RINI parents and students,

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On Monday, November 29th, Ms. Dwyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, Ms. Tsiane, Director of School Culture and Community, Ms. Jeter, Faculty and National Honor Society Moderator, and I had the pleasure of celebrating 36 new inductees to the RINI National Honor Society. Admission to the National Honor Society is an amazing accomplishment and it is a recognition of the years of hard work and dedication of these students.

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since 1921.

To our new inductees, always remember that induction to the Honor Society is a beginning, not an end. You are all well on your way to making wonderful contributions to our world. Congratulations to all of you once again. Please continue to make your school proud, your teachers proud, your parents proud, and most importantly yourself proud.

Principal Ferland
Spirit Week

The RINI Student Council is excited to announce the week of December 13th-December 17th is RINI Spirit Week. The Student Council is asking their fellow students to join in, show their school pride and have fun.

**Monday 12/13:** Crazy Hair Day (Scrubs required)

**Tuesday 12/14:** Mismatch Day (No scrubs required)

**Wednesday 12/15:** Twin Day (No scrubs required)

**Thursday 12/16:** Sport/Jersey Day (Scrub pants required)
Friday 12/17: Color War (Scrubs required)

Seniors: Black
Juniors: Grey
Sophomores: Purple
Freshmen: Blue

Please note that during Spirit Week the following rules will apply: no crop tops, no ripped jeans, no inappropriate/derogatory logos and only crocs and sneakers may be worn.

Scholarship Opportunity for Seniors

Scholarship Alert

Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund (Application is slated to open during the month of December) Please keep this opportunity on your radar. All the information you need is listed below.

Who was Stephen Phillips?
Stephen Phillips was a member of a prominent Salem, Massachusetts family that for many years had been actively involved in the merchant sailing era of Salem that followed the American Revolution.

Purpose of the Award: The intent of this award is to enable students to attend college without accumulating burdensome debt. Awards from the Phillips Scholarship range from $3,000 to as high as $15,000 in a few cases. In general, the average award each year is in the $6,000 to $8,000 range.

Internship Opportunity and Summer Employment

Internship Opportunity: Recruiting Juniors

LifeSpan Summer Youth Employment: Must be 16-19 years old
Celebrating Hanukkah

Hanukkah, based on the Hebrew word for "dedication", is also known as the Festival of Lights. It is celebrated across the world by the Jewish people for eight days, with many considering it the most-beloved Jewish holiday.

The festival is marked by lighting one candle on the menorah (a multibranched candelabra) on each night of the festival. A new candle is put in the menorah every night and lit from newest to oldest, with blessings being offered while each candle is lit.

To all who celebrate, may this joyous season bring you peace, health, and happiness. Happy Hanukkah.

Important Dates
December 23rd - January 1st: Holiday Break

Meet the RINI Staff
Dr. Kevin Pare’
Nursing and Workforce

I'm Mr. (Dr.) Pare' and this is my 3rd year teaching health class at RINI. I previously taught 10th-grade health in MA for 23 years at BR high school! I always enjoyed school
and learning and I had some very influential teacher role models in the Fall River, MA area where I grew up.

I earned my B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Bridgewater State University and a Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine from Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Arizona.

I spent 12 years out on the West Coast earning my degree, teaching college classes, and practicing as an ND (Naturopathic Doctor) before returning home to the East Coast!

The word doctor comes from the Latin term "docere" which means "teacher" which makes sense as I try to teach folks how to take care of themselves with simple, individualized, "LifeStyle Hacks". One of my college professors said, "If we "doctors" did our job right, then patients would not need to come to see us anymore".

We have an exciting new health curriculum with an artistic flair this year at RINI created by Ms. Salomone and I'm enjoying the teamwork and challenges any new endeavor brings! I have had tremendous support from both Ms. Salomone and Ms. Richard (our other 9th-grade health teacher this year. Many thanks to our students and Administration for their patience as we roll out these classes this year!

I have 4 adult children and one grandchild (Noah) so far! I love ice hockey, hiking, walking, and home landscaping. Oh, and I usually can beat my RINI students at push-ups, and my own 4 kids on the tennis court! Please don't ask me to play golf though :(
*Dr. Kevin Pare is also the RINI District Teacher of the Year for 2021.

**Community Spotlight: RINI Student Stynece Sanchez:**

We are proud to introduce you to Stynece Sanchez, a student who is upholding our RINI Pillars of Nursing. This morning she donated new and gently used scrubs to our school community. I look forward to our students adorning these scrubs. Thank you Stynece, for demonstrating the pillars of character and professionalism!

**Community Events**

- **Holiday Lights Spectacular**

  Roger Williams Zoo, Providence

  Bring family and friends to experience Holiday Lights Spectacular at Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island – an all new walk-through experience just in time for the holidays. Join us on select nights November 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022, for a dazzling light display through the Zoo. On show nights, the experience runs 5:00 – 9:30 pm. Tickets are timed-entry and available for purchase online only. Please note: the Holiday Lights Spectacular features flashing lights which may affect photosensitive visitors. More information [here](#).
• 23rd Annual Pawtucket's Winter Wonderland Festival
Newport Avenue, Pawtucket
December 4th- December 12th
Free

A 30 acre holiday display located within Slater Park in Pawtucket RI. Display is made up of 650 decorated trees, over 100 light displays, 20 Victorian style houses, multiple 40' LED mega trees, a read-along display, and much much more. On December 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th from 4-8PM the roads will be closed to allow families to safely walk through our display to view all of the decorations, listen to music, take great pictures and make great family memories that will last forever. [Additional information]

• WaterFire Providence - Partial Lighting
Saturday, December 4th | 4:30pm to 10:00pm
Waterplace Park  Memorial Boulevard, Providence, RI 02903

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