Dear RINI Community

We would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year! With the new year we continue to prioritize the health and well being of our RINI school community, thus we made the decision to start the new year in remote learning.
On Monday January 10, 2022 and Tuesday January 11, 2022 we will begin the process of welcoming students back into in-person learning in the building. Here are the details:

**Monday January 10**

ONLY 9th Grade students return to the school building  
Time: Students enter the building at 7:15 AM  
COVID Screening: ALL Students will complete screening on Skyward on phones  
COVID Testing: Students will head to the Cafeteria for testing  
Breakfast: Students will grab their breakfast and head to their 1st period class  
Grade 10, 11 and 12 should NOT come to the building, and must participate in remote learning

**Tuesday January 11**

ALL RINI Students return to the school building  
Time: Students enter the building at 7:15 AM  
COVID Screening: ALL Students will complete screening on Skyward on phones  
COVID Testing: Grade 10, 11 and 12 Students will head to the Cafeteria for testing  
Breakfast: Students will grab their breakfast and head to their 1st period class

If you are experiencing any covid symptoms, the guidelines are now to stay home for 5 days and then you can return to school on day 6 and you must be symptom free. If you come in with symptoms, we will need to send you home. Masks are still required and it is imperative that students wear them appropriately throughout the day.

If you are going to be late or absent please follow these procedures:

Parents should call the school office at 401-680-4900 ext. 400 to notify school of tardy or absence. Students should email teachers to notify them and also log in to google classroom to access assignments.

We are committed to a safe and healthy school community. All students must wear masks properly over their noses to ensure that you protect yourself, and the RINI school community.

We would like to thank all our students, families and staff for your flexibility
and collaboration as we embark on another great year.

Sincerely,

Principal Ferland

**ESSER III Community Feedback and Input Survey**

Please take a few minutes to complete the short ESSER III Community Feedback and Input Survey. Recently, the state of RI released funding to schools to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and promote educational growth and safety. The purpose of these federal funds is to address school needs, including learning loss, that are directly related to COVID-19. Our school is conducting a stakeholder needs assessment as we apply for and plan for the uses of these funds. This survey will be open through 1/31/22. We ask that you please provide your feedback [here](#). Thank you for your prompt attention to this important survey.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

On January 17, 2022, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will mark the 27th anniversary of the national day of service. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King and to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Americans celebrated the first official Martin Luther King Day, which is the only federal holiday commemorating an African-American, on Monday, January 20, 1986. In 1994, Congress designated the holiday as a national day of service, marking the third Monday in January every year as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - a "Day On, Not a Day Off."

Dr. King advocated for nonviolent resistance to overcome injustice as a means of lifting racial oppression. He created change with organized sit-ins, marches, and peaceful demonstrations that highlighted issues of inequality. Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; he was the youngest person to ever receive this high honor. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and father by entering the ministry to become a Baptist minister. On April 4, 1968, at the age of 39, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee as he stood on the balcony of his hotel. Dr. King traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to lead a march in support of striking sanitation workers.
We remember Dr. King as a husband, father, and fierce advocate for the betterment of all people. At RINI, we are inspired by his call for justice, freedom, and equality for all people. The work we do every day in partnership with our students, families, staff, and community partners aligns with Dr. King’s vision to fight for and achieve full and equal access to high-quality education for every child.

Honor his memory by organizing, volunteering, and spreading the word. Remember to MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF, for you and those around you.

RINI Class Rings

We would like to thank everyone who came out on December 16th to meet with Mr. Mike McCann from Herff Jones to discuss the processes of ordering a class ring and to congratulate the Senior Class on completing the process of ordering their caps and gowns for the 2021-2022 Graduation Ceremony.

If you missed the presentation, or if you would like more information regarding ordering a piece of jewelry, please go to herffjones.com to review their website and options. These rings are custom pieces of jewelry, in which you choose the: metal, style, colors, symbols, text, etc. Remember that you do not have to be a senior to order jewelry, the company does have payment plans and options, and that this is a decision you would want to discuss with your family. If you need assistance or have further questions, please contact Mrs. Campbell at kcampbell@rinimc.org.
Complete this Survey and You Could Win a $250.00 Gift Card!

Please take a moment to complete this quick Home Income Survey by 01/12/22. I want to emphasize the importance of completing this survey. This Income Survey is used for school state funding purposes only and will have no impact on you or your household. All information shared with us is completely confidential and not shared with any third party. Your participation is essential for RINI to receive critical funding for various programs. We would so kindly appreciate it if you could please take a few minutes of your time to complete this form. Upon completion, you will be automatically entered to win a $250.00 gift card. Please be aware that if you have already completed the survey, your name will be entered for the gift card. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates

• Monday, January 17th: Martin Luther King Day (No School)
• January 21st, 24th, and 25th: Semester Exams
• January 25th: 1st Semester Ends
• January 26th: 2nd Semester Begins
• February 21st-25th: Winter Recess (No School)

Community Events

• Ice Bumper Cars and Ice Skating at the Providence Outdoor Skating Rink 2 Kennedy Plaza. Providence
  The first outdoor rink to host this unique all-ages entertainment. Imagine sitting in the bumper car moving forwards, backward and sideways with a full 360-degree turn radius bumping opponents out of your way! To learn about times and to make a reservation for bumper cars visit here. Enjoy skating outdoors at the Providence Outdoor Skating Rink. To explore skating times and pricing, visit here.

• Teen Graphic Novel Club featuring #1 New York Times bestselling author E. Lockhart to discuss her new DC comic, Whistle.
  January 11th 6pm-7:30pm
Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence
Want to meet like-minded teens over snacks and chat about the coolest books? Join us for Graphic Novel Club, a monthly club organized by the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, Providence Community Library, and Books on the Square, and hosted by graphic novelist, Amit Oren! This group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with our first meeting on 1/11. For our first event, we will be hosting New York Times bestselling author E. Lockhart to discuss her new DC Comics graphic novel, Whistle! For more information and to register, contact Amit Moshe Oren at 401-864-3786, aoren@jewishallianceri.org, or check out JewishAllianceRI.org/graphic-novel-club. E. Lockhart is the author of the #1 New York Times bestseller We Were Liars and a bunch of other novels, including Again Again and Genuine Fraud. She writes books for young readers under the name Emily Jenkins and her picture book All-of-a-Kind Family Hanukkah won the Sydney Taylor Award. Whistle is her first graphic novel.

• Teen Movie NIght: The Hunger Games
Providence Public Library
Wednesday, January 19th 4pm-6:30pm
Popcorn and snacks provided. Registration is required. Register here.

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