



RHODE ISLAND
NURSES INSTITUTE
MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER SCHOOL

The Pulse of RINI

RINI Community News | Friday, September 27th, 2024

Dates to Remember

- Hispanic Heritage Month - 15 September - 15 October
- Rosh Hashanah - No School - 3-4 October
- Indigenous Peoples Day, No School - October 14th
- PSAT/SAT School Day - 23 October

Upcoming Events

- Blood Drive Monday, September 30th
- RI League of Charter Schools Autumn Festival, October 12

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.

Seniors SAT Prep: All seniors are required to attend SAT Prep classes on Wednesdays from 12:30PM - 2:30PM. These classes are required. Please contact Mrs. Alford (jalford@rinimc.org) with any questions.

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 guidance (jfranzoni@rinimc.org or ncoetzee@rinimc.org) or Mrs. Alford.



"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Principal Updates

It's now the end of our first month of school, and the time has flown by. At this time, students have completed their first graded assessments for their classes, and teachers have started to update student grades on PowerSchool. All information about your student's grades, schedule, and attendance can be found on PowerSchool, so we ask that families ensure that they are able to access the site. We also want to encourage families to make sure that all of their contact information, including authorized contacts and student pick-ups, are up-to-date on PowerSchool. If you have any issues accessing PowerSchool, please reach out to our Director of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Jane Alford (jalford@rinimc.org), or to your student's school counselor.

The Rhode Island Department of Education recently launched the Attendance Matters RI: #Cool2BeinSchool campaign to address chronic absenteeism. School attendance is one of the top factors impacting student academic success and achievement, and students who miss 10 percent or more of school days during the school year—which is an average of two or more days per month—are considered chronically absent. RIDE's Attendance Matters leaderboard, where families can keep track of how well their school's attendance is compared to the rest of the state, will launch on October 1st. We want our students to be in school, and we want them to know how important their presence is. You can learn more about the Attendance Matters RI initiative via RIDE's website, which also addresses why attendance is so important: <https://www.attendancemattersri.org/>.

Towards the end of October, students will be taking the Fall PSAT/SAT. Seniors are required to stay on Wednesdays for mandatory SAT prep, and all students should be practicing on iXL to stay on top of the skills that they will be demonstrating proficiency in on this test. PSAT scores can qualify students for scholarships as early as their sophomore year of high school, while students who receive a 1010 combined score or higher on the SAT receive the Commissioner's Seal on their diplomas.

As the weather changes, I want to just remind students about our dress code. Make sure you are bringing a cardigan or wearing a long-sleeved, crew-neck shirt underneath your scrub tops to school, and remember that hoodies are not a part of the RINI uniform. Let's make sure we are at school, in uniform, on time, every day, and ready for academic and professional success.

Finally, please note that there is no school at RINI on Thursday or Friday this week. Students enrolled in college classes should check their schedules with their college professors.



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

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.*

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	FEBRUARY	June
3-4 Rosh Hashanah	17 - Winter Recess (no school)	2-3-4 Senior Exams
14 - Indigenous People's Day (no school)		7 - Jr/Sr Prom (tentative)
		11 - Cap and gown distribution
NOVEMBER	MARCH	12 - Senior Awards Night (tentative)
5 - Election Day (no school) Teacher PD Day 8 - 3	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