



November 2022

PRINCIPAL NICASTRO UPDATE

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

We have made it through marking period 1 and are on our way to a very busy and exciting season!

GOOD NEWS NOTES:

- Congratulations to the 35 scholars who received Early Recognition from the Urban League of Rochester Black Scholars
- Congratulations to our 3 NYSSMA Area All State participants: **Peyton C., William J. and Charles R.**
- **Jilliana G., Thalia S., Annabelle Q., Joel M., Thalea R., Annabella B., Naiyelis O., and D’Juan C.** were honored by the Board of Education for their high academic achievement, Community service, and leadership during Hispanic Heritage month.
- Way to go **Girls and Boys Varsity Volleyball** so taking the RCAC Championship.
- Brava to the cast of **Almost, Maine** for their near SOLD OUT run in October.
- Best of luck to all our winter athletes who have begun practices.
- Several students continue to be the positive change we need by attending the Roc 2 Change summit this month.



IMPORTANT DATES

NOV 29: NARCAN TRAINING 5:30PM

DEC 1: OPEN HOUSE (6TH GRADE STUDENTS & FAMILIES)

DEC 8: ONCE ON THIS ISLAND 7PM

DEC 9: HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
ONCE ON THIS ISLAND 7PM

DEC 10: ONCE ON THIS ISLAND 2PM

DEC 15: ONCE ON THIS ISLAND 7PM

DEC 16: ONCE ON THIS ISLAND 7PM

DEC 17: ONCE ON THIS ISLAND 7PM

DEC 20: CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

DEC 22: BAND & JAZZ BAND CONCERT

DEC 24-JAN 2: RECESS

FURTHER DETAILS FOR ALL EVENTS AVAILABLE AT SOTAROCHESTER.ORG

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Game time

School of the Arts (SOTA) is a Rochester City School District secondary school serving nearly 1,100 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%.

Many thanks to School of the Arts Administration for bringing games and art supplies to our lunch periods. It is a great way for student's to unwind, be creative, and interact positively with each other. Ask your students about their favorite lunch time activity!

Covid Test Kits

As the winter germ season begins, we have plenty of Covid test kits available for your family. Please have your student visit the Main Office to get some for home use. If your student is feeling unwell please keep them home until they feel better.

Outside Food and Drink

A reminder that students are not allowed to bring food and drinks from outside into the school. All beverages, except water in a proper bottle (NO glass), should be fully consumed before coming in to school. Additionally, ordering food for delivery is NOT allowed. Delivery times are unpredictable and frequently do not arrive in time for students to enjoy them in the commons before they need to head to their next class.

January Regents Exams and Parent Teacher Conferences

NO classes for grades 9-12, 7-8 Grade continue their normal schedule

January 2023 Regents exams are scheduled as follows:

TUESDAY January 24	WEDNESDAY January 25	THURSDAY January 26	FRIDAY January 27
AM	AM	AM	AM
English Language Arts	Geometry	Global History Geography II	Physical Setting/ Chemistry Physical Setting/ Earth Science
PM	PM	PM	
Living Environment	Algebra I Physical Setting/ Physics	Algebra II	

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