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Remember...

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Student Parent Conferences

Please join us 3:30 to 6:00, Thursday, November 10, for a conference with you and your student to review their progress and Quarter I report card. The backbone of student academic success lies in the parent/school relationship and the effective communication that guides the student to make choices that support the family's values and school's goals for academic success.

That is why Rochester STEM Academy is committed to keeping parents informed through personal contact, whether telephone or email, and through our Parent Portal found through JMC, our student information software found on our website Homepage with a link to JMC or at <https://rochstem.onlinejmc.com>.

VOTE 2016 • Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Democracy depends on its citizens being informed and participating by running for office and by voting. Rochester STEM was proud to host Engaged Local Citizens Candidate Forum in our auditorium last Sunday, October 23. Candidates and citizens turned out to talk about the election and to learn where the candidates stand on issues important to the Somali Community. It was a great turn out and a proud moment for Somali Americans to get information on the elections. To find your polling place click [HERE](#) or go to the Minnesota Secretary of State Website <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>. *Your vote is your voice. Be heard*

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Parent Meeting
Wednesday, 5:30
November 2, 2016
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Student/Parent Conferences
3:30-6:00PM November 10
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STEAM Summit Field Trip
RCTC • November 15, 2016
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School Board Meeting
Wednesday, 5:00 November 16
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Thanksgiving Break
Wed-Fri November 23-25, 2016
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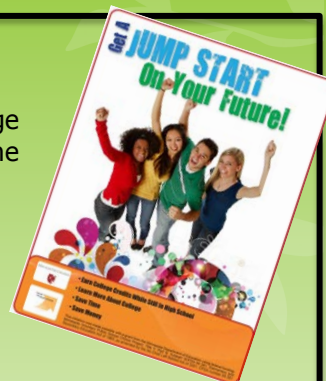


Save the Date!

- **Parent Meeting • Wednesday, 5:30 November 2, 2016**
- **End of Quarter 1 Student/Parent Conferences • 3:30 – 6:00 November 10, 2016**
- **STEAM Summit Field Trip to RCTC • November 15, 2016**
- **School Board Meeting • Wednesday, 5:00 November 16**
- **Thanksgiving Break • Wednesday-Friday November 23-25, 2016**
- **Mayo Career and College Fair • 1:00 – 5:00 Saturday, December 17, 2016**

RSA Students Doing PSEO • College Bound... NOW!

This is what we are all about. We assure that all high school students pass their college entrance exams to be eligible to enroll in college. All PSEO students must complete the Minnesota requirements for graduation so college work is integrated into high school curriculum to assure all standards and benchmarks are completed. Strategy 2018 is a plan to have current 11th graders graduate with a high school diploma and a 2-year college degree in 2018.



Supplementing High School Study with a PSEO college campus experience accomplishes several things:

1. It inspires students to excel at high school coursework beginning in grade 9.
2. It initiates focus for students to excel in math and reading to pass Accuplacer/ACT exams.
3. It propels teachers and parents to identify strategies for students to do what it takes to prepare for college and actually enroll before graduation.
4. It provides students with the experience of being a college student while having the emotional and academic supports of home and high school to help with the transition from high school to college.
5. It is **FREE** to students and parents. At RCTC that equals \$192 a credit. This year, RSA students are receiving more than \$10,000 to \$30,000 of college tuition at no charge to their parents.

WHAT'S GOING ON Empowering Students = Opportunities = Academic Success

- For 2016-2017, **The Guthrie Theater** has commissioned playwright and **American Records'** founding CEO KJ **Sanchez** to create a documentary play about refugees, immigrants and support or opposition of their resettlement in the Twin Cities. Based on extensive interviews with a multitude of unheard voices, Sanchez will construct a script to pose critical questions: who are we as Americans as defined by how we accept or refuse refuge to immigrants? What are the risks? What are the gains? Who are these refugees and why do they come to us for help? How is immigration in Minnesota different or the same today as it was decades ago? To share your experiences or for more information contact Hannah Sobol at hannahisglad@gmail.com or (252) 904-8224.
- **Empowering Students = Opportunities = Academic Success**
- It is Rochester STEM Academy's focus to give all students options and opportunities especially when it comes to academic choices such as PSEO. We forge partnerships to create those options and opportunities. Ask your student to show the OPPORTUNITIES PAGE on our Google Drive or the RESOURCES page on our website. There you can find contests, competitions, and scholarship opportunities. For more information contact Zach Jones (zjones@rochesterstemacademy.org) or call 507-281-2381.
- Rochester STEM Academy was featured at the Fall Conference put on by Novation Education Opportunities (**NEO**), our authorizer. The conference, held in Eagan on October 18, was attended by NEO schools with the purpose of sharing successes and challenges. At the conference, NEO awarded Rochester STEM Academy the 2016 College and Career Readiness Award highlighting the fact the our school exceeds the state and Rochester Public Schools in graduation and attendance rates! See the video [HERE](#).



**Breast Cancer
Walk October 22**



**Blood
Drive
October 24**

**College Fair
RCTC
October 27**



**Absolute Theatre
Coming November 11
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