

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 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.

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. Damaris Rosales (drosales@rinimc.org).

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be upcoming in November. Please keep a lookout for more information.



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CHARTER SCHOOL

Dates to Remember

- NOVEMBER 1ST: FIRST DAY OF AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
- STUDENT COUNCIL TRIVIA NIGHT: 3-4:30PM, NOVEMBER 2ND
- NOVEMBER 13TH - VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED, NO SCHOOL
- NOVEMBER 22 - 24: THANKSGIVING RECESS, NO SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

- FREE FLU CLINIC: NOVEMBER 16TH, 9AM - 11AM @ RINI MIDDLE COLLEGE; REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT SCHOOLFLU.COM

After School Clubs

RINI TUTORING CENTER: OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, 2:30-3:30PM IN THE CAFETERIA

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

STUDENT COUNSEL: MONDAYS, 3-3:30 PM.

SAFEBAE: THURSDAYS, 3PM



Excellentia!

As we approach November, we're also reaching the middle of the Fall 2023 semester. Students and families will have access to Powerschool soon, where they will be able to view students' grades and attendance. After school homework help has started and is available in the cafeteria at the end of the day, and students can stay for extra help there, or make an appointment with their teachers. Our literacy, numeracy, and language specialists will be available as well for help in English and math and for our multi-language learners.

This past week, we had our first in-school PSAT/SAT testing day of the year. I'd like to thank everybody for making the test day run as smoothly as it could have. Students did a great job at coming to school on time for the exam. Make-up testing took place October 25th and 26th. The next PSAT/SAT in-school testing day for this school year will be in April.

In addition to the PSAT/SATs, we also recently celebrated a RINI Community Health Night at the start of October, where we were able to provide information and screening tools to families regarding breast cancer awareness. As a reminder, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and as a healthcare-focused school, we want our community to know the importance of early and regular health screenings in prevention and treatment of disease. On October 26th, the National Honor Society held their first blood drive of the school year. Students who were 16 or older were eligible to donate with parental permission. We had over 25 students who signed up to participate.

We recently launched Schoolpass, which is our new attendance system. Students scan into their classrooms as they enter with a QR code, which is available on both their phones and their new badges, or using their unique student ID number. When students are late to class, it will be updated in their Powerschool account, where parents will be able to monitor this information. Throughout the school year, attendance is of the utmost importance. We want all of our students to be here on time every day to all of their classes. One of the single greatest predictors of student academic success is attendance.

While students are preparing for school, they should also consider how they're fueling themselves for the day. We're asking students to make healthier choices: sugary drinks from Dunkin and Starbucks might be tasty, but they lead to sugar crashes later in the day, and leave students without the energy to participate in class. Students should be getting a balanced breakfast, and we provide a nutritionally sound breakfast every morning in our cafeteria for free.

As always, please reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We appreciate all you do to support your children's education.

"I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN



In partnership,

Principal Ferland

School Shoutouts

Student Spotlight

This week, RINI recognizes Hope Badejo, whose ELA teacher Mr. Tiburcio nominated her for our Student Spotlight. Mr. Tiburcio says, “Hope arrives to my Period 2 class every day fully engaged and ready to learn. I struggle to keep the mood positive in my class, and often Hope does a better job at it than I do. Her adherence to RINI's pillars is a model already, and we're not even four weeks into the school year.” Thank you for being excellent, Hope!

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PURCHASE YOUR RINI GEAR



Want to show some school spirit?

Make sure to purchase your RINI gear using the QR Code in the image on the left.

As a reminder, RINI crewneck sweatshirts and logo fleeces are dress code appropriate: stay warm!



NURSE'S NOOK & UPDATES FROM STUDENT SUPPORT

Nurse's Nook

When to see the nurse: we want to make sure that students are in class with uninterrupted learning. Students should only be coming to the nurse for the following issues:

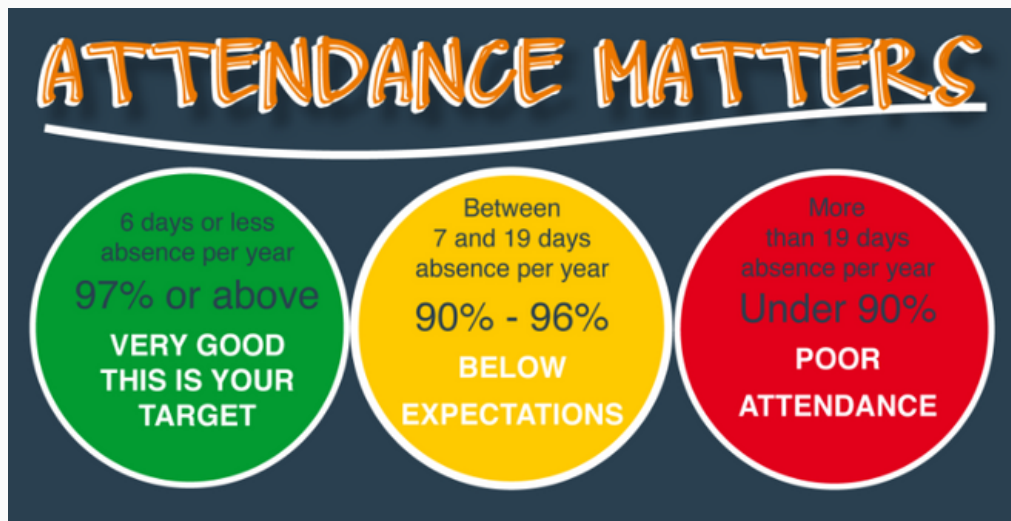
- Bleeding (that needs more than a bandaid)
- Breathing difficulties
- Burning up/Fever
- Broken bone
- Barfing
- Bee Sting
- Bumped head
- Pre-existing health conditions.
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Students should not be leaving class to see the nurse with other issues; all classrooms have a first aid kit with bandaids, gauze, and Q-tips.

Guidance and Advisory Updates

Do you feel a chill in the air? It's October, which means that it's starting to finally cool down after a warm summer. As a reminder to our students and families, with the cooler temperatures, we want to make sure that our layers follow the school dress code. 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 should be hung on the backs of chairs while in class. 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

[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.



City workers hang the "Real Life Is Drug Free" banner across Board Street in anticipation of Red Ribbon Week. GEORGIA, 2001

NEWSLETTER INSERT

Spread the Word About Red Ribbon Week®

DID YOU KNOW?

Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started.

This year's theme is **Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free.™**

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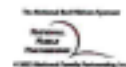
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Events - Additional Information



DON'T LET THE FLU GET YOU!

FREE CLINIC hosted at:

RI Nurses Institute Middle College
150 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903

Thursday, 11/16/2023
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Participants: Students and Staff/Faculty

Location: Cafeteria

Vaccines Offered:

- Flu Injectable
- FluMist
- COVID-19 (based on availability)


• Online registration required to guarantee an appointment.

• Limited Walk Ins allowed based on available resources.

• If you have insurance, remember to bring your card.

• No out-of-pocket cost for anyone. No money will be collected.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Register at schoolflu.com or scan the QR code
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