



# Monday Memo

January 9, 2023

#### Note from Head of School

Dear Rising Tide Students and Families,

It was exciting to see many Rising Tide alumni return last week to join panels that met with our Upper School students and shared information and advice related to their individual journeys after leaving Rising Tide. Some of the recent alums I was able to visit with are in 4-year undergraduate programs studying engineering, fashion, and linguistics; some older alums who visited are working in health care and education while others are pursuing advanced degrees in library science and physical therapy. It is inspiring to get a glimpse of the ways in which these alums are having a positive impact on our communities and our world.

The beginning of the calendar year is also a time when we are able to open our arms to new families interested in having their children start their middle or high school journeys. Please let neighbors and friends know about the two opportunities this month to learn about joining the Rising Tide community through our Enrollment Open House sessions on January 21 and February 1. We would also love for you to see and share a new video about Rising Tide that highlights the big opportunities through our small school community (please note that you will need to turn on the sound on the bottom right corner):

## Rising Tide: Small School Community, Big Opportunities!

At the end of this week, look out for a note from Kelsey Kincade, our Athletic Director, who is leading a plan for a 5k Run and Health Fair in May and is putting together a committee to help plan this community event.

Have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Keefe Head of School

**Upcoming Events** 

**Tuesday, January 10:** Rising Tide's SEPAC will hold a virtual, informal get-together for parents/caregivers **only** of students on IEPs and 504 Plans at 7:00 pm.

**Monday, January 16:** School will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Tuesday, January 17:** There will be a virtual information session at 7:00 pm for Middle School families to learn about Title I targeted support at the Middle School.

**Wednesday, January 18:** Rising Tide will host a Winter Arts Show featuring the creative work and performances of students in grades 5-12, will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Rising Tide.

**Thursday, January 19:** There will be a virtual information session at 7:00 pm for Upper School families to learn more about Title I targeted support at the Upper School.

**Friday, January 20:** Student Government will host the Upper School Winter Formal in the Atrium at Rising Tide from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now during lunch for \$5, or they can be purchased at the door for \$10.

**Saturday, January 21:** Rising Tide will host an Enrollment Open House for prospective students and their families interested in applying to Rising Tide for the 2023-2024 school year. The Open House will begin at 9:00 am in the School's Atrium.

**Monday, January 23:** The Rising Tide Board of Trustees will have its monthly meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom. This meeting is open to the public.

**Tuesday, January 24:** Students in grade five will participate in STEM programming at Gillette Stadium for the day.

**Wednesday, January 25:** There will be a Parent Information Meeting at 6:00 pm for parents/guardians of grade 8 students who will be traveling to Italy this spring.

2022-2023 Academic Calendar for Families

#### **Announcements**

## **SEPAC to Host Virtual Get-Together**

The Rising Tide Special Education Parent Advisory Council (RT-SEPAC) will be holding a virtual, informal get-together for parents/caregivers **only** of students on IEPs and 504 Plans on Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm. Please come and say hello, ask questions, share experiences, make connections. Join us via the **Zoom link here**.



## Communications for School Closings Due to Inclement Weather

In the event that school must be canceled or delayed because of snow, unusual weather conditions, or emergency circumstances, Rising Tide families will receive an email, a telephone call, and a text message. Additionally, announcements will be listed on WCVBTV 5, WHDHTV 7, WBZ, Channel 4, and FOX 25 television stations and websites. An announcement will also be posted on the Rising Tide homepage. Rising Tide can call school autonomously from the Plymouth Public School District, which means that if Plymouth Public Schools are closed, it does not necessarily mean Rising Tide will be closed.

# **Athletic Updates**

**Athletic Games This Week** 

Monday, January 9th

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Atlantis Charter at 4:00 pm

**Location: Sacred Heart** 

Boys JV Basketball @ Atlantis Charter at 4:00 pm

**Location: Atlantis Charter** 

Boys Varsity Basketball @ Atlantis Charter at 5:30 pm

**Location: Atlantis Charter** 

Boys Middle School Basketball vs. Trinity Christian at 3:45 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

Girls Middle School Basketball vs. Trinity Christian at 5:15 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

Tuesday, January 10th

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Bristol Aggie at 4:30 pm

**Location: Sacred Heart** 

Boys JV Basketball @ Bristol Aggie at 3:300 pm

**Location: Bristol Aggie** 

Boys Varsity Basketball @ Bristol Aggie at 5:00 pm

Location: Bristol Aggie

Wednesday, January 11th

Girls Middle School Basketball vs. SJPII at 3:45 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

Boys Middle School Basketball vs. SJPII at 5:15 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

Friday, January 13th

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Mt. Alvernia at 4:30 pm

**Location: Sacred Heart** 

Boys Varsity Basketball @ Calvary Chapel at 5:30 pm

Location: Calvary Chapel

# Recent Happenings At Rising Tide

## Alumni Return to Rising Tide

Rising Tide was pleased to welcome graduates back for Alumni Day on Friday. Students had the opportunity to hear our alumni discuss college life, their work and educational experiences, and how Rising Tide helped them explore their interests and prepare them for their future.













## **Grade 5 Students Create Watercolor Compositions**

Fifth-grade students in Mr. Walker's visual art class are finishing their watercolor



compositions of wild animals in their natural habitats. Students have been using reference photography to add realism to their work while continuing to practice their observational drawing skills.







# **Quick Links and Contacts**

Breakfast and Lunch at Rising Tide: The state government has extended the eligibility for all students in our breakfast/lunch program for the 2022-2023 school year. This means that all Rising Tide students have access to one free breakfast meal *and* one free lunch meal each school day. Please note that students still need to walk through the cashier lines for recording purposes and will need their PIN numbers (located on the upper right hand side of their schedules) in order to do so. Rising Tide's breakfast and lunch program is catered by the Plymouth Public Schools. Check out January's lunch menu here.

**Attendance Line:** Call (508) 747-2620, ext. 102 to report your child's absence from school.

Complete a <u>Notes from Home to Rising Tide Office Form</u> to share daily communication with our office staff at Rising Tide, including dismissal information.

**Health and COVID-19 Questions:** Contact Nurse Leader, Lisa Hughes, at <a href="mailto:lhughes@risingtide.org">lhughes@risingtide.org</a>. You can also call (508) 747-2620 x115.

IT Help: Complete the IT Help Desk Form.

# Stay Connected with Rising Tide!

Don't forget to connect with Rising Tide on social media. We post news and photos on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.







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