



Welcome!

Our newsletter, Sargent Spotlight, is your source for all things Sargent Center! Our goal is to keep you informed, engaged, and connected with all the events and activities within our school community. We'll share inspiring student stories, staff recognition, news articles, information on upcoming events, and valuable resources. From academic achievements to extracurricular highlights, we'll bring you the latest Sargent Center news. Thank you for your interest in our programs and your continued support!



Student Spotlight

Congrats on your graduation, Jose!

When Jose joined his classroom, he was hesitant to participate in daily activities at first. But with patience, encouragement, and the right support, he gradually came out of his shell. As staff got to know him better, they discovered his incredible independence and strong life skills. From doing laundry to vacuuming, sweeping, and washing windows, Jose mastered these essential tasks. With time and practice, he now completes them with minimal to no support, showing how capable and independent he has become.

One of Jose's biggest accomplishments has been learning to do his own meal prep each week. With the guidance of staff, he planned meals, shopped for items while sticking to a budget, and prepared and cooked his food. After enjoying his meals, he took responsibility for cleaning up – a testament to his independence and determination.

Outside of his daily tasks, Jose finds comfort in sensory activities, especially his weighted blanket and kinetic sand, which help him relax and stay focused. Jose also enjoys riding in the van and going on outings in the community.

As Jose prepares to graduate, we celebrate his hard work, perseverance, and growth. Congratulations, Jose! We are so proud of you and excited to see what the future holds.





Staff Appreciation



Parish has an incredible ability to build strong and meaningful connections with so many of our students. She takes the time to learn about and understand each student's unique interests, stepping inside their world to make them feel truly seen and valued in a natural and genuine way.

Parish's commitment to creating a positive and supportive environment doesn't go unnoticed. Her sense of humor, kindness, and commitment to the success of our students make her an inspiration to all who have the pleasure of working with her.

Thank you, Parish, for your passion and dedication to the Sargent Center community. We appreciate you!

Parish Yena
Teacher Assistant



News & Events



Sargent Center to Join The Autism Project's Imagine Walk

April is World Autism Month, a time to celebrate, support, and raise awareness for the autism community. This year, we have a team participating in The Autism Project's [Imagine Walk & Family Fun Day](#) on Sunday, April 27th!

The Imagine Walk is The Autism Project's largest annual fundraiser, directly supporting individuals with autism and related social-emotional or communication challenges.

How Can You Help?

We invite you to join us in making a difference!

- [Join Our Team](#): Walk alongside Sargent Center staff, families, and friends to raise awareness and funds for this important cause. We will establish a meeting place for our team as the event gets closer.
- [Donate](#): Every contribution, big or small, directly benefits The Autism Project and the families they support. Your generosity will help create more opportunities for individuals with autism to thrive.

This World Autism Month, let's stand together, walk together, and make a difference. Help us support The Autism Project and ensure that all individuals with autism have access to the resources and opportunities they deserve.

Visit the link below to donate or join our team!

[Visit our Imagine Walk Team Page](#)



Recognizing World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness day advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome. Our students and staff wore mismatched socks to raise awareness, promote inclusion, and celebrate the uniqueness of every individual! [See More](#)

THE SARGENT CENTER

TRANSITION NIGHT

VENDOR FAIR

Offered to RI families with students aged 14+. Connect with organizations and learn about resources and services that can help you plan for the future.

FEATURED VENDORS

- AccessPoint RI
- Autism Project
- Best Life RI
- BHDDH
- Bridge Builders of Diversity
- Disability Rights RI
- Fogarty Center
- LAZO
- Life Inc.
- Maher Center
- ORS
- OSCIL
- Perspectives Corporation
- Regional Transition Coordinators
- RI DD Council
- RIPIN
- RI DOH
- Sherlock Center
- Special Needs Registry
- Spurwink

An Alternatives to Guardianship presentation will take place at 6:30pm.

Wednesday April 9th 6:00 to 8:00pm

Sargent Center 800 Quaker Lane Warwick RI 02818

REGISTER

Support staff will be available to assist your child during the event.
Questions? Call Amanda Florio (401) 886-6628 or Kerri Collins (401) 886-6613

Audubon Society of Rhode Island
**NATURE CENTER
AND AQUARIUM**



Visiting the Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium

We recently visited the Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium! Our students had the opportunity to connect with nature through interactive exhibits, walking trails, and more. Thanks to Audubon Society of Rhode Island for having us! [See More](#)

Coffee Chats
Self-Directed Services & Adult Service Provider Agencies

Join us for coffee and refreshments with Kim Einloth from The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities
Wednesday, May 21st, 12:00 to 2:00pm
800 Quaker Lane • Warwick, RI 02818

The journey to adulthood can be exciting and challenging. The Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities at Rhode Island College will offer parents practical tools and resources to support independence, employment, and future opportunities. Let's discuss how you can plan, access support, and empower your child for success!

Questions?
Contact Amanda Florio at (401) 886-6628
or amandaf@sargentcenter.org

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April Curriculum Topic



Pre-School: *Construction*

- Explores construction jobs and the tools and machines used to help

Elementary: *Can I Buy It?*

- Introduces wants and needs, buying and selling, and production of goods.

Middle: *Right on the Money*

- Explores how to get the most out of your money by making smart purchases.

High: *But I Want It!*

- Investigates how a budget impacts meeting wants and needs.

Transition: *What to do, What to do*

- Making decisions about one's life
- Incorporate Leisure



Resources

Financial Wellness for Educators and Families

Since our curriculum focus for this month is economics, it's the perfect opportunity to announce we have partnered with Washington Trust and Banzai on a resource that can help you dive into the financial topics you care most about like saving, budgeting, investing, and much more.



Banzai uses real-life scenarios to demonstrate the power of good financial planning. For kids, teens, and young adults, these courses teach basic and advanced financial concepts. Use the links below to explore some of the resources that are available.

[Courses](#)[Articles](#)[Calculators](#)

presents
34th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, June 9, 2025
Quidnessett Country Club

If you are interested in golfing or donating, please use the link below to register. We hope you can join us in support of programming for our students!

[Register](#)



April Calendar

April

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School Photo Day
with Sara Zarrella Photography

April

9

Early Release Day
Students will be released at 11:30am

Transition Night Vendor Fair
[Download Flyer](#) • [Register Now](#)

April

14-18

Spring Recess
No School

April

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The Autism Project Imagine Walk & Family Fun Day
[Visit our Imagine Walk Team Page](#)

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