

# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Alan Tirré

Acting Principal

**Our Mission is Student Success ...  
Academic, Artistic, and Humanistic**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 4** Regents Exam Day Students in grades 9-12 only report if they are taking the Algebra I Exam. Regular day for grades 7-8.

**June 10** MCC Spanish IV-H Final Exam

**June 10-13** Earth Science Lab Practical

**June 14** Report Card Grades Due

**June 14** Regents ELA (AM), \*Spanish Checkpoint A Gr. 8 (AM), Living Environment (PM)

**June 17** Pre-Calc Final Exam

**June 18** Regents US History (AM), Regents Global (PM)

**June 19** Juneteenth Holiday Observed

**June 20** Regents Earth Science (AM), Regents Chemistry (PM)

**June 21** Regents Geometry (AM), Spanish III Checkpoint B (PM)

**June 24** Regents Algebra II (AM)

**June 25** Regents Physics (AM)

**June 25** Class of 2024

Commencement Ceremony  
Nazareth University

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**High School (non) Musical**

Saturday, 6/1 - 2 PM and 6 PM

**Sports Banquet**

Tuesday 6/4 - 4 PM

**Food Truck Rodeo**

Thursday 6/6 - 4 PM

**Senior Celebration**

Friday 6/7 Periods 4-9

**SBPT Meeting**

Wednesday 6/12 4:15 PM

**Award Night**

Monday 6/17 - 6 PM



I am honored to have served as your principal since Principal Nicastro's retirement in February. It has been a privilege to witness the incredible talent, dedication, and spirit within our school. As we approach the end of the academic year, I encourage all students to stay focused and committed to their studies to finish the year strong. Your child's success is our collective goal, and I am grateful for the support and collaboration of our entire community.

## School News and Notes

**Sahiya Dillard** was honored April 23 at the Monroe County Annual Youth Citizen of the Year and Willie W. Lightfoot Youth Advocate of the Year Awards event. The award recognizes youth who show exemplary leadership, community service, advocacy and perseverance.

**Jilliana Gomez** received a scholarship from the Ibero-American Action League and the Hispanic Scholarship Committee. Her strong academic performance and leadership qualities earned her this award

**SOTA Wind Ensemble** was awarded a Gold Award at the Heritage Music Festival in Philadelphia, PA.

The following students were selected for the MCSMA Senior High All County: **Adriana Santos Rivera, Clara Hazen, Colden Buzzell, Jacob LaDolce, Peyton Crony.** MCSMA Junior High All County: **Sheresa McCarthy, Khaleyah Clarke, Miles Warren, Syllas Newkirk.**

Creative Writing majors for winning awards in this year's Friends of the Rochester Public Library Sokol Writing Contest. Prose: **Grayce Peltz** (2nd), **Haylee Grove** (3rd). Poetry: **Kianely Otero** (2nd), **Adelaide Lawson** (3rd). Performance: **John Hall** (1st).

**Na'Zarie Mayhall** winner of Just Law Student Essay Contest.

## Useful Links

**SOTARochester.org** SOTA Website  
A source for all things SOTA!  
Extended Day June Calendar  
in-person tutoring w/SOTA core academic teachers  
**Paper App** free on-line tutoring accessible through student Chromebook landing page

**Regents Exam Prep** online exam prep courses to help students pass their test.

**Khan Academy** study at your own pace to accelerating learning.

**SOTA Athletic Weekly Events** live link of all scheduled athletic events.

**SOTA Team Store** your source for fresh SOTA gear

School of the Arts (SOTA) serves nearly 1,200 students in grades 7-12 and is located in The Neighborhood of the Arts. Our students are talented, academically driven, and interested in the arts, preparing for college, careers, and life. We offer performance and exhibition opportunities and the Certificate of Employability, recognized by local employers. SOTA has earned the New York State Seals of Biliteracy and Civic Readiness, with a 92% average daily attendance and a 95% graduation rate for 2020-2021.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Safety & Security

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

### Changes to Yondr

Yondr has changed their business plan from the subscription model to a purchase model. SOTA will no longer benefit from the volume student discount price. After this year, all schools will own their Yondr materials outright and will simply purchase pouches as necessary from year to year. As such, students will be required to turn in their Yondr pouch during their last week of school (Gr. 11&12 on 6/12, Gr. 9&10 on 6/13, Gr. 7&8 on 6/21).



Rips, tears, or cuts to the fabric



Bent or removed pin



Button is stuck or non-functioning



Markings around the lock or flap; loose flaps

### Graduation

It is hard to believe that the Class of 2024 will be graduating in a few short weeks! Our Commencement Ceremony is Tuesday, June 25 at 7PM at Nazareth University. Details are posted on the Class of 2024 Google Classroom.

### Last Day of Classes

The last day of classes for grades 9-12 is June 13. The last day of classes for grades 7-8 is Friday, June 21.

Starting June 14, 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.

