



June 2022

PRINCIPAL NICASTRO UPDATE

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

Happy spring! We are quickly approaching the end of the school year and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy conclusion in June.

GOOD NEWS NOTES:

- Congratulations on a fabulous run of ***The SpongeBob Musical***.
Next you can catch our middle schoolers in Bocón June 2nd—4th.
Tickets available at sotaroc.booktix.com
- Congratulations to the following Creative Writing students who won the SOKOL awards this year: 1st place, prose:
Grayce P. (9th grade) 2nd place, poetry
Elani S. (11th grade) 3rd place, poetry
Aries C. (12th grade)
- 11th grader **Elani S.** won 2nd place in the annual Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Rochester essay contest.
- 12th grader **Harrison J.** s poem “The First Time,” received honorable mention in the Gannon University National High School Poetry contest. He was recognized on April 22nd at the 45th Annual Gannon Writing Awards.
- Great job by our 7-12 grade Vocal students who participated in the City-Wide Choral Festival on May 12th. Wonderful performance by all.
- 7th grade **Tenney M.** won the ***Just Law Essay Contest*** and will be awarded on June 1st at the Hall of Justice.
- Congratulations to the **Girls Varsity Softball** for winning the Rochester City Athletic Conference Championship.
- 12th grader **Adam H.** was awarded the ***Michael O’Loughlin Senior Award***



IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 1: COFFEEHOUSE READINGS

JUNE 1: SPORTS BANQUET

JUNE 2: CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

JUNE 2: BOCON PERFORMANCE

JUNE 3: JR/ SR PROM

JUNE 3 BOCON PERFORMANCE

JUNE 4: BOCON PERFORMANCES

JUNE 6: SENIOR AWARD NIGHT

JUNE 7: END OF YEAR CHOIR CONCERT

JUNE 8: PIANO RECITAL

SENIOR PIANO RECITAL

JUNE 9: FOOD TRUCK RODEO

JUNE 13: 8TH GRADE PARENT FORUM

JUNE 13: NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

JUNE 14: LAST DAY—9-12 GRADE

JUNE 14: SENIOR CELEBRATION

JUNE 15-23: REGENTS EXAMS

JUNE 23: LAST DAY FOR 7 & 8 GRADE

JUNE 23: GRADUATION

FURTHER DETAILS FOR ALL EVENTS AVAILABLE AT
[SOTAROCHESTER.ORG](https://sotarochester.org)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Graduation

It is hard to believe that the Class of 2022 will be graduating in a few short weeks!

Graduation will be **Thursday, June 23rd at 7:00PM at Kodak Center**. Details were emailed to Class of 2022 families and can be found on the website at

<https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/13058>

Safety & Security Measures

Please be advised of established procedures for visitors in our schools. They are in place to protect students and staff. All visitors must adhere to these regulations, or they will not be permitted entry. No exceptions.

- The school's main entrance will serve as the single point of entry for visitors. Visitors must report immediately to the school office and present photo identification to obtain a visitor's pass.
- Parents/caregivers must call the school office to arrange an early pick up time for their children and present photo identification upon arrival.
- Visitors are subject to search of their person and belongings. Anyone refusing will not be allowed to remain on District property.

Any person asked to leave school property must do so immediately. Refusal to leave will result in police intervention

Last Day of Classes

The last day of classes for 9th—12th grade will be **Tuesday, June 14th**. The last day of classes for 7th & 8th grade will be **Thursday, June 23rd**.

Starting June 15th all students must enter through the front doors of the building, including those in need of breakfast. This is due to staffing during Regents exams.

7th and 8th graders are expected to help us maintain a quiet testing environment for the high school students taking regents exams. We expect everyone to be on their best behavior while in classrooms and hallways.

Regents Exams

Regents review schedule for June 15th—June 22nd will be available on sotarocheater.org by mid-June

WEDNESDAY June 1 st	WEDNESDAY June 15 th	THURSDAY June 16 th	FRIDAY June 17 th
During the school day	AM	AM	AM
U.S. History & Government	English Language Arts	Algebra I	Global History & Geography II
	PM	PM	PM
	Living Environment	Physical Setting/ Chemistry	Physical Setting/ Earth Science

MONDAY June 20 th	TUESDAY June 21 st	WEDNESDAY June 22 nd	THURSDAY June 23 rd	FRIDAY June 24 th
JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY	AM	AM	AM	AM
NO EXAMS	Geometry Foreign Language Assessment	Algebra II	Physical Setting/ Physics	RATING DAY
	PM	PM	PM	PM
	Foreign Language Assessment			



School of the Arts (SOTA) is a Rochester City School District secondary school serving nearly 1,200 students in grades 7 through 12, and we are located in The Neighborhood of the Arts.

Our students are talented, interested in the arts, desire high academic achievement, and want to develop skills for college, career development, and life.

We provide opportunities for students to participate in performances and exhibitions in their field of study.

SOTA offers students the opportunity to earn the Certificate of Employability, which is endorsed by employers throughout Rochester who consider it when making hiring decisions.

We have received the New York State Seal of Biliteracy and the New York State Seal of Civic Readiness.

Averages 92% daily attendance.

As of the 2020-2021, graduation rate of approximately 95%.

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