Parents and Students:

Rhode Island students are fortunate that our state is one of the states in the country that provides PSAT/SAT school testing day for free to high school students. The PSAT/SAT are standardized tests that measure college and career readiness by testing students on math, reading and writing content.
As part of RINI’s commitment to the success of our students, for the past several weeks we have provided our Juniors with outside SAT tutors to conduct SAT preparatory classes every Wednesday afternoon.

Participation in the SAT school day is an important step in preparing for college. For Juniors, it is the first time that their scores will be measured for possible submission for college applications next year. For 9th and 10th graders the PSATs are preparing them for success in taking the SATs in the future and providing valuable insights into subjects where students may need extra preparation.

Next week, on Wednesday, April 13th all RINI students will be taking the PSAT (9th and 10th) and SATs (11th) starting at 8:00 am. It is mandated by the College Board that no students are permitted to leave their testing room until all students have completed testing on their floor. Therefore, students and parents need to plan and be aware that dismissal will be later than normal and could be between 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm. All schools are required by the College Board to adhere to several set guidelines on the day of testing. On Wednesday, April 13th:

• All students must arrive at school at 7:30 am for check-in. Grab and Go breakfast will be available. Wednesday is not a day for students to be late; all students need to report to school on time. Students should prepare the night before to make sure they arrive at school on time. Set your alarm 15 minutes earlier to ensure that you arrive on time.

• Students need to bring only their charged school-issued Chromebook. Chromebooks need to be charged the night before and bring chargers to test day. Students will not need to bring any books, or other school supplies.

• Students are not permitted to have the following items in any testing classrooms: cell phones, electronic devices, Smart Watches, or devices that take photographs or record. All phones and devices will be powered off and placed in the student’s bag and put in a secure location. Students can bring drinks/water bottles that will be permitted during designated break times.

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later release time. Students will not be dismissed until all students taking the same assessment are finished.

• Students are encouraged to bring snacks with them. Grab and go lunch bags will be provided.

I encourage all students to get a good night’s sleep the night before the PSAT/SATs. While taking the test, remember that you have the knowledge, the know-how, and the ability to tackle anything. Have confidence in yourself.

Principal Ferland

I Lost My School Badge. I Lost My Bus Pass.

We applaud all the students who have had a tight grip on keeping their RINI badge and RIPTA Wave card secure all year.

The RINI photo ID badge not only functions as visual identification but is also essential to RINI’s security protocol. Every badge has a fob that permits access to entrance doors on the floors of the school. It is the responsibility of every student to keep their badge secure and to wear their badge every day. If a student loses their ID badge, they need to see Ms. Santiago in the main office for a replacement. Students will be responsible for paying a replacement cost of $10.00 for each new badge.

The RIPTA Wave bus pass is essential for students to travel from home to school. These passes are purchased by RINI to meet the needs of our students. We have seen a dramatic increase in students losing their RIPTA Wave cards. The RIPTA Wave card needs to be treated just like a credit card. Keep it secure, do not lend it out, and do not lose it. Replacing a RIPTA bus pass results in additional costs to RINI and therefore, students will be charged a replacement fee that will increase by $5 each time they need to have their RIPT Wave pass replaced (i.e. first replacement $5, second replacement $10, third replacement $15 and so on).

Senior Recognition and Special Event Dates

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year, and we are excited
about the many upcoming special events for our seniors. The following are important dates for Seniors:

May 11, 2022

**Time TBA**

Senior Class Picture at RI State House: RINI 10th Anniversary Photo

All Seniors in RINI dress blues for the photo

May 12, 2022

Decision Day Celebration

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

Junior/Senior Prom

Marriott Providence Downtown

1 Orms St, Providence, RI 02904

6pm-6:30pm Arrival/Reception

6:30pm-10pm Dinner/Dance

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

Senior Dinner
**Thursday, June 2, 2022**

Senior Awards Night

Providence Career & Technical Academy

41 Fricker St, Providence, RI 02903

6:00pm

**Monday, June 6, 2022**

Graduation

RISD Auditorium

7, Providence River Greenway, Canal Walk, Providence, RI 02903

**Schedule:**

- 9 am -11 am Rehearsal students only
- 5pm-5:30pm Senior Arrival
- 6 pm Graduation

**Meet the RINI Staff Member**

Gerhardt Coetzee

Science teacher
My name is Mr. Coetzee and I am from South Africa. I grew up on the east coast, in a city called Durban. I have always been eager to learn and went on to study Environmental and Biological Science at North-West University and later completed a Postgraduate teaching certification at the University of Johannesburg. I spent a few years teaching at an international school in China, before moving to the US to further my teaching career. I am an avid traveler and I have been able to spend a lot of time seeing different parts of the world; I have been to almost 20 countries. I have a deep love for nature, and I am an avid hiker and botanist.

I decided to pursue a position at RINI because I want to be part of a science-driven project and engage with a diverse student population. I hope to instill an eagerness to learn in my students, as learning is the most valuable tool we have to improve our lives and those around us.

Thank You RINI Student Council

A special thank you to the RINI Student Council and their advisor Ms. Bushey for their hard work planning a fun-filled Spring Spirit Week. Students and staff enjoyed participating in each of the theme days. Thank you to the students and staff for their support.
Community Event:

• Asian Lantern Spectacular
Roger Williams Zoo
April 13 - July 4, 2022

Celebrate 2000 years of tradition as you journey through a wonderland of larger-than-life illuminated lanterns at this dazzling evening experience. From dazzling and interactive displays to delicious Asian-inspired cuisine, this enchanting multicultural experience is sure to delight all ages!

Dates: April 13 - July 4 (Wednesday - Sunday evenings) from 6:00 - 10:30 pm

The zoo-wide walk-through event which is produced by Hanart Culture will feature over 50 spectacular glowing lantern displays, kids interactive lantern area (weather-permitting), savory Asian-inspired cuisine and drinks, hand-crafted keepsakes, and more!

Pricing: Tickets sold ONLINE ONLY >

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