

School Counselor Updates & Supports

School of the Arts

May 21, 2020



College/Post-Secondary Planning Supports:

College Night Zoom Presented by SOTA's High School Counselors
Wednesday, June 3rd
6:00 – 7:00
ZOOM Link:

<https://rcsdk12.zoom.us/j/92682648248?pwd=TGwvbVBRckhvc3NLaWF6MEI5ck1BUT09>

Meeting ID: 926 8264 8248

Password: 004221

Please post your student's name on the screen.

We will share information on... Graduation Requirements, College Search and Application Process, Student and Counselor Responsibilities, Naviance/ Family Connection, Financial Aid, SAT/ACT updates

Sophomores

- Please complete the Google Form to schedule a meeting with your counselor to discuss schedule for Junior year - <https://forms.gle/ajXCc62zTSFsgJnq7>

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

College Information Sessions

- **State University of New York (SUNY) Virtual College Events-** Go to <https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/virtual-college-fair/>
- **Syracuse University Virtual Events-** Go to <https://www.syracuse.edu/admissions/undergraduate/contact/webinars/>
- **Syracuse Engineering and Computer Science Information session** <https://app.strivescan.com/students?id=1984>
- **Clarkson Young Scholars Virtual Summer Program-** Go to <https://www.clarkson.edu/young-scholars> for more information.
- **Clarkson Virtual Information Sessions** - to register, go to <https://www.strivescan.com/virtual/stem/>.
- **Le Moyne Summer Programs** - for more information go to: [Summer Scholars web page](#)
- **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/>

Seniors

- **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

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

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>

Summer of Opportunity & Work Permits:

- **Summer of Opportunity (SOOP) - STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!** Please refer directly to SOOP website for updates, changes in deadlines and options to submit documentation. - <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/soop/>
- **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-mRXtTWXkgIscshFMC0Prup2Az2M-qgFZ6zl92TNnO9ZjLAPo/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**
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- **SOTA Stream News - Please continue to check the SOTA Stream News for updates and to stay connected with SOTA.**
 - **Join the SOTA Community Google Classroom page with the code: kfoad43.**