. Sign in from there
Come to Game Night!!
We love Redwood High School come support your volleyball, basketball, football, and soccer teams!!!!!

**When:** Will be announced a week before hand in homeroom

**Where:** Redwood High School Field and Gym

**What:** The best school spirit night that ever existed in California!

**Why:** To support your friends and sports teams, to show your school spirit, and HAVE FUN!!

**How:** Show up with school spirit! (and your school I.D.)
-Clothing with offensive and/or vulgar words, or pictures regarding a person’s ethnic background, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, or disability is not permitted

-Clothing that represents any group or gang that advocates violence (or disruption) is not permitted

-Clothing which features alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs is not permitted

-Clothing which is revealing, (exposing of chest, midriff, back or undergarments,) is not permitted. Underwear cannot be worn as outerwear!
College and Career Center

(First Floor, Room 111, Across from the Service Center)

• Plan your life after high school!
• Books available to research hundreds of colleges and universities
• Specialist, Paula Vantrease, is there to help with questions you may have about college and give you advice on building your resume to impress colleges!
• Students can find out about times to visit with different college admissions representatives – on campus before school, at break, and during lunch periods
• Colleges and universities are posted on the sign next to the counseling office and library with dates and times of when they will be visiting
• Students can access computers in the career center to find information on jobs, colleges, and scholarships
• Receive assistance and advice regarding your college application questions
• Students can view current job postings and opportunities for work and applications for work permits are available
• Community service opportunities are posted on the main bulletin board inside the Career Center
• Get information on various summer and international programs
• Provides dates for the PSAT, SAT, and ACT exams.
• Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
• They will help you find colleges that have the majors that you are interested in.
Rallies and Spirit Days

BE LOUD!

Rallies give you an opportunity to show your class pride… So, come ready to impress your classmates and be spirited! Wear RHS colors, red, black, and grey, and spirit gear to every rally!

Spirit Days- Occur during Homecoming Week in October. Each day has a different dress up theme and a lunchtime activity. Show your school spirit by dressing up and attending the lunch time events.

Rallies- There are 3 rallies per year. Make sure to wear your spirit gear and cheer loudly for your grade level. Go Giants!
Who Are They?

Your counselor is there to help you with pretty much anything you might need – scheduling issues, conflicts, college questions, advice, anything.

How Do I See Them?

To see your counselor, you have to go to the counseling office, room 103 and fill out a green request slip. Then, you drop it in the wooden basket and leave. It’s pretty easy once you get the hang of it.

Being Summoned

When your counselor gets your request to see them, they will send you a “blue slip”, which excuses you from the class you’re in to come and see them. Don’t worry; it’s not a call to the principal’s office. Sometimes, your counselor may send you a slip without a request, just to check up on you or establish contact if you have yet to do so.

Go introduce yourself to your counselor, and enjoy the rest of your high school career!
How to Get Dance Tickets

1. Tickets can be purchased in room 105 or 107.

2. Bring money and your school ID.

3. Once you’ve bought it, put the ticket somewhere safe. It makes getting into the dance a much simpler process if you can just present your ticket at the door.

4. Don’t forget your student I.D. on the night of the dance.

*If you plan on bringing a guest who does not attend Redwood, make sure to get a Guest Pass from 107 and to have the form filled out and turned in by the Wednesday before the dance. Only 25 guests will be accepted, and the list is based on a first-come-first-serve policy. Remember, guests must be under 21 years old.
Walking to Lunch

- don’t be late to your next class
- leave right after the bell rings
- give yourself at least 7 minutes to walk each way (times may vary)
- do not try to walk to bon air – you will not make it
- know what you want to get ahead of time or CALL AHEAD
- find out if your class after lunch will let you eat in class before you walk so you will know if you will have extra time to eat!
- Best day to walk: Thursday (lunch is 45 minutes – 10 minutes longer than usual)
- Know all of your options (see below)

Places to eat (your options)
- Lucky shopping center
  - Lucky supermarket – chips, drinks, candy, bagels, produce, etc.
  - Red Boy Pizza – pizza, soda, garlic bread
  - Avatar – pizza, pasta, coffee, salads, hot cocoa, sandwiches
  - King of the Roll – sushi
  - Gas station – chips, drinks, candy

- Magnolia area
  - Mt. Tam Raquet Club – see MTRC menu for details (membership only)
  - Burritoville – burritos, quesadillas, taquitos, chips, drinks, nachos
- Trader Joe’s – sushi, wraps, salads, dried fruit, good produce (fruits and veggies), chips/snacks, bars, odwallas, etc.
- Downtown Larkspur
  - Rulli’s – sandwiches, coffee, drinks, pastries
  - Doughnut Alley – doughnuts, milk, juice
PEER TUTORS!

Need help in a subject?
Go to room 228 and sign up with Mr. Lovelady.
Offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 3:30pm-4:45pm in the Redwood library. (Tutoring available every year starting Oct. 19th).
Within a few days of filling out a form, you should receive a slip in from the counseling office with information regarding your tutoring session. If you do not receive a slip within a few days, consult your counselor.

ATHLETIC TUTORING!

On a Redwood Sports team?

Athletic tutoring provides students with after school commitments an opportunity to receive peer tutoring.

-Fill out same form as for peer tutoring from room 105, and circle athletic tutoring.
-5:30 pm-7:15 pm
-Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Room 261.
Computer Proficiency Test

You can test out the mandatory computer class!

There are five components to the test
Word Processing
Excel
PowerPoint
Objective
Keyboarding


2. Download the Testing Schedule and Registration Form and the Computer Proficiency Sample Test Packet. You must turn in the completed practice test and signed parental permission form to the District Office (located next to the CEA) in order to sign up for the test.

3. You can find when and where the test out opportunities are by going to your counselor and asking for a form with the list of these times and dates. You can fill out this form and turn it back into your counselor in order to sign up for one of these dates!

4. If you do not pass all components of the test the first time, log back on to the website and download the Supplemental Workshop Form. If after two tries you have not passed all sections of the rest, you will be required to go to one of these workshops.

5. Take the test ASAP so that you have a lot of time to pass all components.
Peer Resource is a class that meets during 6th period in room 201. Did you know freshmen can apply for their sophomore year?

Peer Resource trains and educates students in a variety of different issues. Peer Resource visits middle schools to help students transition into high school.

Peer Resource is an amazing class where you get to know the students inside the class like family members. You have the ability to listen, talk, and be educated on many different issues—everything being confidential. Peer Resource is in charge of the Peer Support Center, which gives students a chance to talk to a member of Peer Resource and just talk to them. It gives students the opportunity to talk to a peer instead of an adult, as well as gives them the ability to talk to someone that does not know you personally.

There is an application process to get into Peer Resource. Applications are available in the spring.

Applicants will be notified if they are accepted in Peer Resource before the end of the year.

In the last week of February, pick up an application from room 201. Application reminders will also be made in the Twig and Homeroom.
ATTENTION FRESHMEN

TIPS FOR BEING SPIRITED AT RALLYS

1. Invent a Class Cheer!

2. Wear RED

3. When you hear "4 MORE YEARS!" you respond "COLLEGE OF MARIN!"

4. BE LOUD!!!!
Don't you wish you had a credit card?!?

At Redwood, YOU DO!
Pay for your meals at the CEA by swiping your student ID card!
Just put money in your PayPal account

http://www.mynutrikids.com

REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
Lock Your Locker!!!

Open lockers are an invitation for people to take or mess with your stuff.

Never tell anyone your locker combo. Even your best friend!

Always spin your lock after putting it in the closed position.