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Dear Families and Students of the Class of 2020,

Congratulations on becoming a senior School of the Arts. My hope is that you are excited, confident, and eager to begin this important year in your high school career.

**SAVE THE DATE - PARENTS AND SENIORS INFORMATION NIGHT**

Please join us on Tuesday, September 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM for this year’s annual Parent and Senior Information Night. This event is an opportunity to talk with other senior families, and meet many of the teachers and counselors who work with our senior class. We will serve a light meal, and offer you the opportunity to learn more about SOTA’s senior year. Parents will be given the chance to ask questions and get a greater understanding of the process involved in reaching graduation night - June 26, 2020. **SOTA’s Curriculum Night will follow this event, so please plan to stay to get the scoop on the academic school year too!**

**CLASS OF 2020 SENIOR TRIP** – The trip to Cedar Point is October 4-6, 2019. **Remember full payment is due no later than September 13, 2019.** Please see attached the flier for additional.

**WAYS TO GET THE INFORMATION YOU NEED**

SOTAROCHESTER.ORG – See “Student Life” Channel

Senior Google Classroom Page – Code – iqcpvaq

Follow us at SOTA@RCSDSOTA on Facebook and Twitter

Class of 2020 Instagram Page – sotaclass2020

Remind 101 – SOTA senior class 2020 – Code to add: @sotasen

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**PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR**

Within the first two months of school, the SOTA counselors will meet with each senior to discuss this upcoming year to ensure that everything goes smoothly. In this meeting, graduation requirements, college applications, and work options will be discussed. Seniors are highly encouraged to attend this meeting, as it will provide invaluable information to assist with plans.

A great resource is the Counselor’s Corner Newsletter that will be emailed to you. It can also be found on the SOTA website: [sotarochester.org](http://sotarochester.org). Please make certain you check it out weekly, it is loaded with important information about exams, scholarships and job opportunities.

# SENIOR YEAR—SAVE YOUR PENNIES!

Senior year is expensive, so here is a list of items that are available or that you may need or want to purchase:

## 1. SAT/ACT EXAMS:

- Can cost up to \$60.00 each exam. See your counselor to find out if you can get a one-time fee waiver.

## 2. COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

- Each individual application costs money. See your counselor for more information.

## 3. MS. RUDY'S DEADLINES :

- Senior Apparel Design Contest Submission Due: September 27, 2019
- Senior Pages Due: November 1, 2019
- Baby Pictures Due: November 1, 2019
- Senior Apparel Orders Due: November 15, 2019
- Senior Surprise Grad Ads Due: January 10, 2020 – parent and guardians may purchase
- Yearbook Purchases Due: April 1, 2020
- Senior Yearbook Personalization Due: April 1, 2020
- Yearbooks may be ordered through Ms. Rudy.

## 4. CAP, GOWN AND SASH:

- **This is the best outfit you will wear all year long!**
- Cost - \$45.00
- Due by – February 7, 2020

## 5. OPTIONAL SENIOR TRIP/EVENTS:

- Cedar Point here we come!
- Senior Lock-In

## 6. PROM 2020:

- Tickets may be purchased on June 2, 3, and 4, 2020

## 7. BOOKS AND BILLS:

- All books and bills must be paid for before purchasing a prom ticket or being cleared for graduation.
- Do you have any library books under that bed or in the closet? Get them out because you will have to pay for each book that you have not returned throughout the years.
- Did you forget to turn in that uniform or sports lock? Did you borrow a graphing calculator and forget to return it? All these items add up and you are responsible for each of them.
- The Librarian will email you frequently throughout the school year to let you know what you owe. Check with the library to receive a list of any items requiring payment.
- If you have lost or misplaced any books, you can purchase them online at a discounted rate. See the Librarian for more information.

## 8. CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES:

- Distributed at Class of 2020 Town Meeting – September 10, 2019 – Periods 1-2

## CLASS OF 2020 SENIOR TRIP TO CEDAR POINT

The senior class has the opportunity to go to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio for their senior trip! The cost for the trip is \$250.00. Please note that grades, attendance, and behavior are all factors in whether or not your child may attend the trip. The itinerary is as follows:

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019:

9:00 AM	Leave SOTA - coach bus trip to Cedar Point
1:00 PM	Lunch - Erie, PA - students may purchase, bring lunch, or request a bag lunch
4:00 PM	Arrival - Cedar Point Express Hotel
5:00 PM	Entrance into the park – students pay
12:00 AM	Park closes

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019:

9:00 AM	Breakfast – cost included
10:00 AM	Entrance into the park – students pay for lunch
5:00 PM	Pizza party at the hotel – cost included
6:30 PM	Return to the park
12:00 AM	Park closes

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019:

7:00 AM	Wake-up, pack, and breakfast – cost included
8:00 AM	Board the bus
11:00 AM	Lunch – students pay
1:30 PM	Return to SOTA – parents/guardians pick-up students from SOTA parking lot

### \$250.00 COST INCLUDES: FULL PAYMENT IS DUE SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

Entrance into the park on Friday night and early on Saturday morning  
Hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday night – 4 students per room  
Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday; dinner on Saturday night  
Charter bus transportation

### NOTES

- We will travel to and from Cedar Point by bus.
- Students will stay at Cedar Point's Express Hotel for the two nights.
- Students may bring snacks, and unopened beverages/sodas for the bus ride and hotel.
- **Luggage must arrive at SOTA by 2:30 PM on Thursday, October 3, 2019 for scanning.**
- Students and carry-on luggage will be scanned prior to boarding the bus.
- Students sign a contract when they turn-in their first payment.
- Students will only need money for food for when they are in the park, and for on the bus rides.
- Students are expected to adhere to all SOTA, RCSD, and park rules/regulations.
- If a student does not adhere to the rules, their parent/guardian will be contacted, and they will be expected to pick up their child, or arrange for transportation home from the park.
- Students will receive a consequence upon returning to school if they do not adhere to all the rules and expectations.

SOTA's seniors really look forward to attending the annual trip to Cedar Point. It's really fun, offers a perfect opportunity to make new friends, and create lasting memories. We sincerely hope that your student will be able to join their class for this exciting experience. Please feel free to contact me at 585-242-7682 ext. 3000 if you have question or need additional information.