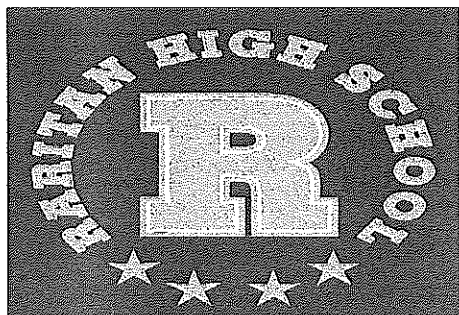




RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL

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October 2026 Newsletter

Rocket News

ROCKET NATION

A Message from the Principal

Dear Rocket Parents and Students,

On October 14th, all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT. For the Class of 2027, a qualifying score on the PSAT is one way a student can satisfy existing graduation requirements. In addition, students who perform well on the PSAT have the potential to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. It is important for students to take this test seriously and review literature that will help them be successful on the test.

In preparation for the PSAT, please take advantage of free resources available online for students. Here is the link: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> Khan Academy has partnered to offer comprehensive test preparation program for the PSAT and SAT. They are currently offering 8 official full-length practice tests. These resources are great for our students.

The first week of October is the Week of Respect and throughout the week there will be multiple activities promoting kindness at RHS. Our kindness and super student referral program is aligned with week of respect. Administration and staff want to recognize students for the positive impact they have among their peers and community. We want to hear about how students are treating their classmates, teachers, and community with random acts of kindness. At the end of each week, we will be recognizing those students. In the past week we had students go out of their way to return a students chrome book left in the cafeteria, help a teacher move boxes without being asked, and support a fellow classmate through emotional times. It has been successful start to our Kindness Campaign.

We are deeply committed to providing access to a rigorous dynamic curricular course offering. We are proud of our Explorer Early College Academy. The Explorer Early College Academy is intended to provide entry into higher education for academically-prepared high school students beginning in the 9th grade affording them the opportunity to concurrently earn an Associate of Arts degree while also achieving their high school diploma. This is a unique program with only few high schools in the state offering this opportunity to their students. In addition, we are offering a Capstone Program for students who take AP Seminar and AP Research. This program is only offered to a handful of high schools in the entire state. Due to our tremendous AP course offering at Raritan, we qualified to offer this program to our students. This one of a kind program is designed to prepare students with the skills necessary to be successful at the collegiate level. As I mentioned, there is a commitment to research state of the art programs for RHS students.

I want to remind parents that all school documents are located in our virtual back on the main page of the RHS Website. Please make sure to view our district Policy and Regulation 5600 Code of Student Conduct.

I want to thank the entire school community for a great start to our school year and our continued enthusiasm for the rest of the year. Have a great school year!

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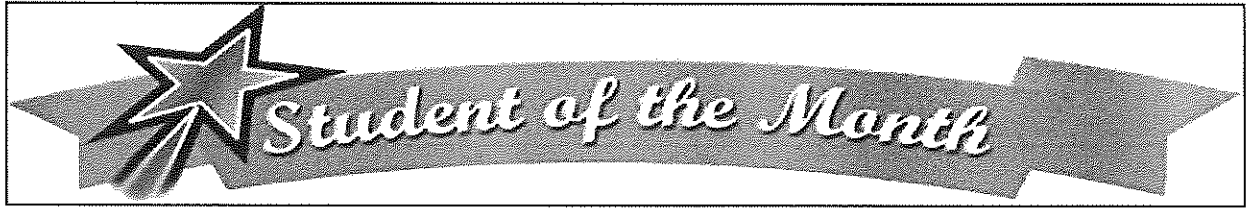
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September

Ava Irizar

Grade 10

After taking over the GSA, Ava stepped up to organize and come up with ideas for the future of this club. She is welcoming, caring and always ready to help.

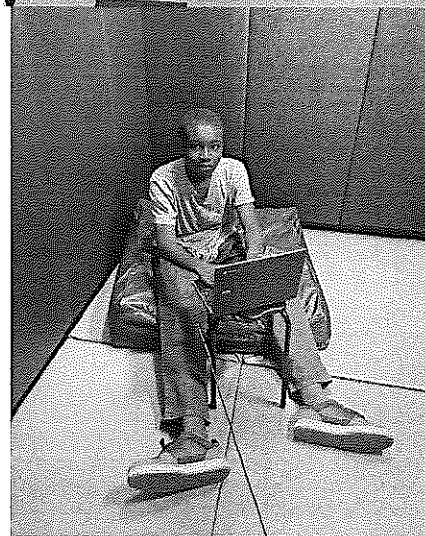
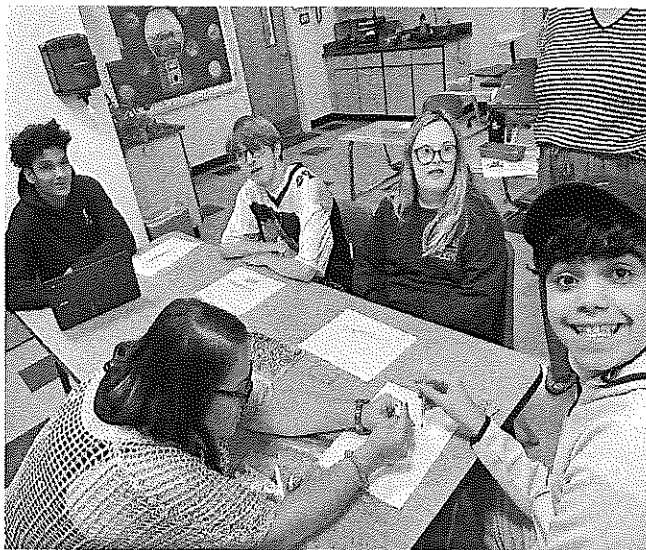
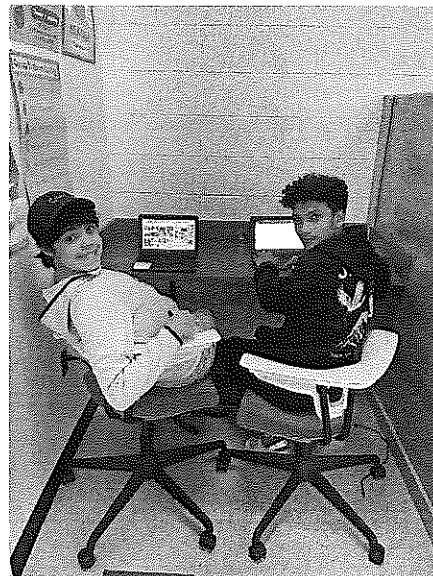
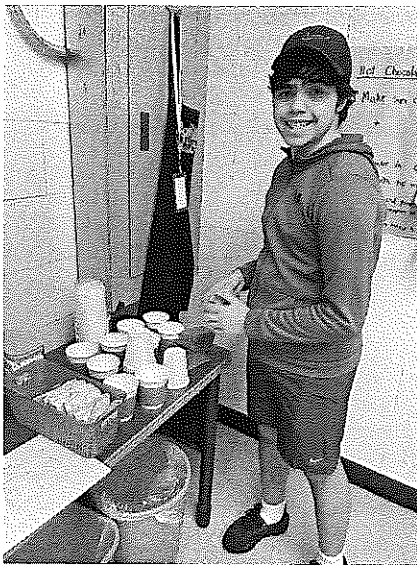
Gianna Massetti

Grade 11

Gianna is ALWAYS in a good mood. Her presence in class is something the entire class looks forward to. Her work is always impeccably completed, and she is always willing to help her friends. She is a model student!

**Congratulations
Ava & Gianna**

Mrs.Cisneros is teaching our new Multiple Disabilities program. She is working on prevocational skills in our apartment room, functional academics utilizing our school coffee shop and teaching Math, English, Science, History and Health using a new Vizzle computer program. She also teaches Phonics using our Sondag program. The MD class works on creating independent teenagers who learn basic academic and life skills to continue at home or in a workplace in their future. These amazing students are also learning to communicate with staff members and Raritan students. They are included in Unified Partners Art and Physical Education this year. Raritan students have been coming in to visit Mrs.Cisneros's classes to work alongside her students.



Dear Student & Parents,

I am excited to announce that I will be offering an educational trip to **Italy Spring break of 2028!**

To review the itinerary and details about the travel program you need to go to You can visit <http://Worldstrides.com> → K-12 Group (underlined at the top) → scroll down to Program ID→ then type in **Price-2764**

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You will have two choices from that link:

1. Join our Interest list by clicking **"I'm Interested"** and provide your name and parent email address (this will ensure you're sent reminders about our upcoming information meeting as well as important deadlines).
2. Secure your spot with the lowest pricing now by clicking **"Sign Up Now"** (a deposit of just \$50 is required to enroll)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me directly at mprice@hazlet.org. I will be hosting an information meeting at Raritan High School, where I will go over detailed information about the trip, the company we're partnering with (WorldStrides) & their emergency/safety protocols, pricing, payment plans.

Parent Meeting: October 13th 2026 at 5pm in room L10 of Raritan High School

Please make sure you RSVP to the parent meeting, on the interested list, or enroll on the roster via the provided link as we are only taking 30 students.

Sincerely,
Dr. Price