Principal's Message

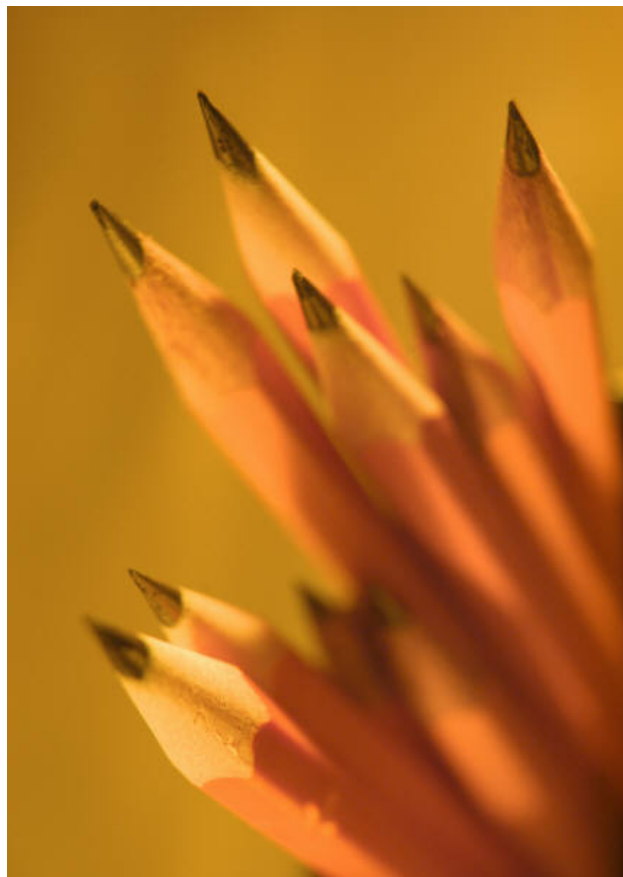Dear Theodore Roosevelt School No. 43 Parents;

Welcome to Theodore Roosevelt School No. 43. This online handbook has been prepared to provide School No. 43 families with helpful information about our school.

Please refer to this handbook throughout the school year as a reference. It should provide the answers to most questions, but feel free to telephone us or stop in at school should you need more information.

We believe that your child's success in school is dependent upon good communication between school and home. We encourage your participation and invite you to express your suggestions or concerns. Our telephone number is (585) 458-4200.
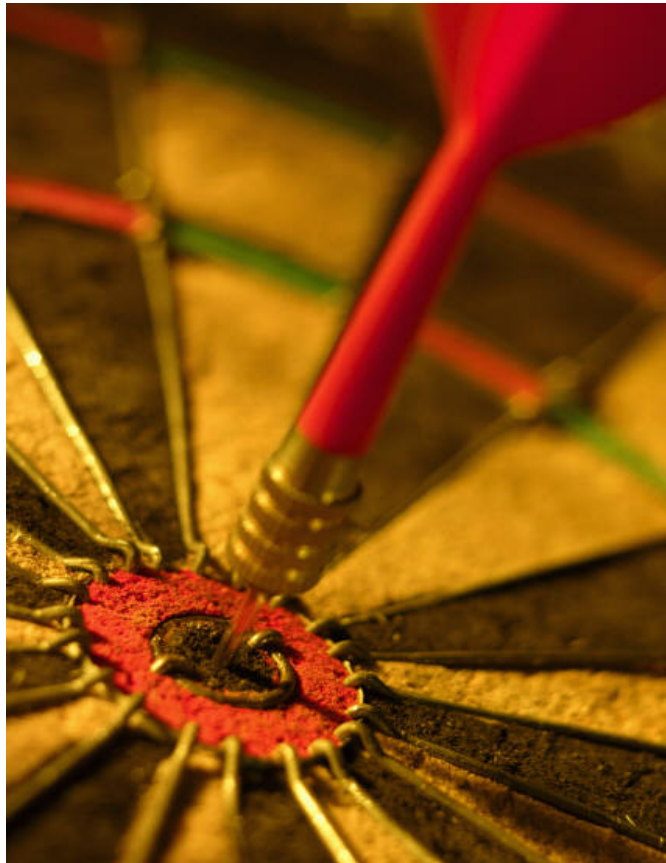
Sincerely,

Richard Smith
Principal

Mission/Vision

__Mission:__ To provide every student with a strong foundation that will ensure them the skills necessary to be successful at the next levels: high school, college, professional employment

__Vision:__ Theodore Roosevelt School No. 43 strives to provide each student with an education that will enable him/her to experience success. Our school community is committed to provide a safe, respectful, and supportive school environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, responsibility, and excellence in learning.

School Schedule

Arrival: All students should arrive to school by 7:30 a.m. (doors will be open for entry at that time). All walkers/car driven students should enter the Mt. Read side exit #2 (students should not enter the main parking lot areas or main office door unless the side doors are locked at 7:50 a.m.).

Dismissal: We prepare all students for dismissal at 1:50 p.m. and final dismissal will be at 2:00 p.m. All students who are bussed will exit Maltby Street side to their busses and walkers will be dismissed Mt. Read side via exits 2 and 3. For safety and consistency of dismissing all students, busses will pull up and block parking lots starting at 1:40 p.m. and remain in place until 2:10 p.m. Therefore, students will not be signed out after 1:40 p.m. – if a student has an early dismissal due to a doctor's appointment or such, they must be picked up by 1:30 p.m. at the latest. If students are to be picked up by a parent, you must provide a written note at the start of the school day.

When arriving and dismissing; if a parent needs to enter the building, they must enter the main door at the main office. *No parent will be allowed to enter the arrival/dismissal doors at any given time. Once school starts (7:30 a.m.), all parents will be expected to abide by established policies, such as, no walking through or in the hallways, unless a teacher has scheduled an appointment or conference. Therefore, parents will not be allowed to enter and/or walk students to their classrooms without prior notice and a scheduled appointment with the teacher/staff member.

Academics/Programs

- Skill Band Grade Level/Classes

- Enrichment and Intervention Programs

- ESOL Program

- Block Schedule for ELA and Math

- Universal Screening and Progress Monitoring

- Smartboard Technology in all classrooms

- Computer Carts in many classrooms

- "Be the Chemist" Science Exploration Program

- Two Computer Labs

- PTO

- All Pro Dads

- Greater Rochester Health Foundation/Healthy Living

- Accelerated Reader Program and incentive store

- School Wide Positive Behavior Program (PAWS) and incentive store.

- Breakfast in the Classroom program

- Healthy Snack Partnership

- We offer FREE after school programming in partnership with the YMCA from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. right at our school.   Seats are limited. Parents must pick-up their child between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Attendance/Absences

The RCSD Board of Education directs the Superintendent to establish standards and guidelines for attendance, absences, excuses and withdrawal from the District. The expectation is that all schools will continually strive toward 100% attendance with students coming to school every day. The district focuses on maximizing student attendance by clearly identifying responsibilities of staff, students, parents, and community, dedicating appropriate resources, and ensuring that students are successful academically, economically, and socially. Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for ensuring that students arrive to school on time for each school day, that the school is informed that their child will be absent from school or classes, and are responsible for encouraging students to stay in school. The RCSD Board of Education also acknowledges the role and responsibility of principals, teachers, other support staff, parent liaisons and School-Based Planning Teams in the improvement of student academic achievement.

Expectations of Schools

Attendance records are legal documents that must be accurate. Taking accurate and timely attendance is a professional expectation for all teachers, as well as an educationally sound practice and an important student safety issue. Additionally, accurate attendance is critical so that every child is accounted for every minute in the school building. In the event of an emergency (such as a fire, bomb threat, lockdown or any other dangerous situation) teachers must compare classroom attendance with the attendance of students in their immediate supervisory care. A discrepancy in attendance alerts administrative staff and building security that there is a missing student that needs to be found immediately.

The school will notify the parent/legal guardian of all unexcused absences each day through ConnectEd. It is required that schools notify parent(s)/legal guardian(s) as soon as possible, therefore ConnectEd calls should occur twice a day at the secondary level, once at 11:00 a.m. and once an hour after the close of school day for secondary schools, and once a day by 8:30 a.m. each day for elementary schools.

Partnerships/Community Stakeholders

We work hard to establish partnerships with many businesses and agencies within our area. To this end have the following established collaborations:

● Greater Rochester Health Foundation: we are the proud recipient of an ongoing grant focused on reducing childhood obesity and increasing physical activity.

●Finger Lakes Healthi Kids: a partner in providing healthy choices and supports for our school community.

● Rochester Institute of Technology: provide the opportunity for students to visit state of the art laboratories for hands on learning, promoting STEM careers.

● Medical: we collaborate with many local pediatric and mental health offices and are available to team up with you and your medical team as needed.

● Lonza: provide students in grades 3-6 monthly hands-on activities, bring science to life.

● Gholkar, Inc.: provides back packs and other school supplies to our students.

Code of Conduct

Rochester's schools strive to provide a safe and productive learning environment that will help students become successful, responsible citizens. Our goal is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate fully in their education without disruption.

The District's Code of Conduct is written to promote a positive learning environment for all students. It spells out expectations for the responsible behavior of all partners in the school community: students, teachers, administrators and other staff, parents/guardians, and visitors to schools.

The Rochester Board of Education adopted a new Code of Conduct on June 16, 2016. The new code is the product of a year-long community-wide endeavor that involved students, parents, teachers, administrators and District staff, as well as community members.

Development of the Code of Conduct was overseen by the Community Task Force on School Climate, a collaboration between the District and numerous stakeholders facilitated by the Rochester Area Community Foundation. The process received support from a variety of places including the Advancement Project; the Alliance for a Quality Education; the Education, Action and Change Committee of Facing Race=Embracing Equity; M.K. Gandhi Institute for Non-Violence; Metro Justice; Rise Up Rochester Inc.; Rochester Area Community Foundation; Rochester City School District; and Teen Empowerment.

https://www.rcsdk12.org/cms/lib/NY01001156/Centricity/Domain/16/Code%20of%20Conduct%206.16.16%20-%20approved.pdf

ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR

July (T=0/S=0)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August (T=0/S=0)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

September (T=19/S=19)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

October (T=22/S=22)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

November (T=18/S=18)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

December (T=14/S=14)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
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January (T=21/S=21)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
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February (T=15/S=15)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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March (T=20/S=20)

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April (T=17/S=17)

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May (T=21/S=21)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
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June (T=18/S=17)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Date	Event
Sept. 3	Labor Day Holiday (All Facilities Closed)
Sept. 4	Superintendent's Conference Day (Superintendent's Initiatives) (No school for students)
Sept. 5	School Opens (Full day for PreK-12 students)
Oct. 5	Superintendent's Conference Day (No school for students)
Oct. 8	Columbus Day Holiday (All Facilities Closed)
Oct. 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences/Elementary
Oct. 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences/Secondary
Nov. 6	Superintendent's Conference Day (No school for students)
Nov. 12	Veterans Day Holiday (All Facilities Closed)
Nov 21	Recess Day
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess (All Facilities Closed)
Dec. 21-31	Winter Recess (24-25 All Facilities Closed)
Jan. 1	New Year's Day Holiday (All Facilities Closed)
Jan. 2	School Resumes
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day Holiday (All Facilities Closed)
Jan. 22-25	Regents Exams
Feb. 18	Presidents Day Holiday (All Facilities Closed)
Feb. 19-22	Mid-Winter Recess
March 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences/Elementary
March 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences/Secondary
March 22	Holiday Recess
April 15-18	Spring Recess
April 19	Good Friday (All Facilities Closed)
May 24	Holiday Recess
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday (All Facilities Closed)
June 3	Regents Exam
June 18-25	Regents Exams
June 25	Last Day of School for PreK-12 Students
June 26	Superintendent's Conference Day/ Regent's Rating Day and last day for teachers/ First Snow Day Make Up

Legend:
- Yellow: First Day for K-12 Students
- Red: Holiday/Recess
- Green: Regents/Local Exams
- Pink: Parent/Teacher Conference (school in session)
- Purple: Half-day for Students
- Gray: Regents Rating Day/First Snow Day Make-up
- Light Blue: Superintendent's Conference Day

Teacher Days = 185 (includes Supt Conf Days)
Student Days = 184 (includes Supt Conf Days)

Approved by the Board of Education: March 27, 2018