

Rhode Island Transition Academy 2022

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back New and Returning Students!

RITA EVENTS

- *September's Theme:
Self-Discovery
- *Monthly Featured
Internship
- *Community Day
Roundup



2022-2023



September's Theme is Self-Discovery



This month's theme focuses on each individual students assessments and working on Team Building skills with their classmates. On their first community day of the year, students had to apply their collaborative skills in a real world setting by teaming up to comb the beach and use the scavenged items to create a work of art.



Students worked on developing their individual new/updated **MAPS** for the 2022-23 School Year. **MAPS** is a creative planning tool that uses both process and graphic facilitation to create a shared vision of a positive future for individuals and families. MAPS draws on people's ability to visualise different futures and to plan for these using the focus person's unique gifts, strengths, interests and capacities.



Monthly Featured Student Internship: Savers-Warwick



Our Business Partner, Savers-Warwick, is a part of a chain of national thrift stores. It allows shoppers to find products like unique clothing, homegoods items, antiques, and used furniture. Thrift stores are known for their bargain deals on items that typical you won't be able to find at your local department stores. Additionally, each store has a Community Donation Center where you can donate your things to support to support local nonprofits.



Community Day Roundup for September



(Above/Below) Mystic Seaport, CT



(Above) Brendan at Mini Golf.
(Below) Elm's Mansion Newport.



(Above/Below)Mystic Aquarium, CT



RITA Special Guests Appearance: CCRI, Warwick



(LEFT) Christina Erne, Certified Meteorologist at WJAR, Rhode Island, made her annual visit to RITA at CCRI. The students had a chance to ask her questions regarding, weather, her career, and everything in between. Thank you Christina!

(RIGHT) The Students welcomed a special black Labrador retriever. Her name is Charley and she is the new member of the Warwick Police Department, as their compassion dog. She'll attend events throughout the city, plus visit schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and more. Special thanks Sgt. Bill Castaldi, who is K-9 Charley's handler and the community police supervisor.

