



TACOMA
SCHOOL
of the ARTS

September 4th, 2022

Good afternoon SOTA families:

This is Co-Director Bliss King. We had so much fun at camp and very excited to continue our learning and growth this school year.

District Updates:

First day of school: We are just a few days away from the first day of school. I'm looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones. Our first day is Thursday, Sept. 8. School starts at 8:00am. On Wednesday's we start school at 10:30am.

COVID-19 updates: The health of our students and staff is a top priority. As we begin the new school year, we want to share updated COVID-19 information and the Washington State Department of Health guidance. All students who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate at home for at least five full days, regardless of vaccination status.

They can return to school on day six if:

- They have no symptoms, or symptoms are improving, AND
- They've had no fever in the past 24 hours without fever-reducing medication

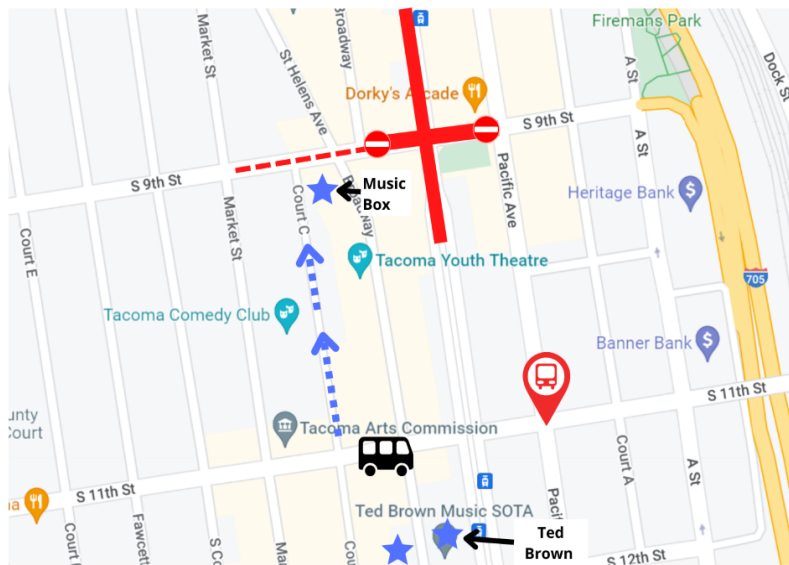
Please notify Bliss King @ bking2@tacoma.k12.wa.us if your child tests positive. Get more information on our COVID-19 FAQ page.

SOTA Updates:




MUSIC BOX OPENDED: Monday August 29th, please call before so we can meet you downstairs. Construction on the bottom floor continues.

Construction on 9th street Update: Construction should be over by Sept. 16th in the meantime SOTA staff and students will need to make the following adaptations. Thank you for your patience. **See attached maps!**

CONSTRUCTION: 9th and Commerce



SOTA Transportation

- ✓ Parents: When dropping off or picking up at the Music Box  use Court C alley way. Enter from 11th Street. Do not drop students off at 9th in front of the Music Box due to construction.
- ✓ Students: The Link is temporarily closed. There is a bus shuttle  that runs along Pacific Avenue that you can use.
- ✓ The Pierce Transit bus stop by the Music Box on 9th has been detoured and is now at 11th and Broadway. 

Construction is scheduled to be done by September 16.

Yellow Bus Schedule-

SOTA 2022 - 2023 Yellow School Bus Schedule
(updated 08.09.22)

NE Tacoma Schedule

Bus Stop Location	Pick Up Time / Wed	Bus Number	Drop Off Time	Bus Number
Browns Point Elem	7:09 / 9:09 AM	70	3:58 PM	70
Crescent Heights Elem	7:17 / 9:17 AM	70	4:06 PM	70
NE Tacoma Elem	7:29 / 9:29 AM	70	4:18 PM	70
S 11th & Broadway	7:47 / 7:47 AM	70	3:39 PM	70

All bus stop times, bus numbers are subject to change.

Bus Stop Location	Pick Up Time/ Friday	Bus Number	Drop Off Time	Bus Number
Tacoma Community College	7:33 / 9:33 AM	60	3:52 PM	46
Pierce Transit Station	7:23 / 9:23 AM	59	4:02 PM	50
S. 11th & Broadway	7:26 / 9:26 AM	29	4:02 PM	29
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Park Shuttle via Downtown	7:36 / 9:36 AM	63	3:59 pm	63
Tacoma Mall Transit	7:33 / 9:33 AM	13	4:01 PM	13
Park Shuttle via Tacoma Mall	7:33 / 9:33 AM	64	4:01 PM	64

Technology/Computers: Students who are new to the district need to meet with Steve Primas the first week of school in the Music Box and get a district issued computer. Students are expected to bring their computer to school with them daily.

Class of 2026 tours- If you can an incoming 9th grader and you would like another tour of our campus by our amazing ASB students we will be hosting tours on September 7th from 10:00-1:00 at the Music Box. Please email bking2@tacoma.k12.wa.us if interested.

OCRA CARDS- *Were not handed out at camp, due to change in transportation policy that all youth ride free. 10th- 12th just use your orca cards from last year and 9th graders please see instruction below. We will also provide support through MPG as needed.*

- *Go to Pierce Transit or Sound Transit and apply/receive a free youth orca card.*
 - *All Youth rides for free.*

FIRST DAY The first day of Fall Classes is Thursday September 8th, 2022. School hours are 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 10:30am to 3:30pm Wednesday's.

Instagram- Make sure your students are following our ASB account. **Sota_asb2022**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

- Spiral notebooks
- Composition notebook for Science
- 3-ring notebook
- Notebook college-ruled paper
- Graphing Paper
- Pens (red & black)
- Pencils
- Scientific or Graphing Calculator
- Ruler/compass/protractor for Geometry
- Protective sheet covers (for best works portfolio)
- A backpack – We have no lockers.
- Water Bottle

- Box of colored pencils

****Art classes will provide list first day of class**

Bell Schedule:

Monday & Thursday-

Period 1 - 8:00-9:30

Period 2 - 9:50-11:20

Lunch – 11:20-12:10

Period 3 - 12:10-1:40

Period 4 - 2:00-3:30

Tuesday & Friday-

Period 5 - 8:00-9:30

Period 6 - 9:50-11:20

Lunch – 11:20-12:10

Period 7 - 12:10-1:40

Period 8 - 2:00-3:30

Wednesday's –

Mentor Group - 10:30-12:30

Lunch – 12:30-1:30

Mentor Group/Workshop -1:30-3:30

(*Workshop will start end of September)

Family Engagement- Mark your calendars for 6pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month for our family engagement with our amazing social worker Mr. Steve Primas.

Thank you, families, for chaperoning camp. Other ways to help the SOTA community.

- Sponsor a student for the school fees, including camp fees
- Host a staff meal on Wednesday morning or during conference week.
- Attend SOTA's family engagement events.
- Reach out to your students' mentor and see what help, supplies or food their group needs.

Please reach out if you have any other questions or concerns. Can't wait for a great first week of classes.

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Co-Directors