



## Monday Memo

*January 30, 2023*

### Note from Head of School

Dear Rising Tide Students and Families,

As we begin the first week of the second semester, many of our students are shifting into some new courses in their schedule. The school year is full of opportunities for renewal, and the start of a new semester is certainly one of them. Each of our students is in the process of growing and becoming, building on past successes and learning from past challenges.

On Wednesday evening, we host our final enrollment open house for the current enrollment period for the 2023-2024 school year. These events are always a great opportunity for student leaders and staff members to share their stories about our school community -- the strength of which is built together by our students, families, and staff members. We encourage you to share with friends and neighbors the opportunity to attend Wednesday evening and [apply](#) for the upcoming year by Thursday, February 9.

We hope to see you at one of our basketball games or our after-school theater performances over the next couple of weeks.

Have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Keefe  
Head of School

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, February 1:** 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 6:30 pm in the School's Atrium.

**Thursday, February 2:** There will be a Parent Information Session from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. for parents/guardians of students who will be in ninth-twelfth grade in the 2023-2024 school year and who are interested in participating in the proposed 2024 trip to Ireland.

**Thursday, February 2:** Rising Tide's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (RT-SEPAC) will hold its next meeting virtually at 7:00 pm. [View the agenda here](#). Please join us and feel free to bring your questions! [Click here to join the meeting](#). Meeting ID: 826 7530 7358 Passcode: 012083

**Tuesday, February 7:** RT-SEPAC is holding a virtual, informal get-together for parents/caregivers **only** of students on IEPs and 504 Plans at 7:00 pm. Please come and say hello, ask questions, share experiences, and make connections. [Click here to join the meeting](#). Meeting ID: 840 6635 6208 Passcode: 554229

**Wednesday, February 8:** Report cards will be issued.

**Thursday, February 9:** The deadline for submitting an enrollment [application](#) to Rising Tide is February 9 at 3:00 pm. **If you already have a child attending Rising Tide and plan to enroll another child for the upcoming year, you must submit an enrollment application by the deadline to have your child included in the lottery.**

**Thursday, February 9 and Friday, February 10:** Performances of the after-school, upper school winter play will take place at 6:00 p.m. each night in the school's Atrium.

**Wednesday, February 15:** The Annual Enrollment Lottery will be held in a public forum at 10:00 am at 59 Armstrong Road in Plymouth. The event will be live streamed [via Zoom](#).

**Friday, February 17:** Students traveling to Italy will depart from Rising Tide at 11:00 am.

**Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24:** School will be closed for February Vacation.

## [2022-2023 Academic Calendar for Families](#)

## Announcements

### Rising Tide Upper School 2024 International Trip to Ireland

Céad míle fáilte rómhat go hÉirinn (*A hundred thousand welcomes to Ireland*)! We are happy to announce that the proposed upper school international trip during April vacation of 2024 will be to the Emerald Isle, Ireland. Any Rising Tide student who will be in ninth-twelfth grade for the 2023-2024 school year is eligible to apply for this international trip. A parent-interest meeting will be held this **Thursday, February 2**, from 6:00-6:30 pm in Rising Tide's Atrium. Please reach out to Ms. Martz at [hmartz@risingtide.org](mailto:hmartz@risingtide.org) if you have any questions. *Míle buíochas (A thousand thanks)!*



### The Massachusetts Charter Public School Association is Hosting Advocacy Week

From March 13 - 17, 2023, the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association ([MCPSA](#)) is hosting a statewide virtual Advocacy Week. In just five minutes per day, over five days, charter public school supporters

from all across the state will work together to ensure our elected officials understand the value of our schools and what our children need in order to thrive. Rising Tide is excited to be part of this powerful week, and we hope you will join us! [Sign up today](#) to help us speak out on behalf of our school and our students! Once you [sign up](#), you will



be able to participate in as many of the planned activities as you wish. The more voices we have, the greater our impact will be!

## Rising Tide Students to Perform Winter Play Next Week

Upper School students have been working hard to present Rising Tide's latest theatrical production, *She Kills Monsters*. Chock-full of an eclectic cast of characters, *She Kills Monsters* is a surprisingly sweet tale of friendship, loss, and acceptance. Appropriate for ages 15+. Contains mature themes and language. Performances will be on **Thursday, February 9 and Friday, February 10 at 6:00 pm** each night. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for everyone else and can be purchased at the door the night of each performance.

## Rising Tide to Host Enrollment Open House This Wednesday

Rising Tide will host the last enrollment open house for the current enrollment period on **Wednesday, February 1** at 6:30 pm. Families of students entering grades 5 to 11 this fall are invited to attend and learn about the school's curriculum, meet staff and faculty, and visit classrooms on student-led tours of the school. Please share this information with your friends who may be interested in applying.

Rising Tide is currently accepting applications for enrollment for grades 5-11 for the 2023-2024 school year. The deadline to submit an application is **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm**. [Details on how to apply can be found here](#).

If there are more eligible applicants than available spaces, the school will hold an annual enrollment lottery. The enrollment lottery will be conducted in a public forum on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at our school building.

## Seniors, Please Share Your Future Plans

We invite all Rising Tide seniors to share your future planning news. Please email announcements and photos to Martha Popoloski at [mpopoloski@risingtide.org](mailto:mpopoloski@risingtide.org). Announcements might include college acceptances, final post-Tide plans, or scholarships students received. In the past, photos have often shown students sporting their college gear or holding up an acceptance letter. We know decisions are still rolling in and plans are being finalized, so feel free to share updates whenever you have the chance.

## New College Acceptances Announced



Benjamin, a Rising Tide senior, has committed to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona



Josephine, a Rising Tide senior, has committed to Wheaton College's Nursing Program. Congratulations,

## 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 30th

Girls Middle School Basketball @ SJPII at 4:45 pm

Location: SJPII

Boys Middle School Basketball @ SJPII at 3:30 pm

Location: SJPII



#### Tuesday, January 31st

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Sturgis East at 4:30 pm

Location: Sacred Heart

Boys JV Basketball @ Sturgis East at 5:30 pm

Location: Hyannis Youth & Conference Center

Boys Varsity Basketball @ Sturgis East at 7:00 pm

Location: Hyannis Youth & Conference Center

#### Wednesday, February 1st

Boys Middle School Basketball @ Falmouth Academy at 4:00 pm

Location: Falmouth Academy

Girls Middle School Basketball @ Falmouth Academy at 4:00 pm

Location: Falmouth Academy

#### Thursday, February 2nd

Middle School Boys Basketball vs. St. Pius at 3:45 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

Middle School Girls Basketball vs. St. Pius at 5:15 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

#### Friday, January 27th

Boys JV Basketball @ SJPII at 4:00 pm

Location: SJPII

Boys Varsity Basketball @ SJPII at 5:30 pm

Location: SJPII

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. SJPII at 4:30 pm

Location: Sacred Heart

## Recent Happenings At Rising Tide

### Fall Internships Wrap Up

Last week, Rising Tide seniors involved in fall internships participated in an internship tradition by celebrating the culmination of their work and successful final presentations with a special lunch! There were 18 interns in the fall cohort. Their experiences included law, government, dentistry, car repair, financial planning, child development, social services, social media, printmaking, teaching, sports management, business development, whales, climate change, and local environmental concerns. Special thanks to our community partners. Spring internships are now underway.



## Grade 5 Students Visit Gillette

Last week, students in grade five participated in STEM programming at Gillette Stadium.



## NHS Raises Funds for Those in Need

Students in the National Honor Society (NHS) hosted Morning Muffins and a Bake Sale last week during Morning Meeting. Their goal was to raise funds for the Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless who currently has an initiative to help defray home heating costs for those in need.



## 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](#) and February's lunch menu [here](#).

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

Complete a [Notes from Home to Rising Tide Office Form](#) 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 [lhughes@risingtide.org](mailto:lhughes@risingtide.org). 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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