



Principal's Updates

We've made it through the first month of school and now find ourselves in October. This week, students in 10th and 11th grade completed the Fall PSAT/NMSQT, and our seniors took the SAT in school for the last time. We want to thank everyone for their help in our attendance during this testing day, and our freshmen and teachers for their flexibility in moving classrooms for the day. Students should expect their scores from CollegeBoard in the next few weeks.

At RINI, we follow the Four Pillars of Nursing: Scholarship, Character, Compassion and Empathy, and Professionalism, and I want to focus on these pillars over the next few months to help both students and families understand what our expectations are, and what these pillars mean for our school community—as well as for their future careers as healthcare professionals.

This month, I'd like to look at Professionalism. Professionalism creates a climate that encourages personal development and growth. It is demonstrated through dependability, commitment, accountability, and responsibility for our actions and beliefs. Professionalism requires us to collaborate and cooperate with others in all interactions. By exhibiting behaviors of professionalism, you are demonstrating pride in oneself, your school and respect for your future profession.

When thinking about Professionalism at RINI, it shows up in a few different ways: in how we show up in uniform, in our interactions with our peers, in meeting deadlines for assignments and paperwork. It also shows up in our certification and licensure programs; as our students receive their CPR and First Aid certifications, their CNA licenses, and even, for some of our seniors, their EMT licenses, they are moving forward in their careers as healthcare professionals.

An aspect of Professionalism that sometimes goes unacknowledged is presence. When we are behaving professionally, we show up on time every day to where we have to be, whether it's work or school. RINI students show up, and in the month of September, we averaged over 90 percent of students in school everyday—that's professionalism. In recognition of their attendance and in honor of the RIDE Attendance Matters initiative, RINI is entering students with perfect attendance into a raffle each month for different prizes. This month, we want to congratulate the following students for their perfect attendance in the first month of school:

- Trent Manou Kulah ('29)
- Valentina Pineda Valencia ('28)
- Celeste Alexandra Morales ('27)
- Adriana Elizabeth Granillo ('26)

These students won a \$25 gift card in recognition of their attendance. Let's keep up this excellent work.

We also want to encourage students to take advantage of the [Brown University Health Workforce Development Mock Interview](#), which is another way to practice professional behaviors. To participate, students must be 18 or older.

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, October 13th, in recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day. We will be holding Parent-Family Night on October 29th; more information to follow soon.

As always, please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns.

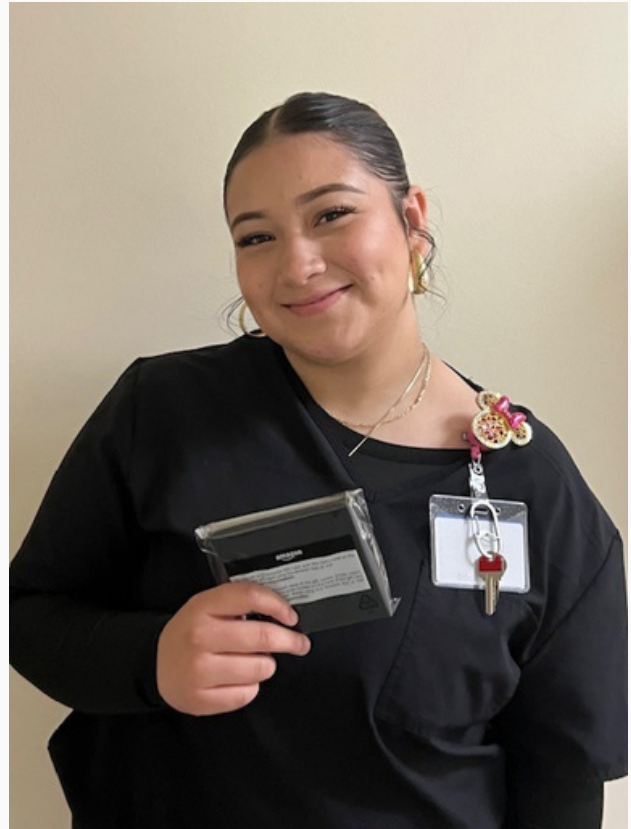
**“If your actions
inspire others to
dream more, learn
more, do more and
become more, you
are a leader.”**

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS



**In partnership,
Principal Ferland**

RINI September Perfect Attendance



Keep up the great work!

Top left: Trent Manou Kulah ('29)
Bottom Left: Valentina Pineda Valencia ('28)
Top Right: Celeste Alexandra Morales ('27)

A photograph of students in a science laboratory. They are wearing blue lab coats and are focused on their work with microscopes. The image is partially obscured by a dark grey text box on the left.

SUPPORT UPDATES | EARLY DISMISSAL POLICY

Early Dismissal Procedures

In order to ensure that our school and students are safe, we have established an early dismissal procedure.

Early Dismissals: Students who leave the building during the school day must be cleared through the Attendance Office. A note from a parent requesting the early dismissal should be brought to the main office before the student's **first period class**. The note must include the date, full name, grade, reason for dismissal, parent's signature, and phone number where the parent can be reached.

Due to the hectic nature of a main office, we do not take early dismissals over the phone.

When picking up a child for an early dismissal, the adult must come into the reception lobby and show a picture ID. Once security has verified the parent information and all pertinent information matches our system, the Main Office will contact the classroom and send the student to the lobby. All students must check out at the main office prior to leaving the building. We will not be able to call a student to the office to wait for his/her ride to arrive.

We ask that you do not text your child to come down until you have checked in with security.

If you have any questions, please contact the main office at 401-680-4900



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

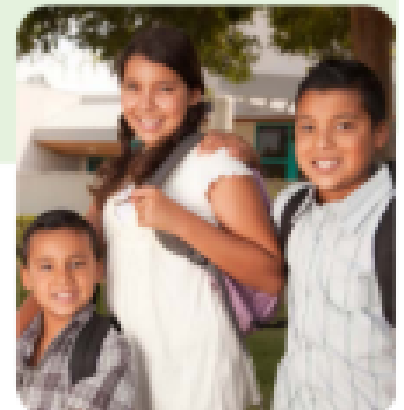
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Support your students if you notice signs of anxiety, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health provider.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy - incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.



RINI Middle College - 2025 - 2026 School Calendar

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AUGUST	DECEMBER	APRIL
New Teacher orientation	22 - 31 - Holiday Recess (No School)	3 - Good Friday (no school)
Teacher orientation	JANUARY	20 - 24 - Spring Recess (no school)
26 - First Day of School	1 - 2 - New Year's Day (no school)	MAY
SEPTEMBER	12 - End of Semester 1	1 - Sr. Decision Day
1 - Labor Day (no school)	13, 14, 15, 16 - Exams	13 - Wellness Fair
23 - 24 Rosh Hashanah (no school)	19 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)	20 & 27 - Senior Presentation Days
	20 - Semester 2 begins	25 - Memorial Day (no school)
OCTOBER		June
2 - Yom Kippur (no school)	FEBRUARY	1, 2, 3 - Senior Exams
13 - Indigenous People's Day (no school)	16 - 20 - Winter Recess (no school)	29 - Jr/Sr Prom
29 - Parent conferences/ Multicultural night		5 - Cap and gown distribution
	MARCH	10- Senior Awards Night
NOVEMBER	20 - Eid al-Fitr (no school)	15 -Graduation
11 - Veteran's Day (no school)		15, 16, 17 - Underclassmen Exams
26 - 28 - Thanksgiving Recess		18 - exam make up/last day of school
		19 - Juneteenth (no school)
		June: 22, 23, & 24 reserved for inclement weather make up days