



RHODE ISLAND
NURSES INSTITUTE
MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER SCHOOL

The Pulse of RINI

RINI Community News | Friday, November 1st, 2024

Dates to Remember

- November 3rd - Daylight Savings (Turn Your Clocks Back!)
- November 5th - Election Day, No School
- November 11th - Veterans Day, No School
- November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Recess, No School

Upcoming Events

- National Honor Society Meeting - November 4th @ 3PM

After School Clubs

- Student Council: Thursdays @ 3PM, Room 212
- SAFEBAE: Thursdays @ 3PM, Room 303
- Crochet Club: Mondays @ 3-4PM, 3rd Floor Suite

At-a-Glance

Chromebooks ONLY, Please: Students are only allowed to use their Chromebooks in school when they are online – NO EXCEPTIONS. The RINI network has specific safety measures in place to protect your students from online intrusions. This important safety net does not extend to other laptops that students may bring to school. As a result, students MAY NOT use their personal laptops and tablets in school to access online work. Students can take notes on tablets but will still need their school issued computer. Please remind your students to pack their school-approved Chromebooks and chargers each morning.

IEPs & 504s: If your student has an IEP, please contact Ms. Marin Kafal (mkafal@rinimc.org) for any IEP related questions. If your student has a 504, please contact Principal Ferland (tferland@rinimc.org).

Bus Passes: Students who need to replace their bus passes should contact Ms. Santiago (ysantiago@rinimc.org).

School Improvement Team: Principal Ferland is looking for parents to join our School Improvement Team. For more information, please reach out via email.

PowerSchool: RINI uses PowerSchool as our Student Information System. To know about schedules and grades, please make sure you can access it. Questions can be directed to our school counselors, Ms. Franzoni (jfranzoni@rinimc.org) and Ms. Coetzee (ncoetzee@rinimc.org).

RINI Middle College Student Information Form: Please complete the updated student information form. This can be found [here](#). Updated forms should be printed and brought to the main office.

RINI Student Handbook: The updated 24-25 RINI Middle College Student Handbook is [available here](#). Students and families should review the school policies to make sure that they are up to date with policies, procedures, and any changes for this school year. Again, the handbook can be found here: [ENGLISH](#)

“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Principal Updates

November has come to RINI fast, and we are almost at the halfway point of semester 1. Momentum picks up around this time, and we encourage students to stay on top of their work as classes move into their next units of study. Grades can be viewed on PowerSchool, and we encourage families, students, and teachers to work together to ensure student success as the semester continues.

During this past month, students completed the fall PSAT/SAT Suite of Assessments, and scores should be available from College Board by the end of November. We encourage students to use these scores from the fall to help set goals for academic growth and progress, as the next in-school PSAT and SAT Tests will be held in the spring. Both standardized tests provide scholarship opportunities for students, and many nursing programs have a minimum required test score for entry.

Students should also be aware that we will begin Accuplacer testing, which is used by CCRI as their college course placement exam. Students who receive the minimum passing score on Accuplacer can begin taking college classes as early as their sophomore year. For questions, please contact Ms. Binger (tbinger@rinimc.org). Preparing for Accuplacer will also help students prepare for other standardized testing.

It is never too late to get into a good habit and good routine, and we want to remind students that their attendance in school matters. It is still one of the biggest factors in student academic success. Students should be arriving at school on time every day. If there is anything that is impacting your student’s ability to get to school, please reach out to our Support Team Lead, Mrs. Ortega (gortega@rinimc.org), our Dean of Students, Mr. Medina (ymedina@rinimc.org), or myself (tferland@rinimc.org), and we will work with you. Our students matter, and we want to see them in school.

On a final note, I want to remind everyone that Mrs. Ortega recently sent out updates to the RINI Dress Code Policy. These updates are included in this newsletter. The RINI school store is open until Wednesday, November 6th, and will be closed after that until the spring. Orders placed on the school store site will be sent to RINI in a few weeks. Students who need to order their Class A Blue Scrubs need to place this order before Wednesday. Orders can be placed through [the store website, here](#).



In partnership,

Principal Ferland



SUPPORT UPDATES

Policy Reminders

Phone-Free RINI

All students will be required to place their cell phones in the designated cell phone wall hangers located in each classroom. Students can retrieve their phones at the end of each period and will need to place them back in the wall pouches at the start of their next class. The electronic device must remain in the classroom holder for the entire period.

Attendance Matters!

RINI opens its doors to students at 7:30AM for breakfast, and Period 1 classes start promptly at 8AM. The Rhode Island Department of Education has launched the Attendance MattersRI Campaign to encourage schools and families to work together on improving school attendance. Research shows that chronic absenteeism (missing 10% or more of the school year) can lead to lower academic achievement, disengagement, course failures, and an increased risk of dropping out.

Dress Code

Fall is here! As a reminder, students are NOT allowed to wear hoodies as part of their uniform. We recommend that students bring a cardigan or wear a scrub jacket. There are also coat hooks in classrooms for students to hang coats on as the weather starts to get colder.

Do You Know Your School Counselor?

Grade 9

Franzoni: A-Ma
Coetzee: Mc-Z

Grade 10

Franzoni: A-Le
Coetzee: Li-Z

Grade 11

Franzoni: A-Le
Coetzee: Li-Z

Grade 12

Franzoni: A-MA
Coetzee: Me-Z



COMMUNITY

Community Resources and Scholarship Opportunities

COVID-19 Tests

Every US household can now [order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests](#). Learn more about COVID-19 testing and free testing options at covid.ri.gov/test.

Keep the Heat On

Keep the Heat On provides financial assistance to households that have either exhausted or are ineligible for all other state, federal or private heating assistance. To learn more, go to: [Keep the Heat On - Providence, RI \(heat.ri.com\)](https://heat.ri.com).

MLK Jr. State Holiday Commission Essay Contest

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Commission, chaired by Representative Nathan Biah, has announced the annual essay contest for the upcoming holiday event.

“Since this is my first year as the commission’s chairman, and as an educator, I am particularly excited to see what our state’s youth have to say regarding the legacy of Dr. King. I encourage all of our students to participate in this year’s contest. Dr. King’s teachings are profoundly relevant in today’s polarized society, and this contest is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn from Dr. King’s message on how to make our world a better place,” said Representative Biah. Four winners will be chosen (two middle school students and two high school students) and prizes of \$200 will be awarded to the first place entries and a \$100 prize will be awarded to the second place entries. The contest is open to all middle and high school students in Rhode Island. The deadline for applicants is Monday, December 2, 2024.

[Essay Contest Permission slip here.](#)

STUDENT SHOUTOUTS

Student Spotlight: Peace Bockarie

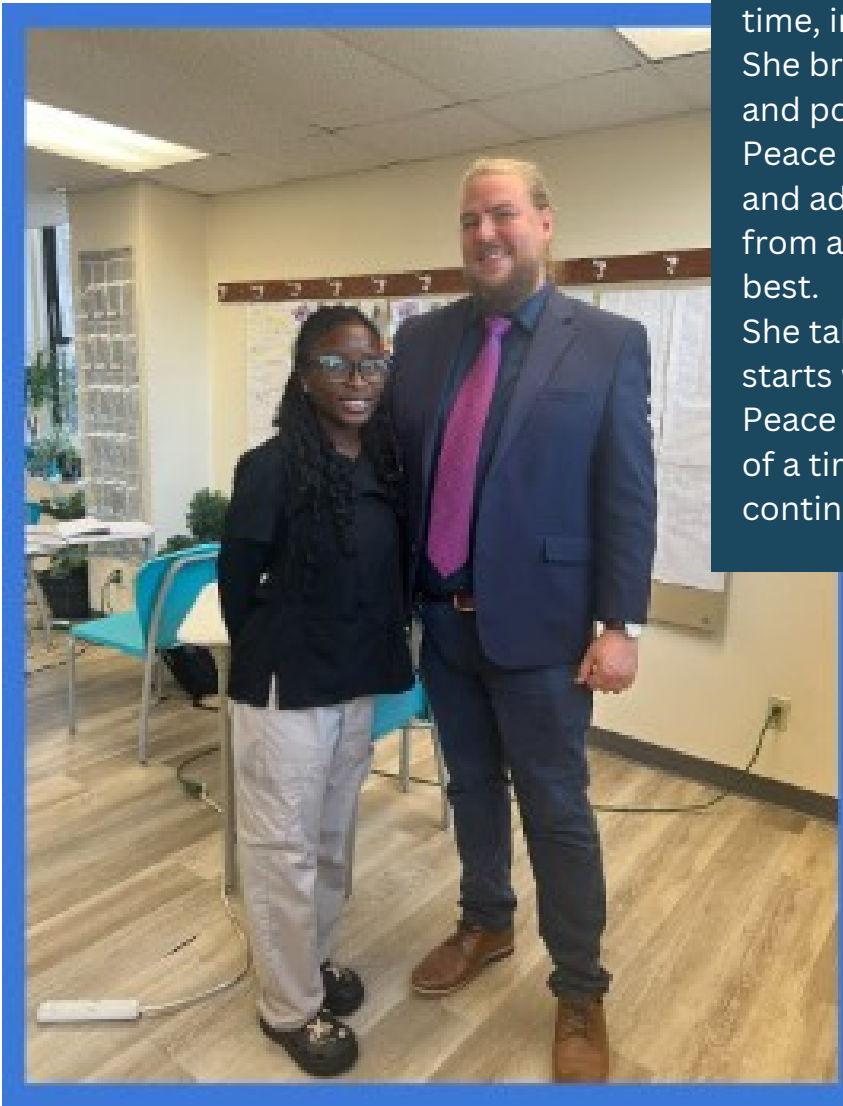
Nominated by Mr. Coetzee

“Peace is a student who demonstrates incredible resilience. She comes to school on time, in uniform, and is ready to learn everyday. She brightens everyone's day with her smile and positive attitude.

Peace has shown us in the last year how flexible and adaptable she is. She never shies away from asking the questions that help her to learn best.

She takes advice and feedback and immediately starts working towards improving her work.

Peace is a student we can all look to as a model of a tireless work ethic, and I know she will continue to excel in the future.”



STUDENT SHOUTOUTS



Shout out to Lia Tavaréz!

Lia was recently honored at the Rhode Island Healthy School Coalition's annual wellness conference for her contributions to the **"Right to Know"** application that aims to provide "access to medically accurate, honest, and stigma-free sexual and reproductive health information and resources".





The State of Rhode Island
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

presents the
Annual Essay Contest

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



CONTEST RULES

- Entries must be from RI middle or high school students.
- Essay must be typed in Microsoft Word format and limited to 500-750 words (middle school) or 750-1000 words (high school.)
- Submission must include completed Parental Permission form (attached) and be submitted individually as the original work of only one student.
- Essay and Parental Permission form MUST be electronically submitted to RIMLKESAY@gmail.com.
- The Commission reserves the right to promote, publish, and/or distribute any or all entries.
- Four winners will be chosen, 2 middle school and 2 high school. Prizes of \$200 for first place and \$100 for second place will be awarded for each level.

The Entry Deadline is December 2, 2024

Middle school essay prompt

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was especially inspired by gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, who joined him at several rallies.

Which musicians or artists do you connect to King's legacy of activism, equality, and peace? Quote some of their lyrics and include them in your essay about Dr. King.

Expectations are that your essay letter will contain well-organized thoughts that are clear and concise, as well as proper use of vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation.

High school essay prompt

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once wrote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Reflect on how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. connected civil rights leaders and everyday people across identities, workplaces, churches, and communities. Explore how Dr. King's strategy is used or could be used to address an important civil rights issue today.

Expectations are that your essay will contain well-organized thoughts that are clear and concise, as well as proper use of vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation.

Middle school and high school students will read their winning submissions at school and at the annual MLK State Commission Ceremony scheduled for Monday, January 20, 2025.

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Paid experiential learning opportunities for Rhode Island public high school juniors



APPLICATION GOES LIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2024



LEARN

PrepareRI interns learn critical work readiness skills, explore careers and learn about real workplace expectations.



EARN

PrepareRI interns are paid \$15.00/hr and can work up to 280 hrs. Earn up to \$4,200 during the summer of 2025.



CONNECT

PrepareRI interns are matched with one of SkillsRI's 180 employer partners.

Prepare RI Presentation for Juniors

November 13th, 2024

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AUDITORIUM (3rd Floor)

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".


SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#) so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
now!**



**Just send "Y"
or "Yes" to
67587.**

 *Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.*

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

**Terms and Conditions: Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.*



IMPORTANT UNIFORM UPDATES

Purpose of Uniform (Scrubs):

The uniform policy at this healthcare-focused organization requires students to wear scrubs to simulate a professional environment and ensure a seamless transition into nursing school. This policy prepares students for the standards and expectations of a healthcare career, emphasizing professionalism, hygiene, and safety.

We have observed several students wearing compression zip-ups or cardigans without a scrub top underneath. While this time is serving as a grace period for zip-ups, please be reminded that it is expected a scrub top is worn underneath the zip-up/cardigan every day.

Students who are out of dress code will receive dress code violations. Multiple violations will require a family meeting.

Current:	Upcoming Changes Effective: January 2, 2025
<p>School Wide Expectation: Students are expected to arrive to school in complete uniform:</p> <p>REQUIRED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrub tops • Scrub bottoms • Appropriate shoes (cros, sneakers, flats) • Visible Badge <p>OPTIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long sleeve shirt underneath scrub top • Solid colored cardigans <p>*Permitted through grace period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zips ups MUST have Scrub Top underneath. <p>Non-Negotiables</p> <p>Hoodies are not permitted and are non-negotiable. Students will be required to remove hoodies upon entering RINI and are not allowed to wear them during transitions or lunch periods.</p> <p>*We highly encourage all students to wear long-sleeve shirts under their scrubs, and bring a warm cardigan or nursing lab jacket to school each day.</p>	<p>School Wide Expectation: Students are expected to arrive to school in complete uniform:</p> <p>REQUIRED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrub tops • Scrub bottoms • Appropriate shoes (cros, sneakers, flats) • Visible Badge <p>OPTIONAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Lab Coats • Long sleeve shirt underneath scrub top • Solid colored cardigans <p>Changes *Zips ups will no longer be allowed</p> <p>Grace period for zip-ups will end on January 2, 2025. Students will transition to Nursing Lab Coats in place of zip-ups.</p> <p>Non-Negotiables</p> <p>Hoodies are not permitted and are non-negotiable. Students will be required to remove hoodies upon entering RINI and are not allowed to wear them during transitions or lunch periods.</p> <p>*We highly encourage all students to wear long-sleeve shirts under their scrubs, and bring a warm cardigan or nursing lab jacket to school each day.</p>
<p>RINI Class A Blues</p>	<p>Students are required to wear RINI Blues when leaving the school for field trips, attending clinicals or internships, and whenever instructed by school staff.</p>

RINI Middle College

2024 - 2025 School Calendar

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AUGUST	DECEMBER	APRIL
21 - 23 - New Teacher orientation	23 - 31 - Holiday Recess (No School)	14 - 18 - Spring Recess (no school)
26 - 29 - Teacher orientation		
	JANUARY	
SEPTEMBER	1 - New Year's Day (no school)	MAY
2 - Labor Day (no school)	13 - End of Semester 1	1 - Sr. Decision Day
3 - First Day of School	14 - 17 - Exams	21 - Senior Presentation Day Early dismissal at 12:00
10 - State Primary Day	20 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)	26 - Memorial Day (no school)
	21 - Semester 2 begins	
OCTOBER		June
3-4 Rosh Hashanah (no school)	FEBRUARY	2-3-4 Senior Exams
14 - Indigenous People's Day (no school)	17 - Winter Recess (no school)	7 - Jr/Sr Prom (tentative)
		11 - Cap and gown distribution
NOVEMBER	MARCH	12 - Senior Awards Night (tentative)
5 - Election Day (no school)	31 - Eid al-Fitr (no school)	16 - Graduation (tentative)
11 - Veteran's Day (no school)		18 - 20 - 23 - Underclassmen Exams
27 - 28 - 29 - Thanksgiving Recess		19 - Juneteenth (no school)
		24 - exam make up/last day of school