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## SOF Newsletter 12/14- 12/31

### A Note from John

Last Friday and Saturday evening SOF students performed in Almost, Maine by John Mariani. Almost, Maine is nine short plays about love taking place in a small town in Maine. It was a huge success with several new students who had never taken the stage before doing an excellent job. Kudos to Ms. Gorleov for continuing to find the actor in our High School students.



### News from the PA

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It is bittersweet, however, we announce the official **resignation of our Treasurer**, Scott Fintz, effective Dec. 31, 2015. Scott has been an excellent Treasurer for the PA and has been instrumental in our transition into our new roles as Co-Presidents. Scott has been eager to share institutional knowledge and has been incredibly supportive of our efforts to create a culture of philanthropy at SOF. We are sad to see him leave but excited that we've found great parent



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#### Important Dates

- 12/18 - After School Showcase
- 12/22 - MS Dance
- 12/21 - College Financial Aid Deadlines (see below)
- 12/24 - School Closed
- 1/5 - PA Meeting

[SOF Calendar](#)



volunteers to replace him. We will vote in our new co-Treasurers during our next PA meeting in January 2016.

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](mailto:sofparent@gmail.com) for more information.

**Upcoming PA meetings:**

Next PA Meeting: **Jan 5, 2016. MS, Principal, Stacy Goldstein and HS Director, John Fanning will be there!**

Mark your calendars for future PA & SLT meetings:  
Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, June 7

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**FUNDRAISING &  
AUCTION COMMITTEE**

We are happy to announce that the latest **Charity Buzz fundraiser** hosted by legendary indy-powerhouse producer and co-founder of Killer Films, Christine Vachon, has closed, netting **\$4700** for SOF PA. Thank you, Christine!

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

Donations letters have been rolling out since November, with another batch that just went out. Please check in the mail for yours, or donate online today!

Click on the link

(<http://www.sof.edu/families/donate/>) and make your

donation online. 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 by **January 12th!** Please contact Jenni Kops at [sofauction16@gmail.com](mailto:sofauction16@gmail.com) to join the Auction Committee. **Holiday Online Auction** coming soon!

**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.

**SCHOOLA - CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET FOR SOF**

Donate & make a difference in 2 easy steps!

1. Click on the link below, and we'll send you a bag, postage-paid.
2. 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>

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## **EA After School**

**Wednesday, 12/16:** Girls Basketball Away Game @ P.S./I.S. 217 4:30pm

**Friday, 12/18:** After School Winter Wonderland Showcase @ 6:00-8:00pm

**Tuesday, 12/22:** Middle School Winter Dance - Student Council & After School @ 3:30-5:00pm in the gym. Chaperons needed!

Email [bgcsof@edalliance.org](mailto:bgcsof@edalliance.org)

**Wednesday, 12/23:** MS Boys Basketball Home Game @ P.S./I.S. 217 4:30pm

**Middle School After School Slots Available for Hunter**

## **Learning Lab -**

Hunter Learning Lab is able to take more 7-8 grade students and also start a wait list. Hunter Learning Lab matches Hunter graduate student special education fellows with a student with an IEP, providing direct tutoring support Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45 PM-6:00 PM. All students benefit from a power hour class prior to Hunter to complete their homework. If interested place contact [bgcsof@edalliance.org](mailto:bgcsof@edalliance.org) with your name, child's name and grade and the best number to be contacted.

Amanda A. Ebokosia

*Program Director*

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## **HS Sports**

The Girls Varsity Basketball team (1-1) are coming off a big victory versus Seward Park High School. Freshman Yamila Emanuel hit the game winning shot for the Lady Bulldogs and led the team with 19 points!. The next games are:

12/9 versus Fashion Industries (@ps 161)

12/21 versus Lab Museum (@Lab)

12/23 versus Bayard Rustin (@Bayard Rustin)

The Boys Varsity Basketball team (1-1) have a busy schedule as they look to get more victories and move up the standings under the leadership of new coach Daniel Mark.

12/14 versus Fashion Industries (@basketball city)

12/16 versus Baruch (@Baruch Auxiliary Gym)

12/18 versus Chelsea (@basketball city)

12/21 versus Life Sciences (@ basketball city)

12/22 versus HS Math, Science and Engineering (@CCNY)

The Boys Junior Varsity Basketball team and first year coach Germaine Greene have their season opener next week on 12/17 against rival Baruch High School (@baruch).

12/18 versus HS Health Professions (@basketball city)

**GO BULLDOGS!**



## **GRADE NEWS**

### **MS Dance & Food Drive**

SOF Middle School Council will hold a Winter Dance Tuesday December 22nd at 3:30. Student Council and the After school alliance is teaming up to collaborate in order to provide a DJ, snacks, drinks and a Photo Booth. When discussing with the after school, we have decided to reach out to the PA in hopes to have parent chaperones and volunteers to donate dishes for the students to enjoy. This event is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders; it is also free admission!

There is also a food drive competition amongst STEP's to collect as many canned/boxed food for those in need. The STEP with the most cans will earn a pizza party Wednesday December 23rd (provided by student council).

Currently this is a pending event, Student Council will like to try to create an "Ugly Holiday Sweater Day" on December 23rd.

Do email me with any questions regarding these events.

Best,

Ashley

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## **Class Rep Reports**

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

From Mr. Piers:

A fraction division project (design a subway)

due next Monday 12/21

A fraction division quiz this Friday (modeling and algorithm).

I can always use rolls of tape!

### **7th Grade - Rep Cindy Rodriguez**

From Ms. Alena/Humanities:

Two things we could really use in 7th grade Humanities are scotch tape (regular disposable dispensers are perfect). We could use as many as possible because frequently we give one to each table so kids can paste rubrics and checklists and what not into their notebooks. Another thing we could use is boxes of tissues for the classroom.

From Mr. Rick/Science:

They will be conducting an experiment with zinc and copper sulfate and writing a lab report this next Monday and Tuesday (Dec 14, 15). Next Wednesday and Thursday (Dec 16 and 17) they will be creating a diagram of a chemical equation of their choice. The chemical change unit test is on Monday, Dec 21.

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

Cornelia Cooley:

We went to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum 12/7 (and Economy Candy!) and we are going to the Museum of the City of New York for a Jacob Riis exhibit next week!

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

Mathematics: Ms. Rediker has created a reinforcement page for the ninth grade math curriculum. The website is: [redikersrockingreinforcement.weebly.com](http://redikersrockingreinforcement.weebly.com)

Science: Biologists are entering the fascinating world Molecular Genetics this week. For students interested

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

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

Upcoming Events:

12/17 - Documentary screening and ice skating trip

12/22 - 1st single section trip to Rockefeller

University's Genetics

Lab

**10th Grade - Rep Anna Hillen**

10th Grade PARENT Holiday Mixer

Tuesday, December 15, 6-8pm

**11th Grade - Rep Susan Light**

Class notes distributed directly from class rep.

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

From Felix Shen, College Counselor:

Thanks to all who attended the Financial Aid Information Night!

Week of Dec 21-23: Make sure seniors gather any information

needed for their Jan. 1st college deadlines that teacher, school or counselor need to provide. (i.e: SAT/ACT scores, envelopes, transcripts, school profiles, recommendations, recommendation requests, etc.)

Dec 23: Film series in the morning with senior institute and 12th grade ice skating trip at Chelsea Piers leaving at 11:35. Kids eat there or bring their lunch. Students will be dismissed from site.

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](#)

Thank you for reading the SOF Newsletter. If there are any events, dates, important news, fundraising opportunities, or anything else - please email us at [sof\\_pa@yahoo.com](mailto:sof_pa@yahoo.com).

Happy Holidays!

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