

ROCHESTER

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SUMMER 2017



News

Science
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Remember...

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**Parent Meeting, Picnic,
and Ice Cream Social
High School Registration Fair
5:30PM Wednesday,
August 2, 2017**
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**School Board Meeting
5:00 Wednesday, August 23**
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**OPEN HOUSE
4:00 to 6:00PM
Thursday, August 24, 2017**

- Pick up class schedules
- Get locker assignments
- **FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!**
- Meet your teachers
- Meet your friends
- Tour the school
- Learn about PSEO

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Summer School Starts July 10, 2017 to August 3 • 9:00AM to 1:00PM

We are excited to be offering Summer School again this summer and, of course, the NEW 9th Graders are encouraged to join us for a summer of play, work, and team building. In addition to English and Math, students help design the classes and activities. In the past this has included film studies, piano lessons, French, art, and sports including soccer, fencing, and basketball. LUNCH IS SERVED!!!!

Congratulations to the Class of 2017

On the evening of May 25, 2017, at the International event center we celebrated the Commencement Ceremony for our 2017 Rochester STEM Academy High School Graduates. Frank Sentwali, our Poet in Residence for the past 4 years, delivered the Commencement Address. Habso Mohamed delivered the Somali Speech and Osman Yusuf delivered the Arabic speech. In addition, Anfal Sharif was the PSEO Speaker and Munira Alimire was the Junior Class Speaker. Congratulations to Habso Sharif, the 2017 Valedictorian!

Save the Date!

- **Summer School 9:00AM-1:00PM Monday-Thursday -July 10 through August 3, 2017**
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RSA Students
Doing PSEO •
College
Bound...
NOW!



Blood Drive!

June 1-August 31
at the Mayo Blood Donor Center.
Let them know your are donating for
Rochester STEM Academy.
Contact the Mayo Blood Donation Center by
phone at 507-284-4475 or
email at donateblood@mayo.edu.



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

- Poets and Places – Our Poetry Performances have taken us to the Steam Café/Civic Theatre, and more.
- Spirit Week/Service Learning – Each student is responsible for giving back to the community and students have volunteered for Marnita's Table, The Ronald McDonald House and raised \$ for Somalia
- DEED Grant – STEM along with IMAA, Somali Rebuild, and Somali Resettlement to help youth.

