



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

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Dear SOTA Parents and Guardians:

As we begin our 2020 year, we are writing to let you know about a few items of importance. Please take a moment to read the following information:

SOTA'S AFTER-SCHOOL PROCEDURES:

- All after-school extracurricular activities are supervised by SOTA staff members. Dismissal for all students is at 2:30 PM unless they are participating in an extracurricular after-school activity and accompanied by a supervising adult. This is a procedure which we strictly follow.
- We do not have supervision in the lobby area. Students who are not staying after school for an extracurricular activity will be asked to leave the building at dismissal.
- **If you are picking up your child after school, please do so no later than 2:45 PM.** If there are any concerns or extenuating circumstances regarding adhering to this pick-up time, please contact your child's administrator to discuss this matter:

Grades 7-8 – Brian Chandler	242-7682 ext. 4000
Grades 9 – Mario Belculfine	242-7682 ext. 2000
Grade 10 – Alan Tirre	242-7682 ext. 2000
Grade 11,12 – Jo Ann Aspenleiter	242-7682 ext. 3000
- Once a student leaves the building, they are not permitted to re-enter the building unless they leave campus, and return for an evening event.
- To ensure your child's safety, please be sure to arrange a timely pick-up of your child prior to the conclusion of all SOTA events.
- Unless otherwise specified, most SOTA events begin promptly at 7:00 PM and end at 8:30 PM. SOTA's Annual Play Series and Dance Concert presentations end approximately at 9:00 P.M.
- The safety and security of our students is a responsibility that we take very seriously at School of the Arts.

ATTENDING EVENTS FOR GRADES 7 AND 8:

- Students in Grades 7 and 8 are welcome to attend all after-school building-based activities such as: sporting events, heritage assemblies, recitals, performances, or concerts. They must be accompanied by an adult for the entire time of the event.

REGENTS WEEK:

- New York State Regents exams will take place from January 21 through January 24, 2020.
- Students in Grades 7 and 8 will attend regular classes each day. Students in Grades 9-12 will report to school **only if they are taking an exam that day.** More information about transportation will be available on our website at **SOTAROCHESTER.ORG**.

BREAKFAST:

All busses arrive to school by 7:10 AM. School of the Arts offers breakfast to its students from 6:50 AM until 7:20 AM. Students must complete their breakfast by 7:26 AM, so that they can arrive to their First Period class by 7:30 AM. Late passes are not issued to students leaving the cafeteria after breakfast has ended.

STUDENT COURSE SELECTION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:

In January, the SOTA faculty will make course recommendations for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year for students in Grades 8-11. In January and February, the Counselors will meet with students individually to discuss these recommendations. The Course Descriptions and subject alignment flow charts will be available for review on SOTA's website at **SOTAROCHESTER.COM**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

1/8	Parent Teacher Conferences	5:00 - 7:00 PM
1/14	Voice Recital	7:00 PM
1/15	Piano Recital	7:00 PM
1/17	Middle School Art Opening	6:00 PM
1/17	Winter Jazz Concert	7:00 PM
1/20	Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday	School is Closed
1/21-23	SOTA Auditions for New Students	Registration Begins at 4:00 PM
1/21-24	Regents Exams	
1/30	<i>The Laramie Project - Student Only Performance</i>	4:30 PM
1/31	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	7:00 PM
1/31	End Marking Period #2	

FEBRUARY

2/1	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	2:00 PM
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2/7	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	7:00 PM
2/8	<i>The Laramie Project</i>	7:00 PM
2/11	Senior Art Opening I	6:00 PM
2/11	Black History Concert Celebration	7:00 PM
2/14	SOTA Black Lives Matter To Us Day	During School for Students
2/17	President's Day	School is Closed
2/18-21	Mid-Winter Recess	No School for Students
2/28	<i>Dance Concert 2020</i>	7:00 PM
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We appreciate your cooperation and help with adhering to all of SOTA's procedures. Creating a healthy and safe environment for all students is very important to us. Please feel free to contact my office at 585-242-7682 ext. 1667 with questions or concerns. On behalf of everyone at School of the Arts, we wish you and your family a happy and peaceful New Year.

Sincerely,

Kelly Nicastro
Principal