

School of the Future Parents Association

After School@SOF

January 2, 2014

Dear SOF Families,

The After School@SOF was very successful this semester. We offered 15 different classes, enrolled a total of 103 students representing Grades 6 through 10, provided partial scholarships for a third of our participants, and had a great deal of fun.

The first semester classes end on January 30. Second semester classes start on February 3. The deadline for registering for second semester is January 15. Registration is on a first come, first served basis so register early so you do not get sold out.

What's New this Semester -- We think you will be pleased with the changes.

- *We will now operate Monday through Friday.
- *Classes are now open to students of any grade. In the first semester one third of our students came from Grades 8 and 9.
- *We have almost doubled the number of classes and added more classes that are few weeks long or just an hour so you can try many different things.
- *We have added more fitness, technology, music, foreign language, and arts classes based on requests from students. Please keep your suggestions coming.
- *We have added some time to do homework in the beginning of many classes to get students finished on most assignments before they leave for home.
- *Power Hour will always be a good place to get any subject's homework done but certain Power Hours will now have available extra one-on-one assistance for Science, Math, Humanities, History, or English.
- *We now allow payment by credit card as well as cash, check, and money order.

How to Register -- You may submit your registration by completing the enclosed Registration Form and submitting it with a check, money order, credit card payment, or cash to Marguerite no later than Wednesday, January 15. Please do not submit your Registration Form without the payment, as it cannot be processed. If you are sold out of your class we will contact you to figure out an alternate so be very sure you include a functioning parent/guardian email address and evening phone number on the Registration Form. We will also send out an email confirmation of the final classes.

How to Ask Questions -- There will be an After School@SOF representative outside the auditorium at the January 10 Student Talent Show and the January 14 Parents Association Meeting if you would like to ask questions and submit your registration in person. You can always get answers to questions by emailing SOFAfterSchoolProgram@gmail.com.

After School Program Schedule -- The After School Program will now operate Monday through Friday from 3:15 to 5:30 with a few classes ending later. All classes are open to students of any grade. As before, classes are held only on days when SOF is open and will be cancelled on any day when SOF needs to close early for any reason. The After School Program will be closed on the following three Fridays prior to vacations or long holiday weeks: February 14, April 18, and May 23.

Logistics -- Most After School students collect their things from their lockers at the end of the day, go to the cafeteria to check into the Program, and are dismissed directly from After School often without returning to their lockers. When students come to the cafeteria they are offered a bottle of water and an assortment of snacks. If your student has severe food allergies you may want to send them with a snack.

Refunds and Changing Classes -- Once you attend your first class there are no refunds of registration fees. If you want to join an additional class after the first session we will gladly add you to the class, if there is space, and prorate the registration fee but not the supply fee. If you want to switch classes, we will try to do that if there is space. You will not be able to attend a class to try it out before you register. We do not have any makeup classes. Remember, if you have questions about this Program email SOFAfterSchoolProgram@gmail.com.

Fees -- The Program is operated on a breakeven basis and is priced to cover salaries plus the cost of supplies and uniforms. Your student will be unable to attend a class until their fee is paid. Any outstanding balances from first semester must be paid before you can register for second semester classes.

Scholarships -- If your family qualifies for Free Lunch, the Parents Association will provide a partial scholarship but you will still need to send money at the time of registration for the amount your family can afford to pay. Each family is different and whatever a family is able to pay is okay. Please do not submit a Registration Form without a payment, as it cannot be processed.

Volunteers – The After School Program needs families to volunteer to help from 3:00 to 3:45 each day. A volunteer will help with checking in students, serving snacks and water, and restocking supplies. If you can volunteer, even one day a week, that would be very helpful. We need Monday and Tuesday volunteers starting in January and volunteers for other days starting in February. Please email SOFAfterSchoolProgram@gmail.com as soon as possible if you are able to help.

Scheduling Shorter Classes – If you want to take a shorter class that lasts for a month or two, it is possible to leave and return to Power Hour. Please contact us at SOFAfterSchoolProgram@gmail.com to arrange this. There will be no additional cost for the shorter class other than the supply fee, if any, for Power Hour students.

Parents Association Appeal – The Appeal helps fundraise from SOF families to meet our annual goal of providing \$120,000 to SOF for things the DOE budget no longer covers. This After School Program, many sports, arts and drama activities, test prep, and technology are the many things the Appeal funds. To make our goal we need 100% of the families to participate for whatever amount they can afford. Every donation is important. If you haven't donated yet, please consider doing so by going to www.sof.edu/support to print out the form or donate online. If you have already given, please accept our thanks.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

Thanks,

SOF Parents Association

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Second Semester Classes for 2013-2014

Fitness Classes

<p>Monday 3:25-4:55</p>	<p>Fitness Club</p>	<p>If you loved the Thursday class first semester, we have good news. It is now offered twice a week with a variety of sports and games. You may register for this class once or twice a week. This class does not include homework time. (Mandy Wurtz through 4/7, instructor to be announced 4/28-6/16) (\$224)</p>
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Tuesday 3:30-5:30	Cheerleading	<p>If you enjoyed the class first semester or can't wait to join, this is a great way to work out, learn the routines, and boost school spirit. You should enroll in this class on both Tuesdays and Fridays but can attend only once a week if twice is impossible. The first 45 minutes will be quiet time for any homework but extra assistance will be available in English and Humanities. There is a \$50 uniform purchase that is required for cheerleaders who did not participate in the first semester.</p> <p>(Alena Weller) (\$238 + Uniform Fee of \$50, if needed)</p>
Wednesday 3:30-5:30	Hip Hop Dance	<p>This is a chance to learn Hip Hop Dance and it is a fantastic form of exercise. The first 45 minutes will be quiet time for any homework but extra assistance will be available for Spanish.</p> <p>(Cecilia Michan) (\$252)</p>
Thursday 3:25-4:55 2/6 thru 4/10	Fitness Club	<p>The original opportunity to work out with a wide variety of sports and games.</p> <p>(Mandy Wurtz) (\$126)</p>
Thursday 3:30-5:30 4/24-6/19	Flag Football	<p>Back by popular demand we are playing flag football. The first 45 minutes will be quiet time for any homework.</p> <p>(Instructors to be announced) (\$132)</p>
Friday 3:30-5:30	Cheerleading	<p>Please see the Tuesday description.</p> <p>(Alena Weller) (\$196 + Uniform Fee of \$50, if needed)</p>

Technology Classes

Monday 3:30-5:30	PhotoShop and Website Design	<p>By the time you finish this class you will know how to use PhotoShop and build a website. The first 45 minutes will be quiet time for any homework but extra assistance will be available for Computer Science. There is a supply fee of \$25 for</p>
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		<p>this class.</p> <p>(Julian Irimina) (\$224 + Supply Fee of \$25 = \$249)</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Robotics</p>	<p>Students will build their own robots with the help of a teacher who is an expert in robotics. First, Lego Mindstorm robotics will be used as a spring board to learn about programming and how robots see the world. Students will then move on to circuitry, hardware construction, sensing and basic programming to create their own unique robots from scratch (without Legos). Classes will also involve field trips to university and corporate robotics labs as well as guest speakers on the topic of robotic applications, such as wearable computing and drones. There is a \$75 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Andrew Baron) (\$238 + Supply Fee of \$75 = \$313)</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>3:30-5:30</p>	<p>What's Your Meme?</p>	<p>In this class students will become internet detectives to learn how viral content spreads. From Gangnam Style to Grumpy Cat, why do some memes become popular and others do not? By using internet tools to search for clues, students will piece together the stories of how some of the internet's most classic memes came to be. Your instructor is the creator of the internet's most popular meme site, Know Your Meme. The primary intent of the class is to have fun while honing research skills to determine which information we find online is true and authentic, and which information is deceptive and misleading. Under close supervision, students will also create and test their own memes, engage with famous guest speakers like the creators of the Harlem Shake or Rebecca Black, and compete to see who can create the most popular meme for a social good.</p>

		(Andrew Baron) (\$252)
Thursday 3:30-5:30	Video Game Design	<p>You might be an expert in playing video games, but can you build one? By the time you finish this class you will design and build video games. The first 45 minutes of this class will be quiet time for any homework but extra assistance will be available for Science. There is a supply fee of \$25 for this class.</p> <p>(Matt Steiniger) (\$224 + Supply Fee of \$25 = \$249)</p>

Music Classes

Tuesday 3:30-5:30	Glee Club	<p>This is the long awaited opportunity for students to form a chorus taught by a vocal professional. Students from any grade are welcome and there is no audition you must pass. You are encouraged to sign up for a Voice Lesson on Thursdays if you want to improve your technique. This class does not included homework time. There is a \$15 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Sarah Best) (\$238 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$253)</p>
Tuesday 3:30-5:15	Rock Band	<p>Always a favorite, this is a chance to join SOF's performing Rock Band. Students are encouraged to attend both Tuesday and Wednesday classes but can attend only one if both days are impossible. Students are also encouraged to sign up for Electric Guitar, Drum, or Voice Lessons based on how they perform. This class does not include homework time. There is a \$15 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Jesse Wallace) (\$238 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$253)</p>
Tuesday 5:00-6:00	Beginner Drum Lessons	<p>Want to learn to play the drum set? Now's your chance! A great companion to the Rock Band class, or a great way to just try it out. No experience necessary. There is a \$15 supply fee for this class.</p>

		(Jesse Wallace) (\$139 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$154)
Wednesday 3:30-5:15	Rock Band	Please see the Tuesday description. (Jesse Wallace) (\$252 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$267)
Wednesday 5:00-6:00	Beginning Guitar Lessons	Want to learn to play the guitar? Now's your chance! A great companion to the Rock Band class, or a great way to just try it out. No experience necessary. There is a \$15 supply fee for this class. (Jesse Wallace) (\$146 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$161)
Thursday 3:30-4:00 4:00-4:30 4:30-5:00 5:00-5:30	Voice Lessons	These are small group voice lessons taught by a voice professional. Students in the Glee Club and Rock Band will be given registration preference and there is no audition. You will be assigned a specific lesson time once the semester begins and small groups of similarly skilled students are formed. Students are encouraged to sign up for Thursday Power Hour too. There is a \$15 supply fee for this class. (Sarah Best) (\$112 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$127)
Friday 3:30-5:00	Beat It!	Compose original music, produce your own beats, or make your own remixes and mix tapes! In Beat It!, the music production class, you will have the opportunity to make music using the GarageBand program for Macs, M-Audio O8 Midi keyboard controllers, audio interfaces, and more. Use apple loops, samples from your own music collection, and live instruments to become a music producer or songwriter, express yourself, or just have fun making music! This class does not include homework time. There is a \$15 supply fee for this class. (Jesse Wallace) (\$196 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$211)
Friday 5:00-6:00	Music Theory	Learn the basics of music theory, including scales, chords, key signatures, rhythms, and time signatures. Perfect for composers, musicians, or anyone interested in music! A great companion

		<p>to the Rock Band or Glee Club classes. There is a \$15 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Jesse Wallace) (\$108 + Supply Fee of \$15 = \$123)</p>
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Other Fantastic Classes

<p>Monday 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Studio Art</p>	<p>Always a favorite, this is a chance to learn painting and drawing technique, build your portfolio, or just have fun. The first 45 minutes of this will be quiet time for homework. There is a \$50 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Deborah Aslanian) (\$224 + Supply Fee of \$50 = \$274)</p>
<p>Monday 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Fun with Science</p>	<p>This class lets you continue to experiment and investigate the world around us and improve your science skills. Are you up to learning forensics to investigate a crime scene? The first 45 minutes of this class will be quiet time for any homework but extra assistance will be available for Science. There is a \$25 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Josh Hurley-Bruno) (\$224 + Supply Fee of \$25 = \$249)</p>
<p>Monday 3:30-5:00</p>	<p>Girls Group</p>	<p>Girls Group is a program, designed for female Middle School students, in which female High School students mentor and help lead discussions around some of the challenges that Middle School girls face, such as body image, bullying, and gossip, to name just a few. There are also films, guest speakers and community building activities. This class does not include homework time.</p> <p>(Alena Weller) (\$168)</p>
<p>Tuesday 3:30-5:30 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4,</p>	<p>We Are Worth a Thousand Words</p>	<p>Have you ever compared yourself to people on TV? How about the models in magazines and advertisements? Come learn about how the media impacts the way we view ourselves. We will reconsider movies, TV shows, and ad campaigns through the lens of an artist.</p>

<p>3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8</p>		<p>Students will have a chance to draw from live models, work creatively with text, and explore artistic movements such as cubism and pop art. The series will culminate in a final show of student artwork. Calling all creative minds! The first 45 minutes of this class will be quiet time for homework. There is a \$25 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Diana Mellow) (\$238 + Supply Fee of \$25 = \$263)</p>
<p>Tuesday 3:30-5:00 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3</p>	<p>Difficult Conversations</p>	<p>Sometimes we are hurt by and angry with friends, parents, teachers, boyfriends and girlfriends. We usually don't know what to say so we are either aggressive or we just ignore it. And that never solves the problem. We'll learn some do's and do not's for how to bring up how we feel when it seems scary. We'll share some scenarios with one another and help one another address some sticky situations in our lives. This class does not include homework time.</p> <p>(Stacy Goldstein) (\$56)</p>
<p>Wednesday 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Creative Writing and Poetry</p>	<p>Calling all authors and students who love to write with the support of a writing workshop for short stories, poetry, essays, and even a novel. All grades are welcome to register to build a portfolio, experiment with new techniques, share their work, or just have fun. This class includes 45 minutes of quiet time when you can do any homework and additional assistance is available for English and Humanities.</p> <p>(Becca Williams) (\$252)</p>
<p>Thursday 3:30-5:30 2/6-4/10</p>	<p>Comic Books</p>	<p>This class will read and create a short graphic novel that is actually just another name for comic books. Interested students could read Latin American graphic novels and create their own comic in Spanish as well. This class includes 45 minutes of quiet time when you can do any homework and additional assistance is available for English and Spanish. There is a \$20 supply fee for</p>

		<p>this class.</p> <p>(Esther de Rothschild and Tim Manley)</p> <p>(\$224 + Supply Fee of \$20 = \$244)</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>3:30-5:30</p>	<p>French</p>	<p>If you want to learn to speak French, the language of many wonderful things, this will be a great experience for you. The class will include a field trip where you will be able to practice your new language skills. This class includes 45 minutes of quiet time when you can do any homework and additional assistance is available for English and Humanities. There is a \$40 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Becca Williams) (\$224 + Supply Fee of \$40 = \$264)</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>3:30-5:00</p> <p>2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/4</p>	<p>Magic!</p>	<p>Lots of students asked us to add this class. If you want to learn tricks that you can use to entertain and challenge family and friends this one-month class is for you. This class does not include homework time. There is a \$10 supply fee for this class.</p> <p>(Scott To) (\$56 + Supply of \$10 = \$66)</p>

Power Hour

<p>Monday</p> <p>3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Power Hour</p>	<p>If you want to do most of your homework before you go home, this is the class for you. This class provides quiet, supervision, technology, and a place to ask a teacher questions. You can work on homework for any subject but Monday's Power Hour has extra assistance available for Science.</p> <p>(Rick Smetana) (\$224)</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Power Hour</p>	<p>If you want to do most of your homework before you go home, this is the class for you. This class provides quiet, supervision, technology, and a place to ask a teacher questions. You can work on homework for any subject but Tuesday's Power Hour has extra</p>

		<p>assistance available for Math.</p> <p>(Whitney Lukens) (\$238)</p>
<p>Wednesday 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Power Hour</p>	<p>If you want to do most of your homework before you go home, this is the class for you. This class provides quiet, supervision, technology, and a place to ask a teacher questions. You can work on homework for any subject but Wednesday's Power Hour has extra assistance available for Science.</p> <p>(Josh Hurley-Bruno) (\$252)</p>
<p>Thursday 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Power Hour</p>	<p>If you want to do most of your homework before you go home, this is the class for you. This class provides quiet, supervision, technology, and a place to ask a teacher questions. You can work on homework for any subject but Thursday's Power Hour has extra assistance available for Math.</p> <p>(Anna Casteen) (\$224)</p>
<p>Friday 3:30-5:30</p>	<p>Power Hour</p>	<p>If you want to do most of your homework before you go home, this is the class for you. This class provides quiet, supervision, technology, and a place to ask a teacher questions. You can work on homework for any subject but Friday's Power Hour has extra assistance available for English and Humanities.</p> <p>(Becca Williams) (\$196)</p>

(Registration form below)

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REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name				Grade/Class	
Address					
Parent/Guardian Name				Parent/Guardian Cell Phone	
Parent/Guardian Email					
Class	Day	Cost Including Supply Fee	Uniform Fee	Total Cost	For SOF PA Use Only
Total Fees		Please make your check out to SOF Parents Association. There will be a \$25 fee for returned checks.			
Scholarship Request					
<p>_____ Yes, my family qualifies for Free Lunch and I need a scholarship for After School. I understand only partial scholarships are available from the Parents Association and I must submit a payment with this registration for the amount my family can afford to pay. I am paying \$_____.</p>					
Payment by Credit Card					
Amount I am paying \$_____ Credit Card Type _____					
Credit Card Number _____ Credit Card Expiration Date _____					
Billing Address _____ Authorized Signature _____					

Donation

_____ Yes, my family can afford to make a donation of \$_____ to the After School Program so that the Parent Association can offer more scholarships. The Parents Association is a 501(c)(3) organization so this is tax deductible and you will be issued a tax receipt. Thank you.

Permission to Attend

Submission of this form indicates that the parent/guardian is giving permission for their student to attend the After School Program, go on trips with the class, agrees to the rules of conduct in the SOF Student Handbook, and understands that disruptive behavior will result in dismissal, without refund, from the After School Program.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date