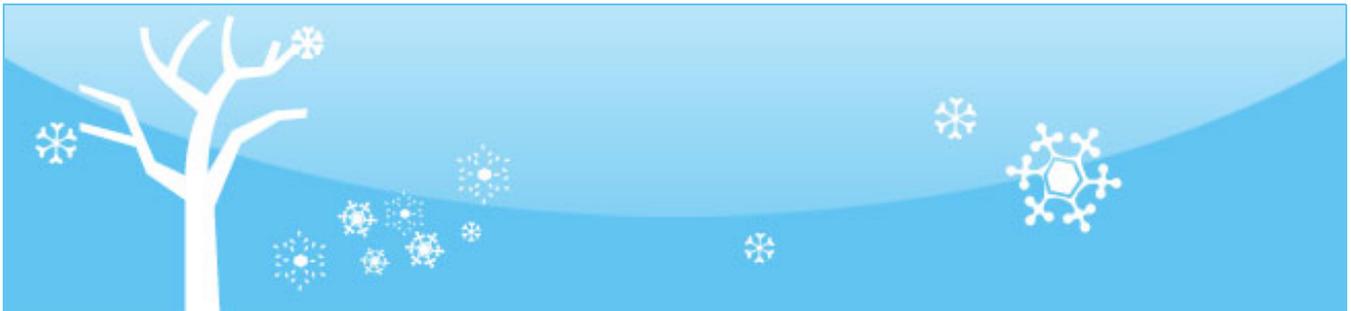




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5pm -SLT Meeting
6pm -PA Meeting
- 12/2 -
Boys Varsity vs MVA
- 12/3 -
Boys Varsity vs HPHS
- 12/4 -
Girls Varsity vs Stuy



NEWSLETTER FOR NOV 30 - DEC 13, 2015

Note from John and Stacy

This is a gentle reminder that students are not allowed to use cellphones during class time so please refrain from calling them during that time. SOF's policy for parents needing to speak to their child is to call the school at [212-475-8086](tel:212-475-8086). Parents can leave a message for their child with an office staff member and they will make sure your child is notified. If its an emergency please call the same number and someone in the office will find your child and bring them to the office. We consider class time crucial to a student's success and a phone call during that time can be disruptive to not only the student receiving the call but those around that student as well. Middle School lunch time is 11:35am-12:30pm and HS Lunch is 12:35pm-1:20pm if you need to call them during that time.

Thank you for your support.

John and Stacy

Homework Policy - Middle School

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Families received an email regarding Homework Expectations from Stacy Goldstein on 11/29/15. Please review and check links for grading rubrics and information on PupilPath.

<http://www.sof.edu/blog/category/news/>

From the Parent Association

SLT(5PM) & PA(6PM) MEETINGS THIS TUES 12/1

MS Boys vs
Baruch

12/15 -
6-8pm - 10th
Grade Parent
Holiday mixer

12/24 - 1/3/16
SOF Closed for
Winter Holiday

THANK YOU to everyone who bought a raffle ticket, t-shirt, hoodie or other merchandise during the Fall Family Conferences. We raised over \$1000 and we will be ordering more small sizes and will have another sale before Winter Holidays.

We are still looking for a Parent Association **Treasurer**. You don't have to be a CPA, just a good head for numbers and order. We need you by the end of our year when our fabulous present treasurer is stepping down. Please contact us

SOParent@gmail.com

Are you well-versed in **PupilPath**? The PA will be sponsoring a workshop given by those who know for those of us who may not know. From how to log-in to ways to use PupilPath to work with your children. We are looking for parent volunteers to share their knowledge and expertise in using PupilPath tools. It's fun and easy learn from each other. Come learn! Come teach! Let us know your skills and your desires to learn. It'll be a "workshop party" -- food and all!

Are you interested in **Tuition-Free English classes** for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL) for adults? Contact the PA at sofparent@gmail.com for more information.

Next PA meeting, Jan. 5th, 2016.

Fundraising & Auction

Holiday Online Auction coming soon!

Live Auction Event - March 24th, 2016

Get your auction donations in by January 12th!

Please contact Jenni to join the Auction Committee.

[Auction Committee](#)

Donate to the SOF Annual Fund today!

If you haven't yet sent in your response card, click on the link below and make your donation online. Everyone's participation is important and your generosity is greatly appreciated! 100% Tax Deductible!! [Donate Now!](#)

Have legendary indy-powerhouse producer and co-founder of Killer Films, **Christine Vachon, read your script and take you to lunch** for a notes session. Closes SOON!! Latest fundraiser for SOF:

[Script Read Lunch with Christine Vachon](#)

SCHOOLA - CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET FOR SOF

Donate & make a difference in 2 easy steps!

Just click on the link below, and we'll send you a bag, postage-paid.

Fill it with adorable kids' and women's clothing and leave it for your mail carrier.

We'll take it from there and 40% of the proceeds will go to SOF. It's all easy and free!

<https://www.schoola.com/schools/school-of-the-future-high-school-new-york-ny>

***NEW - Class Rep Reports**

6th Grade - Reps Ted Leather, Jenni Kopps

From Mr. Piers:

Hello parents. I do hope you are using PupilPath and know how to find attached homework and assignments. When you see an assignment, click on the magnifying glass and under details look for a link under "other materials". It's always a pdf. In the rare event that I forget to post it, please email me, and I'll put it up ASAP. Also, my policy for showing late or missing homework has been moved to after school 315 - 330 any day. It has been too disruptive to edit the grades during the start of class. As always, email me or other 6th grade teachers with concerns.

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7th Grade - Rep Cindy Rodriguez

See Homework Policy Email

<http://www.sof.edu/blog/category/news/>

8th Grade - Rep Annu Warikoo

See Homework Policy Email

<http://www.sof.edu/blog/category/news/>

9th Grade - Rep Anita Leon

12/17 - Documentary screening and ice skating trip

12/22 - 1st single section trip to Rockefeller U's Genetics Lab

Highlights:

9th Grade Biologists have mastered Mendelian Genetics and can predict genotypes & phenotypes of offspring using mono & dihybrid punnett squares as well as assess the validity of their hypotheses using chi square analysis. we are now moving on to the exciting world of Molecular Genetics.

10th Grade - Rep Anna Hillen

10th Grade PARENT Holiday Mixer -Save the Date

Tuesday, December 15, 6-8pm

11th Grade - Rep Susan Light

Class notes distributed directly from class rep.

12th Grade - Reps Doreen Smith, Eun Chun

No news for this edition.

HS Sports Report

The Boys Varsity Basketball Team has a busy week with games against:

12/2 - Manhattan Village Academy

12/3 - Health Professions HS

(both games will be played at basketball city).

The Girls Varsity Basketball team begins their season with a game 12/4 -

Stuyvesant High School on Friday (@Stuyvesant).

Go Bulldogs!

After School - EA Boys & Girls Club

Week 11/30 - 12/4

4:00 PM - MS Boys Basketball Game (Home @ SOF) SOF VS. Baruch

Week 12/7 - 12/11

Microsoft Hour of Code Workshop from 4:00-5:30 PM. We are taking a few clubs at a time monthly, until all students have participated in a coding workshop. If you would like your after school child to participate on 12/11, Email: bgcsf@edalliance.org.

Save the Date:

After School Winter Showcase Celebration: December 18, 2015 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. A night to enjoy the performances and presentations of our middle school students of SOF. Dinner will be served.

Highlights:

- After School kids participated in a community service project on Monday, November 23, where they donated 200 sandwiches, cookies and 7 cases of 48 ct water cases to the Bowery Mission, a homeless shelter in the Lower East Side. (100+ lbs of food)
- New Partnership: New York Stem Academy. 2 STEM mentors (background in Physics and Computer Science) will be teaching a course in Python next term. Sign-ups will take place mid December. If you're interested in this offering, it will take place in February, once a week. Please email: bgcsf@edalliance.org with Child's Name, Grade, Parent Contact.

Casting Call for Chefs 12/12/15

Calling all Master Chef Juniors!

My name is Colleen and I'm a Casting Associate for MasterChef Junior, the national FOX hit cooking competition series where children aged 8 to 13 years old compete for the coveted title of MasterChef Junior!

If you are not familiar with the show just check out a sneak peak of the new season that premiered Friday, November 6th and you'll see why everyone just loves this adorable



show! <https://www.facebook.com/MasterchefJuniorFOX/videos/766410913486262/>

I am writing you because we are going to be in New York on Saturday, December 12th looking for kids who love to cook and want to try out for this fun lighthearted show! So I am reaching out to various organizations to let parents know about this unique and incredible opportunity for any kid with a passion or a talent for cooking. The casting call is a total blast for all the kids who try out and everyone leaves with a huge smile, feeling like a winner!

I have to tell kids not to be intimidated by the skill level they see on our show because no one walks into our open casting call cooking like a MasterChef. We are looking for passion and the potential to learn and blossom into the MasterChef

inside each and everyone of them!

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