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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY



### A Building Update from John

Dear SOF Parents,

You will be relieved to know that the air quality in our school is completely safe. The DOE has had an air quality control tester testing the air in our building three times a week for the last month or so and he has informed us our air is fine. The acceptable amount of air particles that can be in the air and still be safe is 150 micro grams. SOF's air is tested at 30 micro grams. We know that some parents have been concerned about this so hopefully this will bring relief that all students are breathing safe air. We will continue to be vigilant in testing the air as the year progresses.

Thanks,

John

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#### Important Dates

1/18 - SCHOOL CLOSED for MLK

1/20 - 10th Grade Community Celebration

1/20 - New MS After School Selection Forms Handed Out - Due 1/22

1/21 - Picture Retake Day

1/25 - Middle School Community Celebration

1/27 - College Awareness Day <http://youcango.collegeboard.org>

2/1 - SCHOOL CLOSED

[SOF Calendar](#)

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## News from the PA

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We had our first PA meeting of 2016 on January 5th. Many thanks to Stacy for attending and updating us. The 1st semester ends January 29th and report cards will be distributed February 5th. Make sure to check in with your student(s) and review PupilPath. Get in all missing or incomplete assignments before next week!

### LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Finds located in the 9th Grade cafeteria. It is completely full! If your child is missing a coat, sweatshirt, jacket, scarf - please check. Please join us at our next meeting.

### Upcoming PA meetings:

Next PA Meeting: **Feb 2, 2016.**

Mark your calendars for future PA & SLT meetings:

Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, June 7

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### FUNDRAISING & AUCTION COMMITTEE

**Donate to the SOF Annual Fund today!**

**[DONATE](#)**

Everyone's participation is important and your generosity is greatly appreciated!  
100% Tax Deductible!!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Live Auction Event -  
**March 24th, 2016**

Get your auction donations in ASAP! Please contact Jenni Kops at [sofauction16@gmail.com](mailto:sofauction16@gmail.com) to join the Auction Committee.

**Amazon Smile:** If you plan on doing any shopping via [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), please use the Amazon Smile link to shop and Amazon will make a donation to SOF PA.

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# GRADE NEWS - Class Reports

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

There is a community celebration for middle school on 1/25.

1st semester ends January 29th and report cards will be distributed February 5th.

Community Celebration is a MS gathering in the auditorium that we do every few months to give students awards for demonstrating the Four Pillars - Depth of Thought, Work Habits, Resilience and Contribution to Community and students give one another shout outs for examples of these pillars they see in others. We also make announcements about sports and school events and sometimes showcase students' work.

### 6th Grade - Reps Ted Leather, Jenni Kops

The 6th graders are hard at work researching for their information books about Ancient Egypt. We look forward to inviting families to celebrate their work some time in late January or early February. Exact dates/times TBD!

The 6th Grade had a wonderful trip to the Metropolitan Museum last week. Thanks to the parents who volunteered!

### 7th Grade - Rep Cindy Rodriguez

Check out your **new website** called 7th Grade Resources. The site has been designed to help students to complete homework or other assignments by giving you access to materials seen or received in class. For example, did you forget your neat notebook? Not to worry! The website has a digital copy of every note sheet from Chris' class. Did you lose your article from Rick's class? Find it on the website. Question about Humanities? Check out the site to find links to other resources that could explain the content or help you to write about it. Parents, please share this with your student.

The site link is below. Feel free to click around and use the site to supplement PupilPath. There's also a contact page if you have any questions or comments.

<http://sof7thgrade.weebly.com/>

Thank you!

Sincerely,

The 7th Grade Team

### **8th Grade - Rep Annu Warikoo**

Middle School Community Celebration 1/25

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear Parents of Freshmen and Sophomores,

We invite you to come hear Jed Applerouth speak at School of the Future on Wednesday March 16th at 7pm.

Jed will talk about the current landscape of standardized testing, and the current options for students. He will discuss the new SAT, the differences/benefits of the new SAT and the ACT, other tests and scores that colleges look for, what all the scores mean, and more. He will take questions too.

For more information about Jed, [CLICK HERE](#). This event is free, and we promise you will learn a lot. If you have questions, please contact [Sof Parent Association](#) <[sofparent@gmail.com](mailto:sofparent@gmail.com)>.

We look forward to meeting you.

### **9th Grade - Rep Anita Leong**

Ms. Rediker's 9th grade math website:

[redikersrockingreinforcement.weebly.com](http://redikersrockingreinforcement.weebly.com)

Students interested in STEM opportunities outside the Biology classroom, check out the SOF Science Blog at:

<http://sofscience.blogspot.com/>

Important Dates:

1/22 - Rescheduled date for 9th grade ice skating outing.

### **10th Grade - Rep Anna Hillen**

My advice to students and parents over the next 2 weeks

as the semester comes to a close would be to check Pupilpath regularly to see what missing assignments they have or when projects, tests, and bigger assignments are due.

On Friday 1/15, a math project on piecewise functions was due. Likewise on Wednesday 1/20, we will have a **10th grade community celebration** Period 6 in the auditorium recognizing academic, athletic, and community achievements of the grade the first semester.

Thanks,  
Diane Thole

### **11th Grade - Rep Susan Light**

Class notes distributed directly from class rep.

ACT and SAT Prep is underway every Saturday from 10am-1pm.

Last day of semester classes is 1/27.

#### **Midterms:**

1/28: English (am) Science (pm).

1/29: History (am) Math (pm)

### **12th Grade - Reps Dorene Smith, Eunhee Chun**

CUNY app is due by Feb. 1. CSS Profile and FAFSA should be done by the end of this month.

Last day of semester classes is 1/27.

#### **Midterms:**

1/28: English (am) Science (pm).

1/29: History (am) Math (pm)

**SUNY Financial Aid Workshops 2/20/16 - REGISTER TODAY!**

[https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/event\\_detail.cfm?eid=157&etyp=STUDENTEVENTS&mindt=2016-01-16%2000:00:00.0&maxdt=2016-02-20%2000:00:00.0&etypid=1](https://www.suny.edu/attend/events/event_detail.cfm?eid=157&etyp=STUDENTEVENTS&mindt=2016-01-16%2000:00:00.0&maxdt=2016-02-20%2000:00:00.0&etypid=1) .

Jan 1, 2016: First to day to file the **FAFSA** forms for colleges at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Encouraged to apply as early as you can. Parents can estimate their 2015 income and/or use 2014 income tax returns, 2015 W2 forms for the form. Make sure you check with each individual school to see deadlines and apply for 2016-2017 school year.

Copy of a paper version of the 2015-2016 FAFSA to glance over/practice: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1516/pdf/PdfFafsa15-16.pdf>

Also, for students who are applying to private schools that use the CSS Profile financial aid form - identify deadline forms for those schools. [Apply for College Financial Aid – CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE – The College Board](#)

<http://youcango.collegeboard.org/>

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## EA After School

### **MS Basketball Updates:**

#### Games:

1/19/16: MS Boys @ 4 PM HOME Game with Harbor  
1/21/16: MS Girls @ 4 PM Away Game with ESMS  
1/21/16: MS Boys @ 5 PM Away Game with ESMS  
1/28/16: MS Girls @ 4 PM HOME Game with Harbor  
1/28/16: MS Boys @ 5 PM HOME Game with TSMS

#### **Practice MS :**

MS Girls - 1/22 @ 3:30 PM  
MS Boys- 1/23 @ 2:00 PM  
MS Boys- 1/26 @ 3:20 PM  
MS Girls- 1/26 @ 4:30 PM  
No Practice 1/30/16

**NO After School on: 1/18/16, 2/1/16 and 2/8/16**

**January 20, 2016:**

Returning Fall/Winter after school students will receive their spring club selection schedule to take home during check-in at 3:10 PM in the cafeteria. It must be completed and sent to the school office or after school office **by Friday January 22.**

**January 22, 2016:**

Middle School After School Trip to Microsoft for coding workshop. If interested contact: [bgcsof@edalliance.org](mailto:bgcsof@edalliance.org) It is from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM, returning by 6:00 PM at SOF.

**January 25, 2016:**

During the middle school community celebration at 2:20 PM, new prospective middle school students will receive information about the spring after school schedule. They'll receive the new club selection forms to complete and return to the school office or after school office **by Friday January 29.**

**February 2016:**

-New cycle of clubs for the spring will begin.

-Hunter Learning Lab begins 1st week of February. Hunter Graduate Special Education Students

will support MS/HS students with IEPs on varying educational strategies. We have 2 spots available.

If interested contact: [bgcsof@edalliance.org](mailto:bgcsof@edalliance.org) now.

Best regards,

Amanda A. Ebokosia

*Program Director*

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## **HS Sports**

The Boys Varsity Basketball team is having an amazing season! After defeating Baruch High School on the main court of the Baruch College Campus in front of a capacity crowd, the Bulldogs have rattled off **8 straight victories** to lead the Manhattan division with a record of 9-1. Juniors Fabian Johnson and Guy Nerys lead the well balanced attack, with each player averaging 15 points per game. Senior guard Coby Caraballo is right behind, contributing about 13 points per contest. With 5 games to go in the regular season, the Bulldogs look to continue

their winning ways as they gear up for the PSAL playoffs.



**GO BULLDOGS!**

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## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### "Diverse Minds" Scholarship Opportunity for High School

[B'nai B'rith](#) International is pleased to announce a call for submissions for our scholarship contest, the *Diverse Minds Writing Challenge*. This innovative competition, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, asks high school students in your community to write and illustrate a children's book that tells a story of tolerance, diversity or inclusion.

Students currently enrolled in the 9th – 12th grades residing in one of the five New York City boroughs (Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens) are eligible to participate. The first place-winning individual or team will receive a college scholarship of \$5,000, and B'nai B'rith will professionally publish the winning submission – making the student a published author! Submissions placing second and third will also receive scholarships. In addition, the teacher of the student(s) who place first will receive a \$1,000 stipend and the school will receive a \$500 grant. The submission deadline is March 25, 2016.

For more information and details please click here for a [downloadable flyer](#) and visit our website at [www.bnaibrith.org/diverseminds](http://www.bnaibrith.org/diverseminds). If you have any questions I can be reached at [323/308.0195](tel:3233080195) or [diverseminds@bnaibrith.org](mailto:diverseminds@bnaibrith.org). We are excited to continue bringing the *Challenge* to your area and look forward to a positive response from your community.

Thank you for your assistance in helping get the information out to your staff and students!

Sincerely,

**Laura Jeser**

*Program Manager*

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<http://www.bnaibrith.org/diverse-minds.html>





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