Dear RINI Community,

With two weeks of the new school year completed, we have some important notes for students and parents.
• School starts at 8:00 AM; therefore all students are expected to be in class at 8:00 AM. Just a reminder; all schools will be opening this week, which may cause delays; please plan accordingly.

• All students must use the crosswalk when crossing the street towards the RINI building. There is a lot of traffic and we want to ensure that you are safe.

• Starting September 9th, if students arrive at school after 8:00 AM carrying purchased beverages/food from Dunkin Donuts/Starbucks or any other establishments, we will take them from students, students can collect them during their lunch at the main office. Please note, we do not discourage students from bringing beverages/food to school, in fact, we encourage students to have a hearty breakfast. We discourage students from purchasing beverages/food when they should be in school and as a result be late for school.

• 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 the school of tardiness 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.

**Holidays/No School Dates in September**

There is no school on the following days

  • September 16th - Yom Kippur
  • September 29th - Statewide PD Day

To view the entire [school calendar](#)

**RINI Student COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**

RINI is having a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm on the 3rd Floor at RINI. The Pfizer vaccine will be given and is
approved for ages 12 and up. Schedule your appointment here.

Please be advised that the Link is NOT compatible with Internet Explorer. Most registration problems can be solved by copying and pasting the link into a google search. Any other issues please call the PrepMod Help Desk at 888-503-0515.

TIPS FOR PARTICIPANTS:

- Insurance information is optional
- Registration will close at noon the day before the clinic (Ex: A Wednesday clinic will close on Tuesday at noon)
- Clients will be observed for 15 minutes after vaccination and 30 minutes for anyone who has had an anaphylactic reaction in the past.

The vaccine requires two doses. It is important to get the second dose because two doses are what was shown to be most effective during clinical trials. There will be another clinic on Friday, October 15 from 2:30 - 5:00 PM at Village Green Charter School 135 Weybosset St., Providence (the street behind RINI) for second doses of COVID-19 vaccine. You can make an appointment for the second dose at the first clinic.

Message from RINI School Nurse: Nurse Audette

Our goal at RINI is to keep our entire community healthy and in school. This will be challenging with the Delta variant of COVID in R.I. All students should bring at least 2 masks with them every day, a refillable water bottle and eat breakfast and lunch. I can not determine if a headache is from not eating, dehydration or COVID without a COVID test. Students will be sent home from school if they have any symptoms.

If we have a positive COVID case here at RINI all students who are considered "close contacts" must be tested for COVID 3-5 days after the contact.

- If the close contacts are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after their 2nd dose) they can continue to attend school.
- If the close contacts are not fully vaccinated they must remain out of school for
a minimum of 8 days.

Thank you to all families whose children are fully vaccinated or have gotten their first dose. We are holding a vaccine clinic at RINI on Wednesday, September 15 from 1-4. Reserve your time now for your vaccination.

**What to do if my child is sick?**

If your child has ANY of the symptoms below they MUST stay home. Contact your healthcare provider.

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste
- New loss of smell
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Stuffy or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Your child should get a COVID PCR test. Your child can return:

- with a copy of a negative test result
- when the student has been fever-free for 24 hours
- when the student is back to their usual health
- the student has not been told to quarantine by RIDOH or RINI

**If you travel out of the U.S.**

All students who travel out of the U.S. must bring a copy of their test results in order to return to RINI.

**Fully vaccinated students (2 weeks after 2nd dose of vaccine)**

- Get tested 3-5 days after return (the return day is day 0)
• AND
• Watch for symptoms of COVID-19

If the student develops symptoms, isolate them and get tested

**Unvaccinated students (or not a full 2 weeks after 2nd dose)**

• Get a PCR test 3-5 after return (the return day is day 0)
• Stay home, quarantine for a full 7 days after travel
• Even if the test is negative the student must stay home and quarantine for the full 7 days
• If the test is positive, isolate the student from others to protect them from getting infected

**COVID Tests: PreK-12 Test Scheduling Service**

Anyone associated with Pre K-12 (students, staff, coaches, etc) an schedule a test through this site if they are:

• symptomatic
• a close contact of a person who tested positive
• a classmate of someone who tested positive

Schedule tests online at [portal.ri.gov](http://portal.ri.gov) or by calling 844-857-1814 weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and weekends 9 A.M. to 1 P.M

Test results are coming back in 12 -24 hours. Tests done at CVS or Walgreens are taking up to 3-4 days.

Stay safe and healthy.
Nurse Audette

**Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

Every year from September 15 to October 15, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by appreciating the community’s history, heritage, and contributions of the ancestors of American citizens who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South- and Central America. Hispanic Heritage Month originally
started with one week of commemoration when it was first introduced by Congressman George E. Brown in June 1968. With the civil rights movement, the need to recognize the contributions of the Latin community gained traction in the 1960s. Awareness of the multicultural groups living in the United States was also gradually growing.

Two heavily Latinx and Hispanic populated areas, the San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles, were represented by Brown. His aim was to recognize the integral roles of these communities in American history. Observation of Hispanic Heritage Week started in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was later extended to a 30-day celebration by President Ronald Reagan, starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law via approval of Public Law 100-402 on August 17, 1988.

September 15 is set as the starting date for the month as it is important for many reasons. It is the independence anniversary for Latin American countries El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras.

Hispanic Americans have been integral to the prosperity of the U.S. Their contributions to the nation are immeasurable, and they embody the best of American values. The Hispanic-American community has left an indelible mark on U.S. culture.

Podcast Recommendation
*Tres Cuentos*

Carolina Quiroga-Stultz hosts this bilingual storytelling podcast that's dedicated to the traditional narratives of Latin America. It explores the myths, legends, and folktales that are told in the Hispanic, Indigenous, and Afro-Latin American world. It's a truly beautiful podcast, and lit lovers will enjoy their series interviewing Latino authors across different countries and cultures.

Community Events:

• **RI Heritage Month’s Virtual Celebration!**

Every Saturday, during September at 7 pm, Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission will be hosting a weekly 60-minute virtual celebration on their
YouTube channel, which will feature "Heritage Highlights" from different cultural performance groups, heritage organizations, and hands-on activities like cooking and dance demonstrations. Sneak a Peek of the celebration by viewing this trailer!

Visit their YouTube channel

•Hispanic Heritage Month I 8th Annual Sabor Latino
  Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 4:30 pm – 6 pm
  209 Central Street, Central Falls
  Support local Latino Arts. Learn some Bachata dance moves. FREE entrance.
  Please bring proof of vaccination.

•Cranston Greek Festival
  September 10th, 11th & 12th
  Church of the Annunciation
  175 Oaklawn Ave, Cranston, RI
  Authentic Greek Food, Pastry, Live Greek Music, Dancing, and more. Free Admission Rain or Shine. Under the Tents Food for take-out or Dine under the Tents Mobile ordering on-site will be available

What to Read Next:
When We Make It By Elisabet Velasquez

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. Velasquez’s debut novel is sure to leave an indelible mark on all who read it.
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