

HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

STAFF BIOGRAPHIES



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Ms. Theresa Riccardi

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Performing Arts

18 years at High Point

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If you have ever attended one of High Point's whodunit murder mysteries, watched the singing and dancing of a musical, or heard the angelic voices of the Chamber Singer, meet Ms. Riccardi, who for the last 18 years has directed the plays, musicals, choir, and Chamber Singers we have all enjoyed.

Ms. Riccardi began her teaching career in Roxbury teaching Music and Theatre. She joined the High Point family in 1999 and began to teach music and theatre at the high school.

Ms. Riccardi believes that High Point is a special place because of the talented students and staff. “ I laugh almost every day. I also believe we have a faculty and staff who are immensely talented, compassionate and inspirational on a daily basis,” says Ms. Riccardi. When asked about her favorite aspect of teaching, Riccardi replied, “Collaborating with my students on a mainstage theatre production or a selection of choral music. I love their passion and commitment as artists and I enjoy watching them push hard to achieve an exceptional level of performance in their work.” That passion and commitment is evident in the productions and concerts.

For the past 18 years, Ms. Riccardi has directed 18 plays and musicals. Some of the recent productions have been *Singin’ in the Rain, Almost Maine, and Noises Off*. When asked what her favorite production was, Ms. Riccardi replied, “ I have favorite “moments” in all the productions we’ve produced at High Point, but, I don’t have one all time favorite.” This year’s Spring musical production is *42nd Street*.

In her own words:

1.)What are some of your interests and activities?

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends whenever possible. I enjoy boating, traveling, gardening and golfing. I am also an enthusiastic fan of the New York Giants and the New York Rangers.

2.)Do you have a favorite quote? Why is it your favorite quote?

One of my favorite quotes is “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with

the heart.” - Helen Keller Helen Keller was faced with insurmountable odds as a child. I admire her relenting spirit and belief that she could achieve great success and be genuinely happy in life.