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Principal's Newsletter 10/15

Dear RINI Community,

Fall is my favorite season. The change brings beautiful autumn colors and it is that time of year to enjoy the cool weather. In terms of academics, it signifies that the first quarter ends in three weeks. Now is the time for parents to check

in with your student and their teachers about your student's progress, learn more about how your student is adjusting, and to address any issues. Whether your student has all "A" s or has experienced challenges this quarter, ask them what next steps they plan to take to continue their success or to change outcomes in the following weeks.

Here are a couple of ways parents and RINI staff can be connected regarding your student's academics:

The first way we can come together for student success is through the Skyward portal. On the portal, parents and students can see grades, attendance, and information posted concerning any issues. Important information is in Skyward to provide you with an overview of your student's progress. Utilize this tool throughout the entire year to stay informed on your student's status. If you have any questions or need help with your parent portal on Skyward, please contact the school for assistance.

Another way that teachers can communicate about your student's academic standing is through email and phone calls home. We ask that you ensure we have correct contact information and update any changes in Skyward. It is important that parents respond to emails or phone calls from teachers or staff. Teachers/staff are reaching out to keep you informed and provide assistance. Parents, students and teachers working together is the best way to help students succeed.

We encourage parents to schedule in person meetings with teachers and/or administrative staff to discuss student progress or challenges.

It is my hope that students, parents, teachers, and staff work together to foster the best in each student. Working together, we can make RINI the best place in which students can learn, grow and follow their dreams for the future.

RINI Open House: Tell a Friend

Do you know a friend or family member interested in applying to RINI for the 2022-2023 academic year? Make sure to share our upcoming in-person, Open House events for interested students to attend.

Students and parents interested in enrolling at RINI for next year are invited to join us for an opportunity to tour RINI and learn more about the academic program at RINI. Prospective parents and students will have the chance to

meet teachers, staff, and current students.

•Wednesday, November 17th, 5 pm-7 pm
Register Here

•Tuesday, November 30th, 5 pm-7 pm
Register Here

We still have a few spots in 9th grade for this year. Apply Now at www.rinimc.org

Applying to RINI: The application process will begin on Tues., Nov. 23rd

Students can apply online on our website at www.rininmc.org

Family and Student Virtual Lunch/Dinner Sessions October 28, 2021

Yes, we are back! Are you interested in an update regarding our school community? This has been a great month for collaboration with our families; we are always excited to see you as you drop off students in the morning and pick them up after school. We want to continue to give you space to provide updates on what is going on in our community. We will see you at lunch or maybe dinner on **October 28, 2021 at 12:30PM or 6:30 PM.**

Celebrating Safety in our Community.
Wednesday October 20 is Unity Day at RINI and all over the nation! In an effort to support our community we are asking all staff, students and families to **WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE** to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. You can wear orange scrubs, bottoms, socks etc. Please remember this is still a day that you wear scrubs.

Volunteer Opportunities

RINI 9th grade students are required to complete 20 hours of community service for the academic year. 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students - we recommend you complete 20 hours of community service. Here are some volunteer opportunities for students to explore.

•Volunteering at Rhode Island Hospital and its Hasbro Children's Hospital:

Volunteers at both locations must be willing to help others and have an interest in the health care community. Day, evening and weekend placements are available. Volunteers must have COVID vaccination and provide proof of vaccination. Learn more and apply here

•Care New England (Women & Infants, Kent Hospital, Butler Hospital)

Volunteer opportunities may include escorting and guiding patients and visitors, helping in clinical and non-clinical areas, and supporting administrative functions. This volunteer opportunity is for grades 10th-12th. Students must have COVID vaccination. Learn more and apply here

•Rhode Island Blood Center

The Rhode Island Blood Center is in need of volunteers to work at both their mobile drives as well as their donor centers.

- All volunteers must complete an application and undergo a background check – if they are under the age of 18, they will need parental consent
- All volunteers must be at least 16 years old.
- All volunteers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide proof of said vaccination.

Call Volunteer Coordinator, Riley Medeiros, today at (401) 248-5773 or by email at riley.medeiros@ribc.org.

College Fair for Rhode Island Students

Colleges and universities across the country will be participating in the upcoming Rhode Island Association of Admission Officers College Fair at Bryant University. This is an opportunity for students to talk to admissions counselors, learn more about colleges, and ask questions. Over ninety colleges and universities will be participating. Students and families Register here!

The Rhode Island Association of Admission Officers (RIAAO) College Fair
Sunday, October 24th
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bryant University
1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield

Poetry Out Loud Competition 2021-2022

The national Poetry Out Loud recitation competition engages thousands of Rhode Island high school students each year. It connects them to great works of poetry and builds self-confidence and public recitation skills. Annually, each high school holds competitions to select a school champion who will compete at the state level, and then the state champion competes at the national level

The program is funded by the Poetry Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts and is sponsored by the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts.

For the latest information on RI's Poetry Out Loud program, visit: https://www.facebook.com/Poetryoutloudri/

Paint Club "Birds of Paradise" with Ms. Salamone

Come and learn how to paint this "Birds of Paradise", step by step over two paint sessions, AND bring it home with you!!

2 Sessions:

October 26th
3:15-4:45
November 4th
3:15-4:45

•You MUST be able to attend BOTH sessions to complete and take home your painting.
•Admission is limited to 12 participants/painting
•Sign Up will start on October 19th. Reply to an email that will be sent on 10/19 to sign up.
•Session dress: Aprons will be provided, but paint might get on clothing and is permanent. Please dress accordingly.
•Wait List: If you would like to sign up but the session is full, you will be placed on a waitlist and upon cancellations, will be notified

Free Flu Shot Clinic at RINI Students and Staff

October 29th
8:00am-11:00am
RINI Nurse's Office
Open to students and faculty
Register for RINI flu clinic at schoolflu.com

Registering online at schoolflu.com is strongly recommended to guarantee an appointment time. Online registration will close at noon the day before your school clinic. Limited walk-in availability will be accepted as resources allow.

Meet the RINI Staff
Joe Renaud
English Faculty

Mr. Renaud has been teaching English 9 at RINI since moving to Rhode Island in 2019. He and his wife, Julia, came here from New Mexico when Julia graduated med school and matched into an OB/GYN residency at Women & Infants Hospital. Mr. Renaud was excited to discover that RINI offered a unique opportunity for him to play a role in young people pursuing successful careers in health care, which he knows, based on Julia's story, has the power to change lives.

Mr. Renaud attended Ohio State University, where he earned a B.A. in journalism. Throughout his career, he has worked at a video game tech startup, run a local newspaper, and has worked in every capacity of the media world from journalist to editor-in-chief. About 10 years ago, he decided to pursue a new career path in education and has never looked back. While it's the most challenging job he's ever had, it's also by far the most rewarding, and he looks forward to many more years in the classroom. When he's not working, Mr. Renaud enjoys playing music, going to concerts, and being outdoors with friends.

Student Spotlight

My student, Luz Maria Plasencia, Grade 11, has an excellent attitude and mindset. Last week, when I was helping with the literacy leveling, she looked at the framework on the front of my manual and realized she was not at the level she had hoped for. Then she followed up the conversation with, "It's okay. I had to learn English when I arrived here. I'm improving. Last year I was at this level." This is the attitude that most students need. Sometimes, students are not where they should be and they let it weigh them down. They need to be like Luz and realize they are always learning and making progress.

Ms. Colon
MLL Specialist

Yenesis Reyes, Grade 10, helped out a student that she did not even know who was in distress in the bathroom. Her kindness was greatly appreciated.

Nurse Audette

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Information

The new 2022–23 FAFSA form is available online now!

FAFSA stands for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid". FAFSA must be completed by the student and family each year if you wish to be considered for need-based grants from the college or university you will be attending as well as subsidized student loans. Begin your application here.

Filling out the FAFSA is easy!

CLICK HERE to watch a short video about why to fill out a FAFSA and how to get started. (CLICK HERE for the Spanish version!)

FAFSA: Need to Know, Myths and FAQs Presentation
Did you miss the College Planning Center's Presentation? You can watch the presentation here and get answers to your questions.

Ms. Debrah, RINI College and Career Guidance Counselor is always here to help. You can email her at jdebrah@rinimc.org and schedule an appointment.

Community Events:

Waterfire
Saturday, October 16th
Full lighting – Sunset (6:02 p.m.) – 11:00 p.m.
Providence
This WaterFire will bring together and lift up Rhode Island communities of color. All of the musical performers and entertainers will be people of color, including a jazz performance by the Rhode Island Philharmonic, Chinese dragon dancers, and Narragansett traditional storytellers. The Papitto Opportunity Connection also will have a music stage on Steeple Street featuring Caribbean soul music by the Becky Bass band and salsa performed by Robertico Arias y Su Alebreke.

Night at the Haunted Museum
Roger Williams Park, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907
Providence
October 15th - October 30st
Experience a haunted night at the Museum of Natural History in Roger

Williams Park. Bizarre collections from the vaults and TEN31 spooky living art.
Tickets will not be available at the door. This event is for all ages, but not for the very young due to its creepy presentation. Get tickets here.

Corn MAiZE at Confreda Farms
10am to 5pm
Saturday & Sunday
(Last time slot for is 4pm)
2150 Scituate Ave, Hope RI (just 15 minutes from Providence)
Tickets for the Hayride to our Corn MAiZE are available at the door. Each Ticket will give you plenty of time to navigate the 5 Acres Corn Maze, Ride on our scenic 1 acre Hay ride, and take as many photos as you would like.

What to Read Next: Book Recommendation
When We Make It by Elisabet Velasquez

An unforgettable, torrential, and hopeful debut young adult novel-in-verse that redefines what it means to "make it".

Sarai is a first-generation Puerto Rican eighth grader who can see with clarity the truth, pain, and beauty of the world both inside and outside her Bushwick apartment. Together with her older sister Estrella, she navigates the strain of family traumas and the systemic pressures of toxic masculinity and housing insecurity in a rapidly gentrifying Brooklyn. Sarai questions the society around her, her Boricua identity, and the life she lives with determination and an open heart, learning to celebrate herself in a way that she has been denied.

When We Make It is a love letter to anyone who was taught to believe that they would not make it. To those who feel their emotions before they can name them. To those who still may not have all the language but they have their story.

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