

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2024

THE PULSE OF RINI

RINI Community News



RHODE ISLAND
NURSES INSTITUTE
MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER SCHOOL

At-a-Glance

SPECIAL REMINDERS

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 Ms. Damaris Rosales (drosales@rinimc.org).

Bus Passes: Students who need to replace their bus passes should contact Ms. Santiago (jsantiago1@rinimc.org).

PTA and School Improvement Team: Are you interested in helping improve our school community? We're asking for parents and families to get involved in helping us create a Parent-Teacher Association, and to join our School Improvement Team. Please email Principal Ferland (tferland@rinimc.org) for more information.

Surveyworks: Help our school by completing the family Surveyworks for RIDE: <http://bit.ly/ridefamily>. Students will get a dress-down day with 100 percent completion.

Dates to Remember

- MARCH 29TH - GOOD FRIDAY, NO SCHOOL
- APRIL 2ND - NO SCHOOL
- APRIL 3RD - PSAT/SAT SCHOOL DAY

Upcoming Events

- TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH - FAFSA NIGHT
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH - PARENT CONFERENCES
- TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH - SAFEBAE

After School Clubs

SAT PREP: TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS @ 2:30

DEIB CLUB (DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING): EVERY TUESDAY, 3-4 PM

STUDENT COUNSEL: TUESDAYS @ 2:30PM

SAFEBAE: THURSDAYS @ 2:30PM

CROCHET CLUB: THURSDAYS @ 2:30PM



Excellentia!

Spring is right around the corner, and we are approaching the midterm of Semester 2. As we reach the halfway point, we will be holding Family Open House and Meet the Teachers on Tuesday, March 26th. In addition to being able to meet your child's teachers, we will have various vendors from the community, there will be a teen dating presentation by SafeBAE, there will be parent support for using PowerSchool to access your child's grades, and we're hoping that we can get all of our families to attend for at least a portion of the evening. March 26th will be a half day for students, while teachers will be available until 7PM. Additionally, I would like to make you aware of a few changes to our academic calendar. There will no longer be a half day on March 20th due to a change in the professional development programming. It will now be on March 27th. Additionally, there will be no school on April 2nd for the state voting primaries, and due to the cancellation of school on the snow day last month, there will be an additional day added. Final exams will now take place on June 17th, 18th, and 20th, with makeup exams and the last day of school taking place on June 21st. The full academic calendar will be included at the end of this newsletter.

We are still accepting submissions for our annual Surveyworks. This survey provides important data for our school about how well we are serving our students and community, and our goal is to reach 100 percent participation from students, families, and faculty this year. Families can take this survey by following this link: <http://bit.ly/ridefamily>. Please keep in mind that neutral responses count as negative responses on these surveys. If there are any questions, or if you would like to be involved with school improvement, please contact me at tferland@rinimc.org.

SATs are quickly approaching. On April 3rd, juniors will be taking the SATs, and freshmen and sophomores will be taking the PSATs. All students are required to take these tests. Juniors are required to attend SAT prep classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help support their test preparation on the English Reading and Writing and Math sections. In order to help prepare for these tests, all students are expected to complete regular practice using iXL.

As we push towards the midterm point, we want to remind students that the key to academic success is being on time and in school every day. Teachers will be manually completing attendance for each period, and students arriving late to school should go to the main office to check in.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.



In partnership,

Principal Ferland

“Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.”

PAT RILEY

School Shoutouts - Student Spotlight & Hometown Heroes



RINI Hometown Heroes

Thank you Mariah and Dayamit for helping a stranger who was experiencing a medical emergency. We are proud of you!

Student Spotlight:

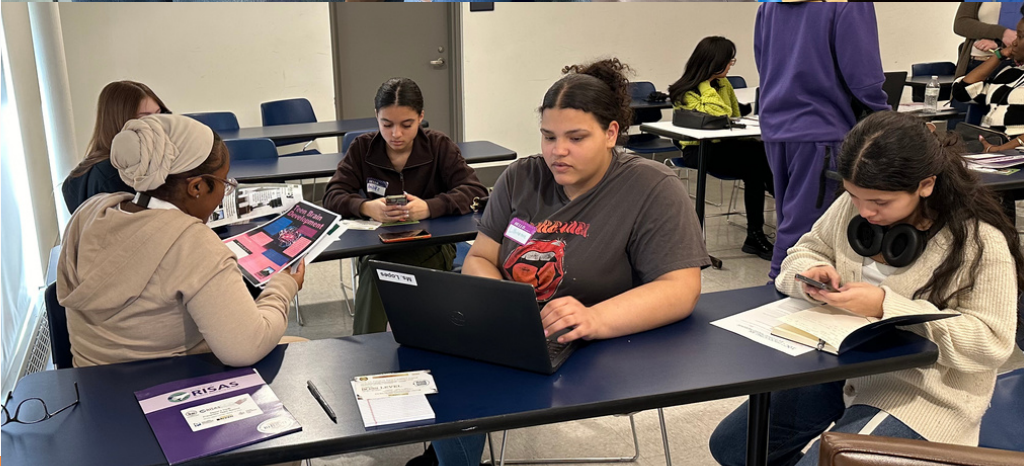
This week's Student Spotlight is Zarjan Jalloh, nominated by Nurse Erin, who says, "Zon's quiet yet confident demeanor is what makes them shine! Compassion and Empathy - always looking out for others, they speak in such a compassionate way, and are always aware of their surroundings. I am so proud to nominate this student, not as a teacher, but as the School Nurse who supports and witnesses such wellness in all facets of their day! Go Zon! Keep it up!"



School Shoutouts - Youth Cannabis Prevention Summit



Sixty Providence middle and high school students were recruited to participate in the summit to learn about effective messaging, choice-making, and how to create effective youth cannabis prevention public service announcements. 5 students from RINI and the Student Assistance Counselor attended. A rough draft of the PSA was created and they will be working on a final, to present to the school and to the Providence Mayor's Office.



NURSE'S NOOK & UPDATES FROM STUDENT SUPPORT

Nurse's Nook

This year, RINI has been working with SafeBAE to teach students about preventing and addressing dating violence, as well as healthy relationship habits. We're happy to welcome SafeBAE founding Executive Director Shael Norris to RINI on March 26th at 5:30PM to introduce families to the program, why it's critical to educate future health care workers, and how they can talk about dating violence prevention with their children.

DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION @RINI

Learn about the program students have been involved in this year, why it's critical to educate future health care workers, and how you can talk about it with your child.



Join founding Executive Director, Shael Norris on March 26th at 5:30

Guidance and Advisory Updates

Dress Code Reminders: Students should be wearing cardigans, nursing jackets, and crewneck sweaters underneath their scrub tops. **Hoodies are not allowed with our uniforms**, and while students can wear coats to school, they are not allowed to wear their coats in class. Coats and jackets can be hung up on the hooks installed in every classroom. Additionally, we ask that students remember that bubble sandals are not acceptable footwear.

We are going to begin playing music in the cafeteria during lunch. Please let us know what kind of music you'd be interested in hearing.



Medical Insurance

Do you or members of your family need medical insurance? RINI has connections to various organizations that can help families in need of medical insurance. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Santana, Director of Nursing at RINI at Jsantana2@rinimc.org.

PVD Connects

Do you need the internet? Are you a Providence resident? PVD Connects that will pay 30 dollars a month for internet service. [Here is the link](#). City of Providence PVD Connects - City of Providence (providenceri.gov) This is a need based resource.

Around Town

RISD Museum – With a collection of more than 100,000 objects -- ranging from ancient times to the present -- the RISD Museum is a dynamic cultural center offering critically acclaimed exhibitions and lively public programs for all ages. Admission is free on Sundays from 10am - 5pm and Thursday evenings from 5 - 8pm.

Revised Academic Calendar - 2023/2024 School Year

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| AUGUST | DECEMBER | APRIL |
| 8/21 - 8/25 - New Teacher orientation | 25-29 - Holiday Recess (No School) | 10 - Eid al-Fitr (no school) |
| 8/28 - 8/30 - Teacher orientation | | 2 - Primary Election Day (no school) |
| | JANUARY | 15 - 19 - Spring Recess (no school) |
| SEPTEMBER | 1 - New Year's Day (no school) | MAY |
| 4 - Labor Day (no school) | 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school) | 1 - Sr. Decision Day |
| 5 - First Day of School | 23 - End of 1st semester | 24 - Senior Presentation Day (12:30-3:30) |
| 25 - Yom Kippur (no school) | 24, 25, 26 - Exams | Early dismissal at 12:00 |
| OCTOBER | 29 - Semester 2 begins | 26 - Junior/Senior Prom |
| 9 - Indigenous People's Day (no school) | | 27 - Memorial Day (no school) |
| | FEBRUARY | 29, 30, 31 - Senior exams |
| NOVEMBER | 19-23 - Winter Recess (no school) | June |
| 13 - Veteran's Day (no school) | | 4 - Cap and gown distribution |
| 22, 23, 24 - Thanksgiving Recess | MARCH | 5 - Senior Awards Night |
| | 29 - Good Friday (no school) | 10 - Graduation |
| | | 17, 18, 20 - Underclassmen Exams |
| | | 19 - Juneteenth (no school) |
| | | 21 - exam make up/last day of school |