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On behalf of TIMES² Academy's Board of Directors, administration, faculty, and staff, we would like to wish you and your family a healthy and happy New Year!

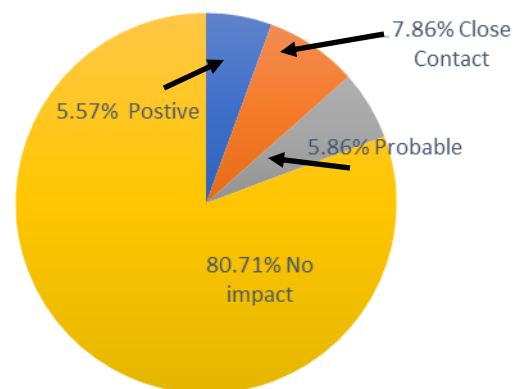
COVID Update: Students Fairing Well & On-site Testing Coming Soon to TIMES²

According to the recent data report from the Rhode Island Department of Health, approximately 102,125 (57%) of Providence residents were tested for COVID-19 with 18,822 (18%) testing positive. As you know, TIMES² partnered with RIDOH to assist in the contract tracing mechanism used to inform students, staff, and faculty of potential COVID-19 exposures. As part of this data collection, our school nurse keeps track of the probable cases, outside of school close contact exposures, and total number of positive cases. Probable cases are individuals who, upon arrival to school, are noted to have 1 or more symptoms related to COVID-19, and are, therefore, sent home for medical follow-ups. Our to date school data shows that nearly 81% of students do not fit into any of these 3 categories.

After a successful pilot in Central Falls, RIDOH and the RI Education Operations Center is offering school-based testing to Rhode Island schools. TIMES² Academy will take part in this excellent opportunity to not only increase staff, student, and community safety measures, but to also increase our communities' confidence in bringing back students to our school's classrooms.

More information on the testing schedule, permissions process, and how they will occur will be sent out to families once the plan has been put into place. Until then, please stay safe, wear a mask, and wash your hands!

Overall Student Impact



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Attention, Attention: What you need to know before you return to school after vacation:

If you traveled outside of Rhode Island or the contiguous United States during the vacation, you are required to uphold the 14-day quarantine before returning to school. This is the most conservative approach to prevent in-school transmission based upon the facts below:

1. COVID-19 can develop any time between 2-14 days after exposure.
2. A single negative test only indicates that you are negative at that point in time, but you could become infectious any time through day 14.
3. Quarantining for 14 days before returning to school is the best way to reduce the change of exposing the school community to COVID-19.
4. Per RI testing data, approximately 26% of individuals who attended school either in-person or hybrid came to school asymptomatic and later tested positive. This number is important for everyone to understand - STAY HOME if you or anyone in your family has had close contact or has tested positive with COVID. Our school nurse will send anyone home with a single symptom out an abundance of caution.

Admissions Application Window for 2021 Now Open

TIMES² Academy, in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Education and its fellow members of the League of Charters, has automated the admissions process to make it easier for families to apply to a Charter School of Choice. This collaborative Unified Enrollment process is streamlined to make the application process easier, faster, and much simpler. Families can access the Family Information Tool (FIT) on the EnrollRI.org/charter website and review all of Rhode Island's charter schools in one place with just the click of a mouse. FIT provides information about each school's mission and vision, grade levels, location, program offerings, test scores, and additional items that make each school unique. Parents no longer need to fill out multiple applications as a single application is linked to the family's school(s) of choice. The deadline to complete the online application process is March 18th. Each charter school will complete its lottery on April 1, 2021.

If you have questions or need assistance on completing the online application, please contact our school's

Community Liaison's by calling :

(401)272-5094

or

through email:

Elementary - Sandra Torres-Morris storres-morris@times2.org

or

Middle-High—Judy Genao jgenao@times2.org

WELCOME BACK MS. MATIAS!

It is with great joy that TIMES² Academy welcomes the return of Ms. Matias, our K-12 school social worker. She, along with Andy Barnes, provide counseling and social-emotional support on a referral basis, so please reach out to either if needed. kmatias@times2.org OR abarnes@times2.org

CAUTION:

Contact Tracing Identity Theft Advisory

The Rhode Island Education Operations Center has received reports of an alleged RI Department of Health (RIDOH) contact tracer who requested the Social Security number of a COVID-19 positive student which was then used to fraudulently open a credit card account. Besides your date of birth, RIDOH will NEVER require you to provide any other personal identifying information that could cause fraud or deception. Please stay vigilant to ensure your personal information remains safe.

REMEMBER – DO NOT give your social security number, bank account or credit card number, or immigration status! RIDOH will NOT ask for this information. So if a person claiming to be from RIDOH or RIDE asks for this information, please know it is a SCAM!

Take the following steps if you believe you have encountered a contact tracing scammer:

1. If contacted by a RIDOH contact tracer who requests MORE than your date of birth, you should attempt to verify their credentials, including their call-back number and that of their supervisor.
2. If you are unable to verify the contact tracer's credentials, IMMEDIATELY hang up the phone and submit a complaint through the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint or reportfraud.ftc.gov.
3. Never disclose your Social Security Number, credit card numbers, or other financial information over the phone with an alleged contact tracer.
4. DO NOT click or download links you receive via text or email from an alleged contact tracer. It may contain malware.

Student Spotlight

It is so easy to give up on academics when the world is dealing with COVID and many other stressors. I want to acknowledge a group of middle/high students who decided that these stressors were not going to get in the way of their college and career goals.

Honors

7th Lania Bonilla, Arlette Cordero, Olajumoke Dauda, Dayana Fajardo-Mazariegos, Favor Imonah, Amya Manston, Janell Miles, Lesly Morales, Esther Nyabally, Roxana Sanchez, Astou Sidibe, Lia Tavaréz Sobalvarro, and Wesley Wagnac

8th Genesis Akinrolabu, Mya Diclo, Amelia Hidalgo Rosario, Lashmie Joaquin Alicea, Garzzon Lopez, Cesar Mendez, Destiny Pena, Rosneily Perez, Janira Perez Medina, Mia Ricaldy, Joharlyn Rojas-Patzanh, Rose Schneider, & Jasmine Yang

9th Adrian Cardenas, Soimayah Delarosa, Akeelah Flemming, Daniel Portuhondo, & Elvis Santos

10th Roquibat Adetunji, Jeffery Arriaza, Adeleke Babalola, Jankairy Goris Ramirez, Alexander Lo, Larissa Manengeri, Fatima Nyabally, Alfred Omondi, & Larissa Piccoli

11th D'Juan Alexander, Lesly Cardones, Hope Dernikos, Rashel Duran, Badhan Hasan, Ethan Moreta, Carlos Santos, Hailey Santos, Jaylen Strother

12th Elijah Byers, Karla Cardenas, James Dee, Radina Durand, Alveta Goodridge, Emmanuel Imonah, Iralis Marquez, Dion Marshall, Ja'den Miles, Samuel Ojuri, Juan Oliveres Lopez, Adriana Ortiz Rosario, Joel Polanco, Bradley Torres, & Beatrice Touze

High Honors

7th Keiana Moten, Rihanna Ruiz Perez, & Evanny Sage

8th Naomi Karmue & Andrew Mayo

9th Alexa Villatoro Rodriguez

10th Marco Lima, Enrique Mweia, Urooj Nasir, and Anphelia Teage

11th Michael Florian Perez

12th Deborah Adetona & Aleana Tavaréz

"I speak for the TIMES² community when I say, 'We are very proud of you!' Hopefully, the second quarter list will be doubled in size. Stay focused and keep your goals in sight.

Let them motivate you to achieve success!"

-Mrs. Aguiar

Adriana Ortiz's Toy Drive

Adriana Ortiz exceeded her goal of collecting 200 toys for those less fortunate than herself during the middle of the pandemic.

Adrianna began her planning back in September and secured approval before the October 15th deadline. She met with the Supervising Marine for RI Toys for Tots and then came up with a great idea. Adriana decided to hold a drive-through toy drive.

Individuals were encouraged to drive through the school's parking lot with their donations. The toys were taken from the cars and placed in collection bins. Adriana also placed bins in her community to increase her reach. She also created electronic flyers that were distributed to the TIMES² Academy community. Finally, she created a social media campaign promoting her work.



Once she collected the toys, Adrianna volunteered at the Marine sorting center to help organize and prepare them for delivery to local charities. The final total was 222 toys. This will help many members of her community have a Merry Christmas.

THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello TIMES² Community,

In the best of times, parental involvement is crucial to students' education. In these pandemic times, it has never been more important. Remote learning and frequent periods of in-person pauses has made it much harder to manage students' academic progress. We need your help. All families have access to Skyward, a system that records attendance, assignments, and grades. We are asking you to check Skyward at least once a week to see if your child is completing assignments (and for upper grades, attending class). By the time you read this, you will have received an email that explains how to access Skyward.

Best wishes to all our TIMES² families for a safe and happy holiday season! Mr. Darigan

NOTE:

We are holding zoom tutorials about how to use Skyward on Friday 1-8-21 at 6PM and Monday 1-11-21 at 12PM in both English and Spanish. You can find zoom links on our website.

Please attend either of these sessions or contact Mr. Darigan at cdarigan@times2.org for immediate assistance.

We can only do this together!

TIMES² Academy Science and Engineering Fair Goes Virtual

This year, while the independent student research will continue as usual, the presentation of those results will be different. We are not able to have 200+ students gather in the gym to be judged by 70 alumni, professionals, and college professors. Therefore, the culmination of months of research will look different.

First, students will be presenting their projects to their immediate classmates. Students will explain their projects to their peers and their science teacher. After their presentation, the class will be able to ask questions. The teacher will assess the project and assign a grade. If students are interested in competing at the RI Science and Engineering Fair and they receive a high score, they will advance to the next level of competition.

Students competing for a spot on the team heading to RISEF will have another level of exhibition. These students will present to a panel of teachers and administrators. This panel will select the top 10 to represent TIMES² Academy. RISEF will also be virtual.

More information on this will be forthcoming.

A message from your College Crusade Advisor: Dwayne Clement



Hi! I graduated from Central High School in 1997 and from Rhode Island College in 2003 with a B.A. in Sociology. I have always had a passion for working with youth and teens. I feel I am a role model, but more importantly I am an example - an example of how hard work can get you to college and then get you to graduate. If I could do it! I know your child can do the same thing. One love!

Dclement@thecollegecrusade.org or (401) 400-1802 Do not forget your hours reflect your scholarship. If you do not have at least 180 hours of Crusade participation hours before you graduate you will not get anything from the Crusade.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

SurveyWorks, a state-wide survey, will be administered this year to students, families, staff, teachers, and building administrators across Rhode Island from January 18th through March 31st 2021. Our entire community will be asked to participate directly to share their experiences in our school. It is an opportunity to share what you feel we are doing well with and what we need to work on. More information about how to participate will be sent home soon.

A Look Ahead: Calendar of Events

- * **December 21 – January 6** ALL TIMES² Academy K – 12 transitions to remote learning
- * **December 23** End of quarter 2 progress report period – reports to be mailed home
- * **January 4–Feb 30** College Application Submissions
- * **January 4** Boys Basketball Tryouts—3:30pm—gymnasium
- * **January 7 – 13** Multi-lingual learners students return to school in-person for ACCESS testing
- * **January 14** ALL TIMES² Academy K – 12 return to in-person instruction
- * **January 14** Monthly Board Meeting via Zoom call 5:30pm
- * **January 18** No School in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
SurveyWorks opens for parents, teachers, staff, and students
- * **January 25** State-wide Distance Learning for Students and Professional Development for Teachers
- * **February 1 – 3** Midterm Exams for High School
- * **February 4** End of Second Quarter/First Semester

Learning Option Commitment #4 Set to Run January 19th–February 26th

At the time it went remote, the TIMES² Elementary School welcomed over 230 in-person students each day. We are hoping that all of our K–8 students will be back on campus on January 14th. We understand parent's concerns regarding COVID-19 and have posted both the next learning option commitment form and the bus request form on our website. Please click on the link located on the top, right side of our main page to access the form. ALL families are asked to complete one. Thank you.

TIMES² Basketball Players to hit the boards once again as 'Sports Pause' is lifted

Great news! The sports pause has been lifted for High School Basketball! Tryouts will begin on January 4th from 3:30–5:30pm in the gymnasium with strict social distancing protocols. Mask wearing and sanitation will be taking place. Students must be in good academic standing in order to be eligible to participate, which is a minimum of a 70% in each content area. TIMES Squared highly encourages students to



be on campus for in-person learning. More information to follow on game schedule and practice schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anthony Alejandro at aalejandro@times2.org.

Check out our website for the latest news:
times2.org