

School Counselor Updates & Supports

School of the Arts

June 11, 2020



RCSD Virtual Summer School Information: specific dates and times for registration will be available next week

Sites: Online Learning ONLY

Important Dates

First Day of Classes: Monday, July 6, 2020

Last Day of Classes: Friday, August 14, 2020

NY State Regents Exams: No August Regents examinations. (If students are enrolled in a course that ends in a NYS Regents exam, they will be granted an exemption upon successful completion of the course)

Summer School Time Schedule: Classes will run from 11:00am - 3:00pm

Summer School Hotline: summerschool@rcsdk12.org

Seniors:

SENIOR INFORMATION FORM AND AP SCORE REPORTS

Senior Information Form and College Selection Naviance Website:

<https://student.naviance.com/sotarts>

Login Instructions:

Click "Login with Clever"

Please complete the following:

- On your Welcome page, click on ABOUT ME in the top right corner.
- Click on MY SURVEYS and select SURVEYS NOT STARTED.
- Click on SENIOR INFORMATION FORM.
- Answer all questions. Questions marked in red must be completed.
- Submit Survey.
- Click on COLLEGES tab in top right corner.
- Click on COLLEGES I'M APPLYING TO.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page- COLLEGE THAT I'M ATTENDING.
- Use the drop down box to select the college you are attending next year.
- Click Update.
- Final Transcripts will be sent to the college you listed on your Senior Information Form in Naviance.

How to Send AP Scores to Colleges:

- Seniors should send an official score report to their college for review and to grant credit
 - June 20th Deadline to submit request
- Each student can send AP scores to 1 college for free through their CollegeBoard account.
 - Login to CollegeBoard account ■ <https://myap.collegeboard.org/login>
 - Click on “My AP”
 - In the top right of the page, click “My AP Profile”
 - Click the score send tab
 - Enter your college and submit
- **Scholarship Filing Cabinet** - Check the SOTA website for the most up to date scholarship applications. <https://www.rcsdk12.org/Page/35981>
- **FAFSA** - There is still time to complete the FAFSA. If you have not completed the document please follow the link to the website - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- **Financial Aid Comparison Tool** - Link to support tool from NYS Higher Education Services Corporation to compare financial aid packages
<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/prepare-for-college/applying-to-college/comparing-college-award-letters/financial-aid-comparison-tool.html>
- **Rochester College Access Network Virtual Assistance Available- RCAN Virtual Assistance**
Our team is available to assist students with anything they need on the path to college. This includes FAFSA, TAP applications, college applications, decoding their offer letters, ect. Current seniors are our priority but we will accept appointments from juniors with questions. By signing up, they receive a 1-on-1 virtual Zoom session. We start off with a one hour session that can be extended based on student need. We are flexible to schedule sessions by phone for anyone having challenges with technology.
- **Please Continue to check for scholarships at**
<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/academic-major/new-media/dolphin-galleries-scholarship-for-the-visual-arts> More information regarding scholarships can be found at www.sotarochester.org under Counselor Corner/Commencement Academy
- **FLCC Accepted Student Webpage** - <https://www.flcc.edu/admittedstudents/index.cfm>

Juniors

- **Class of 2020 Google Classroom Code:Y3G6XQP**
- **The College Board has canceled the May and June SAT.**
 - Fall SAT Dates: August 29, September 26, October 3, November 7 and December 5.
 - SOTA is scheduled to be a test center for the September and November test dates
 - Register for exam - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- **College Board Opportunity Scholarship** - <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>
- **Pace University Summer Bridge Program** -
https://www.pace.edu/admission-aid/summer/highschool_bridge?utm_content=Counselors&utm_campaign=Summer_Bridge&utm_source=slate&utm_term=2020&utm_medium=email
- **SUNY Geneseo “Class Is In Session” Series** - https://connect.geneseo.edu/portal/class_in_session
- **SAT registration for Fall administrations begins on June 4th**

College Information Sessions

- **State University of New York (SUNY) Virtual College Events-** Go to <https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/>
- **FLCC Virtual Sessions** - <https://flcc.edu/visit/>
- **GCC Virtual Sessions** - <https://www.genesee.edu/home/offices/admissions/visit/>
- **Carnegie Mellon Virtual Admission Counseling Sessions** - for more information go to: [Registration is now available for virtual counseling sessions!](#)
- **FIT Virtual Information Session** - <http://www.fitnyc.edu/visit/>
- **Columbia University Virtual Visit-** <https://undergrad.admissions.columbia.edu/virtualvisit>
- **UMASS Lowell Virtual Junior Preview Day-** <https://www.uml.edu/admissions/visit/junior-preview-day.aspx>
- **Hofstra Summer Information Sessions** -
 - **How to Write Your College Essay**
 - [Thursday, June 18, 2020](#) from 1-2 p.m. EST
 - [Thursday, July 16, 2020](#) from 3-4 p.m. EST
 - [Thursday, August 13, 2020](#) from 1-2 p.m. EST
 - **Why Hofstra? Admission, Financial Aid and Return on Investment**
 - [Thursday, June 25, 2020](#) from 1-2 p.m. EST
 - [Thursday, July 23, 2020](#) from 3-4 p.m. EST
 - [Thursday, August 20, 2020](#) from 1-2 p.m. EST
 - **Financial Aid 101**
 - [Thursday, July 2, 2020](#) from 1-2 p.m. EST
 - [Thursday July 30, 2020](#) from 3-4 p.m. EST
 - [Thursday, August 27, 2020](#) from 1-2 p.m. EST
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All Grade Levels:

Please continue to work on Naviance accounts and complete assigned tasks

<https://student.naviance.com/sotarts> - Use the "Login with Clever" box to access account and use district Google Account

Other Information:

Political Communications Intern - seeking summer interns for Samra Brouk's State Senate campaign. The link for the online application is: <https://forms.gle/pqR7fAQrLUbsC1io9>

RIT's Business Leadership virtual camp- Students will learn about exciting business careers and enhanced leadership skills! Learn more by visiting the virtual [Saunders Business Leadership Camp](#) web pages.

FLCC Mechanical Engineering- Learn more about the program Please visit Link https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WIRuEoy3d3Gc_XKUtX9gFyBdjYADedBi/view?usp=sharing

Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives - Racism has become more and more pronounced in recent days. Please consider participating in the blog. You could win up to \$2000. For more information visit: <https://fdfi.org>

SUNY Polytechnic is offering college credit for high school and college age students six week online program focusing on the COVID 19 Pandemic. For more information and to register visit

General Education Credits: [These courses satisfy SUNY general education requirements](#)

To Register: [Build your course bundle](#) and register

RCSD Career Pathways to Public Safety Program- For students interested in careers: Firefighting, Criminal Justice/Police, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Communications 911.

- Accepting applications for current 10th and 11th graders in good standing to enter the program for the 2020-2021 school year.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GiV7ZsFol8pVRU9oYxaBbgunGOGp89q-eD3D9iS7RyQ/copy>
- The program is from 7:30 am- 9:00 am, M-F, at the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center. Students are bused to SOTA after the program each day.

Regents Exam Update:

- The New York State Department of Education has canceled **June and August** Regents exams. If you are currently taking a course that ends in a Regents exam, you will need to earn credit for the course in order to be granted an exemption from the exam requirement. **If you have questions about how the Regents exam exemptions affect you, please contact your counselor.** Please see the links below from the NYS Department of Education for more information.
- <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/nysed-covid-19-memo-cancellation-june-2020-regents-exams.pdf>
- <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/coronavirus/nysed-covid-19-regents-grad-req-faq.pdf>

Work Permits:

- **Work permits** - please visit the SOTA website for updated work permit instructions: www.sotarochester.org This information has been emailed to all 9-12 grade students.

Education Resources:

- **RCSD Learns** - Educational resources are now available at RCSD Learns, including links to Brain Pop, Zearn and online reading. If you do not know your student ID or password, please call our support hotline at 585-262-8700.
 - <https://sites.google.com/rcsd121.org/rcsdlearns/rcsd-learns>
- **School of the Arts Learning @ Home Information for Families** -
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSS_wwCvp9N3jt5ax3_TXr9RTzBY1m-mRXtTWXkglScshFMC0Prup2Az2M-qgFZ6zI92TNnO9ZjLAPo/pub
- **Khan Academy - Online learning options**
 - SAT Preparation Classes - Students can use CollegeBoard account and District Google account to link for individualized preparation
 - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- **SOTA Counselor Website** - Links and information many different resources
 - <https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/13>

Student and Family Support Information:

- **Monroe County Services:**
 - <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/mh-emergency-resources> -Please call numbers first; many services have been impacted by shutdowns related to COVID-19
 - COVID-19 Updates - <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-COVID-19>
 - Meal Distribution Sites - <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/youth-index.php>
- **Rochester Community Mobile Crisis Team through Strong Behavioral Health:** Call 529-3721, Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program that offers on-site services for children, adolescents, and adults in Monroe County.
- **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE:** 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- **Local:** 2-1-1 Crisis Live Chat ([click here](#)) 8am-11pm, 7 days a week
- **Crisis Intervention** (Thoughts of Suicide, Anxiety, Depression): Text HOME to 741741
- **The Trevor Project** (Crisis Intervention, Support for LGBTQ youth): 1-866-488-7386 or text START to 678678
- **National Drug Helpline** (Drug and Alcohol Education, Treatment, Referral): 1-844-289-0879
- **Coping with Emotional Well-Being During Covid-19**