

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2023

THE PULSE OF RINI

RINI Community News

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.

Students were given a Parent Sign Off Form for our Chromebook Handbook Policy on September 8th, 2023. Please make sure that this form is returned to the school as soon as possible.

IEPs & 504s: If your student has an IEP, please contact Ms. Marin Murphy (mmurphy@rinimc.org) for any IEP related questions. If your student has a 504, please contact Ms. Jenny Santana (jsantana2@rinimc.org) for any 504 related questions.



RHODE ISLAND
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CHARTER SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER 15TH - FIRST DAY OF
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 20TH - MATH STAR
TESTING

SEPTEMBER 25TH - YOM KIPPUR

Upcoming Events

PROJECT CLEANUP - VOLUNTEER EVENT
ORGANIZED BY RI TEEN INSTITUTE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023
3 PM - 5PM
ROGER WILLIAMS PARK TEMPLE TO
MUSIC

After School Clubs

RINI TUTORING CENTER: OPEN TO ALL
STUDENTS EVERY TUESDAY AND
THURSDAY, 3-4 PM IN THE CAFETERIA

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

STUDENT COUNSEL: MONDAYS, 3-3:30
PM. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR
IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH.



Excellentia!

Our school isn't the same without the students, so it is with pleasure that I welcome everyone back for the 2023-2024 school year. We had a fantastic start to the school year, and look forward to having a strong year.

The month of September is a good time to establish consistent habits. Students have done a great job of following our dress code policy; as a reminder, students are not allowed to wear hoodies, but they may bring a cardigan or nursing jacket, or may wear a long sleeved shirt underneath their scrub tops. The weather can be inconsistent during the start of fall, and classrooms have air conditioning, so students should come prepared for warm or cold temperatures. Additionally, as a reminder, students should not be on their phones or wearing airpods and headphones during class.

I'm happy to announce that we are making the move from Skyward to PowerSchool for grades and attendance. Students and families will be given information about how to access PowerSchool in the next few weeks as we finalize the transition. In addition to PowerSchool, we will be using Raptor to check in guests to our building. This is to help improve overall school safety. Visitors to our school will need to bring in their photo ID; visitors will not be allowed to enter the building if they do not have a photo ID. There will be more information provided soon.

At the start of the school year, we want to draw attention to student attendance. Our school is aiming to improve overall attendance across all grade levels; students who are chronically absent are at the highest risk of lower academic performance and delayed graduation dates. Eighteen absences is all that it takes to be considered chronically absent. Consistent presence at school is the key to academic success, and I want students and families to make it a goal to get to school every day. Our support team is able to assist families who may be struggling to get to school, so please reach out so that we can help you make a plan.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic year with everyone.



In partnership,
Principal Ferland

"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny."

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School Shoutouts

RINI Hometown Heroes

We'd like to recognize action taken by RINI students Blanca Ramirez Marroquin and Genesis Medina. During the first week of school, Blanca and Genesis were able to provide immediate medical assistance to another student. Their quick thinking, from calling 9-1-1 to getting their fellow student's vitals, is exemplary of how the skills we teach are used outside of the classroom, and we want to thank Blanca and Genesis for acting when there was a need.



SPOTLIGHT STUDENT OF THE WEEK:

MARIANA TAVARES



"YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON MARIANA TO BRING HER BEST EVERYDAY. SHE IS A STAND OUT SCHOLAR AND A POSITIVE PRESENCE IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM."
- MR. WHITAKER





NURSE'S NOOK & UPDATES FROM STUDENT SUPPORT

Nurse's Nook

Welcome Back to School RINI Students, Families and Staff! This is Nurse Erin here, so honored to be returning for my first full school year 2023-2024! A few things to remember! When you come to school this year, we want you to remember how much you will work, engage and participate throughout your whole day! Building relationships and connections with students and families is my passion, so I love seeing the students do the same! In the spirit of "cold season," and Nurse Erin's Wellness Wishes, I will remind you all of a few important tips. First my contact information: eobrien@rinimc.org or 401-343-0151

- Please be mindful of how your child is feeling on a daily basis. Meaning that if your child is not feeling well when they wake up in the morning and are not sure they are well enough to come to school, please call the school and keep your child at home sick.
- If their symptoms persist more than a day, the recommendation is to check in with your primary care doctor, test for COVID at home, and communicate with the Main Office 401-680-4900 and Nurse Erin so we may help with absences and academic support.
- **It is not ok to send your child to school sick and ask them to check in with the Nurse.** We are not providing COVID testing at school this year.
- If your child has a fever, a persistent cough, consistent nasal drainage, diarrhea or vomiting; we strongly encourage you to keep your child home, contact our Main Office, and consult with your doctor. Nurse Erin and the Health Team are available to help with any sort of care coordination with your doctors or providers. Don't have a doctor? Please let us know so we can help you find one. Email Nurse Erin with questions.

Nurse's Nook (continued)

STAY HYDRATED!!

- Please have your child bring a water bottle to school each and every day. They can fill them up throughout the day with our filtered water stations. There are no cups dispensed for water in school. Each child must have their own water bottle.

NOURISH YOUR BODY!

- There is **FREE** breakfast and lunch each day in our cafeteria. If your child doesn't like the school options, we ask that you encourage them to eat a little something at home and/or pack their own food and snacks as there is refrigeration available for their lunch boxes. Please let us know if you're in a place of needing assistance with food, water bottles, school supplies, scrubs. We are here to help.

SLEEP WELL!

- Continue to practice healthy sleeping habits and good morning routines.
- Turn phones off at night, or place them away from your sleeping area

WAKE UP READY FOR THE DAY!!

Guidance and Advisory Updates

Do You Know Who Your School Counselor Is?

9th Grade

Franzoni: A-Lewis
Advisories: Deeley, Mendonca, Minardi, Lombardo
Coetzee: Lopes-Willie
Advisories: Lemoi, Tiburcio, Richard, Chelette, Braxton

11th Grade

Franzoni: A- Madison
Advisories: Febles, Orton, Reynolds, Boger
Coetzee: Marte Dotel - Yac Matzatz
Advisories: Reynoso, Demers, Streisand

10th Grade

Franzoni: A-Leslie
Advisories: Fusaro, Coyne, Coetzee, Boyajian
Coetzee: Liranzo - Young
Advisories: MacDonald, Newbury, Whitaker, Dolan

12th Grade

Franzoni: A-Mosquea
Advisories: Gaspar/Pitrone
Coetzee: Navarro - Vargas Melo
Advisories: Angell

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

[Roger Williams Park Botanical Center](#) – Free admittance on the first Saturday of every month for Providence residents! Follow the link for more information.

[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.

