



OUR MISSION IS STUDENT SUCCESS...ACADEMIC, ARTISTIC, AND HUMANISTIC

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Dear SOTA Parents and Guardians:

The faculty and staff of School of the Arts are most concerned about the safety and well being of all the members of our community, especially our children. Although we encourage our students to participate in a variety of wonderful extra-curricular and community events, we know that homework, home responsibilities, and a good night's sleep are critical elements for successful learning. Our students need to go home and get their rest.

Most SOTA events begin promptly at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise specified and end between 8:00-8:30 PM. SOTA's Annual Play Series and Dance Concert presentations end between 9:00-9:30 PM. Our staff will use the following guidelines regarding your child's attendance at SOTA events:

- **Students in Grades 7 and 8 are not permitted to attend any after-school building-based activity such as: games, sporting events, heritage assemblies, recitals, performances or concerts without being accompanied by an adult chaperone. The chaperone MUST remain with the child throughout the event. This is SOTA policy.**
- **Parents and Guardians are expected to pick-up their children on time.**
- **Students in Grades 9-12 must be picked up within 30-minutes after the conclusion of any SOTA event.**
- **Students who are not picked up 30-minutes following the conclusion of a SOTA event, risk being locked-out of the building and will not be supervised. School of the Arts will not assume responsibility for any student who does not adhere to this policy.**
- **Your child/children will be expected to wait unsupervised outside of the building for their ride, if they are not picked up within 30-minutes of the conclusion of any event.**
- **School of the Arts provides a phone for students to call home free of charge. It is located in the lobby of the building.**
- **There is no phone service into the building after the switchboard closes at 3:00 PM.**
- **The switchboard is closed during evening performances.**

Please be mindful that the staff members who volunteer many hours for extra-curricular events have personal responsibilities as parents and spouses. We expect our faculty to be prepared, alert and ready for instruction the morning after an event and we need to assure that they also get home in a timely manner.

Your cooperation and understanding regarding these guidelines will help make SOTA a safer and more secure environment for all our children. Thank you for your assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Brenda Pacheco
Principal