



Monday Memo

January 23, 2023

Note from Head of School

Dear Rising Tide Students and Families,

Happy [Lunar New Year](#) to our families at Rising Tide and around the world! As many throughout the world celebrate the beginning of a new year, here at school our students and teachers are working hard to close our the second term, or first semester, of the school year. It was great to see our students and staff members engage in the routine of school today. I continue to be grateful for the strength of our school community and the way in which students, staff members, and families look out for one another.

Have a wonderful week.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Keefe
Head of School

Upcoming Events

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.

Thursday, January 26: Seniors involved in Rising Tide's Internship Program will be giving presentations between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Thursday, January 26: 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 27: Students in the National Honor Society will be hosting Morning Muffins and a Bake Sale.

Friday, January 27: The second term ends.

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. Please join us and feel free to bring your questions! [Click here to join the meeting](#). Meeting ID: 826 7530 7358
Passcode: 012083

[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.

Ms. Martz will host an interest meeting for upper school students tomorrow, **Tuesday, January 24**, in Room 230 during lunch and an interest meeting for eighth-grade students during their lunch on **Thursday, January 26**, in Room 174. A parent-interest meeting will be held next **Thursday, February 2**, from 6:00-6:30 pm in Rising Tide's Atrium. Please reach out to Ms. Martz at hmartz@risingtide.org if you have any questions. *Míle buíochas (A thousand thanks)!*



Reminder from the Yearbook Club

Yearbook club would like to remind seniors and their families that senior photos, baby photos, senior bios, and senior quotes are due by next **Monday January 30**. Students can submit their items on the Yearbook Google Classroom, to yearbook@risingtide.org, or to hmartz@risingtide.org.

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. 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.

Rising Tide to Host Enrollment Open House on February 1

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.

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

Tuesday, January 24

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Falmouth Academy at 4:30 pm

Location: Sacred Heart

Boys JV Basketball @ Falmouth Academy at 4:00 pm

Location: Falmouth Academy

Boys Varsity Basketball @ Falmouth Academy at 5:30 pm

Location: Falmouth Academy

Boys Middle School Basketball vs. Derby Academy at 3:45 pm

Location: Village Sports Club



Friday, January 27

Boys JV Basketball vs. Sturgis West at 4:00 pm

Location: Sacred Heart

Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Sturgis West at 5:30 pm

Location: Sacred Heart

Girls Varsity Basketball @ Sturgis West at 5:30 pm

Location: Hyannis Youth & Conference Center

Boys Middle School Basketball vs. PCIS at 3:45 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

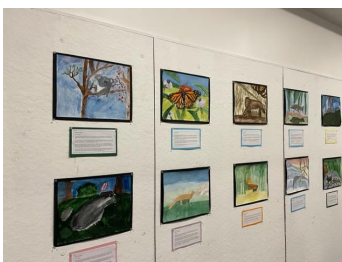
Girls Middle School Basketball vs. PCIS at 5:15 pm

Location: Village Sports Club

Recent Happenings At Rising Tide

Winter Art Show

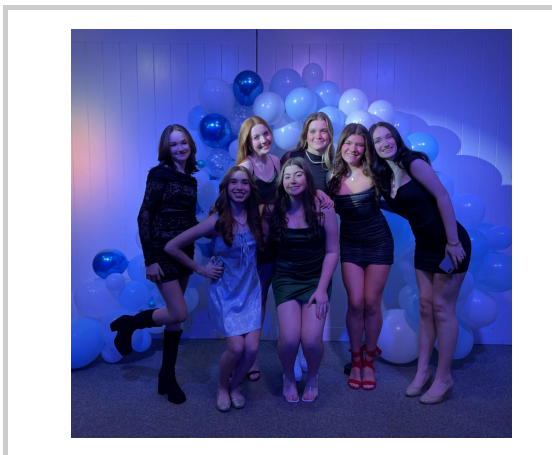
Rising Tide hosted an exciting evening celebrating the Arts last week. Works and performances from students in grades 5-12 were showcased.





Upper School Winter Formal

Rising Tide's Student Government hosted the Upper School Winter Formal in the Atrium last Friday evening. Special thanks to Rising Tide's Parent Group for providing delicious refreshments.



Guest Speaker from Moderna Presents to Upper School Students

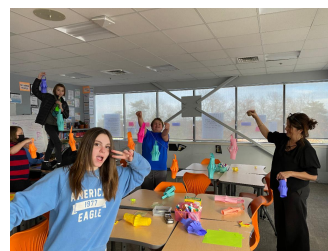
Mr. Bankim Patel, Executive Director of Capital Projects for Moderna, gave a special presentation to students at Rising Tide last week. He spoke to our upper school students about the range of opportunities in the biotech industry and how his work changed drastically when the pandemic hit. He talked about the importance of finding purpose, collaborating well with others, and staying calm under pressure.



Mr. Patel is an engineer by training and has extensive experience in the biotechnology and bio-pharmaceutical industries. His role as Executive Director of Capital Projects means that he leads the team that designs, plans, and builds the manufacturing sites, processes, buildings, and equipment required for vaccine production. During his time at Moderna, he and his teams made history with the unprecedented speed with which they set up production for over one billion vials of their COVID vaccine. The pioneering technology that allowed for the fast development of the COVID vaccine is currently being used in the development of a diverse range of new treatments, including a cancer vaccine.

Sixth Graders Create Lanterns

During advisory classes last week, our sixth graders participated in a lantern-making activity while learning about the Lunar New Year which begins January 22.



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. 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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