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NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 16-29, 2015

IN THIS NEWSLETTER: Conferences, New SOF Merchandise, Sports & Afterschool, and more...

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES THIS WEEK

Parent Teacher Conferences - November 16-20

6th grade: Nov. 16, 1-3pm, Nov. 17, 4-8pm, Nov. 19, 1-4pm

7th grade: Nov. 17, 4-8pm, Nov. 18, 1-3pm, Nov. 19, 1-4pm

8th grade: Nov. 17, 4-8pm, Nov. 19, 1-4pm, Nov. 20, 1-4pm

9th grade: Nov. 17, 4-8pm, Nov. 19, 1-4pm, Nov. 20, 1-3pm

10th grade: Nov. 17, 5-8pm, Nov. 19, 1-3pm

11th grade: Nov. 17, 5-8pm, Nov. 19, 1-3pm

12th grade: Nov. 17, 5-8pm, Nov. 19, 1-3pm

November 19th is an early release for the **whole school at 11:30am
(EA After School Program from 11:30AM-5PM)

November 20th is an early release for **9th grade at 11:30am

Grade Reports went home last week with your assigned meeting time. If there's no appointment date/time on your form then please contact Jaimee Rutman. Go to sof.edu, download the P-T form for your child's grade and email Jaimee at jrutman@sof.edu. Do not email the form, write the date/time requested and child's names in the body of the email.

Form can be found on the website

<http://www.sof.edu/blog/parent-teacher-conference-forms/>

FROM THE PA

- **NEXT PA MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 6PM**

- **Special Topic - Using Pupil Path**

- Is PupilPath getting you down? Want to know the keys to understanding and getting the most out of it? Come to the next PA meeting, and all will be revealed!

- **Is there a CPA in the house?? PA is looking for a Treasurer.**

- **SPRING AUCTION - PA is looking for active parents to help us make this auction spectacular!**

- **Merchandise table all this week (see below for more info)**

- **The SOF Annual Fund Drive Is On!**

- By now, you should have received your annual fund letter with donation card. If you haven't please drop us a line.

- Our goal this year is to get as close to 100% participation as possible! Please consider making a gift to SOF to support important school activities and programs.

- Click here to make your donation

- online: www.sof.edu/families/donate.

For questions, please call Rachel at 212-828-3176.

If you want to pitch in, please share your talents with us!

Email us at sofparent@gmail.com

SPORTS

HS SPORTS:

Boys varsity basketball, Boys junior varsity basketball and Girls varsity basketball are all hard at work practicing for their first games.

The first game of the season will be on 11/25, when the Boys Varsity team takes on Community Health Academy of the Heights..

MS SPORTS:

Tuesday, November 17 -

Girls' MS basketball tryouts will take place from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Candidates should sign-in to after school at 3:10 in the cafeteria and then at 3:30 PM, go to the gym. It will be held by Coach Ian.

Boys' MS basketball tryout news:

First round of tryouts were held on 11/2. A second round of tryouts will be held **Saturday, November 21st at 2PM.**

Please contact the After school program with any questions at bgcsof@edalliance.org

HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS CLUB - HELP!

We are trying to gauge interest in starting a high school **Robotics Club**, but we need your help to get this off the ground! We need help and support from our community in the following areas:

- Adult volunteers to help students each week (4-8 hours/week)
- 1-2 students or adult mentors to help with actual robotic work, organization and competition specifics
- Adults interested in helping fund raise
- Adults who may know of or have a connection to a group that may want to partner with this Club: It's a great community service project for a company or organization (this may be Phase II)

This Club is very much in start up mode now, but we need to lay the foundation in order to give students a great experience.

They can reach out to Rebecca Carroll at:

rebeccacarrollcm@yahoo.com

NEW FROM THE SCHOOL STORE

UPDATE YOUR FAMILY'S SOF WARDROBE WITH

The merchandise table will be set up this week during conferences, and we would love to have some **parent volunteers!** The Merch table will be open at the following times:

Mon, Nov 16 1-3PM

Tues, Nov 17 4-8PM

Wed, Nov 18 1-3PM

Thur, Nov 19 1-4PM

Frid, Nov 20 1-3PM



MERCHANDISE

T-shirts. \$10

Lightweight logo hoodie \$25

Heavy logo hoodie \$30

Mugs \$5

Waterbottles \$5

Baseball caps \$20

Questions? Email sofparent@gmail.com

AFTER SCHOOL - EA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

WEEK OF 11/16-20:

***November 19th will be an early release for the **whole school** at 11:30am. After school will still take place from 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

11/17 -

Microsoft Trip - Hour of Code - In a partnership with Microsoft, after school will be taking a group of students to learn how to code at Microsoft's new flagship store. Through this partnership, after school will take a new group of students every month to ensure that all students benefit from this experience. Parents of selected students will be notified each time for permission.

11/17 -

TOMS Giveaway - TOMS shoes are gifting over 2000 shoes to our Educational Alliance Boys & Girls Clubhouses. If you have a child enrolled in program and would like a pair of shoes for him/her, please email Child's Name, Grade, Shoe Size to bgcsof@edalliance.org. Your child can have the opportunity to also donate their TOMS shoe.

11/19 -

Hallmark Giveaway - For the holidays, Hallmark is giving away Pine trees to many of our after school families. We would like to extend this to all middle school families at SOF. We have 13 trees available now for our site. If you're interested, you must email: Your Name, Child's Name, Grade, and Phone Number to bgcsof@edalliance.org with subject: Tree Giveaway. You must make arrangements to pick-up your tree Thursday, November 19 at 7:15 PM. Further details will be share

upon requests.

WEEK OF 11/23-27:

11/23 -

#Hashtag Lunch bag Event & Tour - Joining the national movement called #Hashtag Lunch Bag, students and guests in after school will be donating 200 meals to a local shelter. The main event will involve invited guests of the community and after school convening in the school's cafeteria at 5:00 PM. Stationed at tables, students and guests will decorate at least two lunch bags with empowering messages. They will then go to different food stations to package sandwiches, water, fruit and a light snack into their lunch bags.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble sandwiches in the cafeteria from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Volunteers will then help set-up an arrival room for a small after school tour that begins at 3:45 PM-4:30 PM, which will precede the #Hashtag lunch bag event that starts at 5:00 PM. Guests and students will have an opportunity decorate lunch bags with empowering messages and stock them with food. After school will then deliver it to a local shelter.

11/24 -

Thanksgiving Celebration From 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM, after school will be having a Thanksgiving celebration with students, friends and family. There will be food, music and activity stations. We would like to make this a potluck style occasion. If you're interested in bringing something at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 24, please email: bgcsof@edalliance.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

After School Winter Showcase - Friday, December 18 6:00PM - 7:30PM

A day marked with excitement and joy, our after school middle school students of School of the Future will showcase their talents and what they have learned throughout their club experience.

bgcsof@edalliance.org

<http://www.sof.edu/students/after-school-at-sof/>

UPCOMING DATES - At A Glance

11/16-11/20 - Parent Teacher Conferences
11/17 - MS Girls Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30
11/19 - ALL SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL @ 11:30AM
***After School for MS from 11:30-5PM
11/20 - EARLY DISMISSAL - 9th GRADE @ 11:30AM
11/21 - MS Boys Basketball 2nd Tryouts @ 2pm

11/25 - HS Mens Varsity Basketball Season Opener Vs. Community
Health Academy of the Heights
11/26-27 - SOF Closed for Thanksgiving

LOOKING AHEAD

12/1 - SLT & PA Meeting, Special Topic: Using Pupil Path
12/24 - SOF Closed for Winter Holiday

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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