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# SOF Newsletter 1/4-1/17

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome back from the SOF PA. We hope to see you at 6pm this Tuesday. We are continuing to work hard to keep families informed. Please keep forwarding any ideas, questions or upcoming events that SOF families need to know about.

Please note the upcoming important dates:

- 1/5 - PA Meeting
- 1/12 - Academic Tracking Discussion (@PS 59)
- 1/13 - MS Early Dismissal 11:35AM
- 1/18 - School Closed for MLK Jr. Day
- 1/21- Picture Retake Day

## News from the PA

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### New PA Co-Treasurers:

Announcing new co- treasurers: Anna Hillen and Anita Leong. And GIANT thank you and kudos to the indefatigable, kind and smart Scott Fintz!

#### Upcoming PA meetings:

Next PA Meeting: **Jan 5, 2016, 6PM. 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

#### STAFF LOUNGE:

Calling any interior designers (or people who like to make small spaces lovely)! The PA is redesigning the staff lounge. Many thanks to Scott and Blake Fintz for donating a sofa.

Please contact the PA at [sofparent@gmail.com](mailto:sofparent@gmail.com) if you



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would like to help in January.

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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**

Happy New Years! Our auction is coming up on March 24th at Ainsworth Park!!! We are looking for some great auction items to be donated. Please look for the auction packet at the next PA meeting. We are looking for clothes, artwork, services, event tickets, and vacations.

We just received a very special New York Yankee item!!! This is a must have for any Yankee fan!!!

Any questions please  
email: [sofauction16@gmail.com](mailto:sofauction16@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
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.

## **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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## **A Discussion About Academic Tracking**

Please save the date of **Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:30pm**. District 2 Community Education Council will be

hosting a forum on academic tracking at PS 59 ([233 E 56th Street](#)), featuring education expert **Carol Burris**. Dr. Burris became Executive Director of the Network for Public Education Foundation in August 2015, after serving as principal of South Side High School in the Rockville Centre School District in NY since 2000. Her publications include *Detracking for Excellence and Equity* (2008) and *On the Same Track: How Schools Can Join the 21st Century Struggle against Re-segregation* (2014). She regularly expresses her concerns about the misuse and unintended consequences of high-stakes testing on the [Washington Post, The Answer Sheet blog](#).

You can learn more about Dr. Burris and her work at her [blog](#) and the [National Education Policy Center](#). The forum will be followed by CECD2's January Calendar and Working Business meetings. Agendas will be circulated before the meeting.

Babysitting and light refreshments will be provided.

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## GRADE NEWS

### Class Rep Reports

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

- Thanks to all families who helped their student bring in books about Ancient Egypt. Some students went above and beyond bringing in over 15 library books. The winning sections-- The Beluga Whales (Section B) and The Blue Whales (Section C) -- earned a night off of jotting homework!

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Humanities recently enjoyed a conversation with guest speaker Jessica Walthew, an art conservator of Nonwestern artifacts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She mentioned how impressed she was with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders' enthusiasm and questions. We were not surprised. :)

- A note about reading: We're currently in our second round of reading assessments. Please keep in mind that the reason we ask students to put in the time to read and jot so much is because we believe that 6<sup>th</sup> grade is the time to push them as far as possible with their reading level to be best prepared for the rest of middle school.

Students should be reading for at least 30-45 minutes a day (25 pages). That being said, we also believe passionately in the joy of reading. If your student is spending more than an hour (maximum!) on reading and jotting homework, please reach out to your Humanities teacher or encourage your student to speak with us.

Coming Up:

We're currently scheduling a trip to the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** to visit their Ancient Egypt collection.

We'll be taking advantage of the guided tour—a free (!) option for NYC public schools.

If you're interested in chaperoning please email:

Lindsay (Sections A&B)

at [lindsaypowell6@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaypowell6@gmail.com) or

Miriam (Sections C&D) at [miriamgoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:miriamgoldberg@gmail.com).

Section C/D are going Monday the 11th

Section A/B are going Tuesday the 12th

We would love 4 or more chaperones for each day.

- Finally, on behalf of all the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, we want to thank you for all you're doing at home to help your student with the transition to middle school.

6<sup>th</sup> grade is a time of tremendous growth-- we're already seeing huge gains in independence among the

6<sup>th</sup> graders. More to come this year!

We hope you and your families had a safe and restful holiday. See you in the new year!

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

We are launching a **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**

### **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 before the break. For students interested in STEM opportunities outside the Biology classroom, check out the SOF Science Blog at:

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

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

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

Class notes distributed directly from class rep.

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

From Felix Shen, College Counselor:

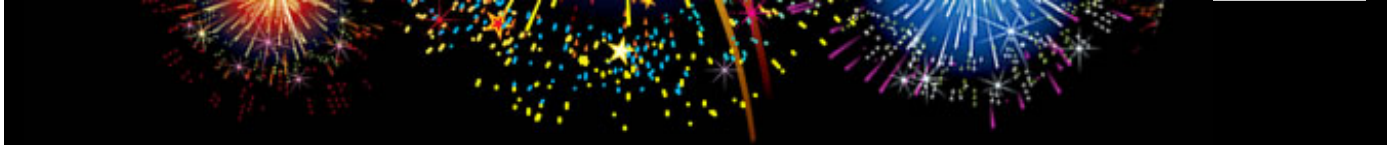
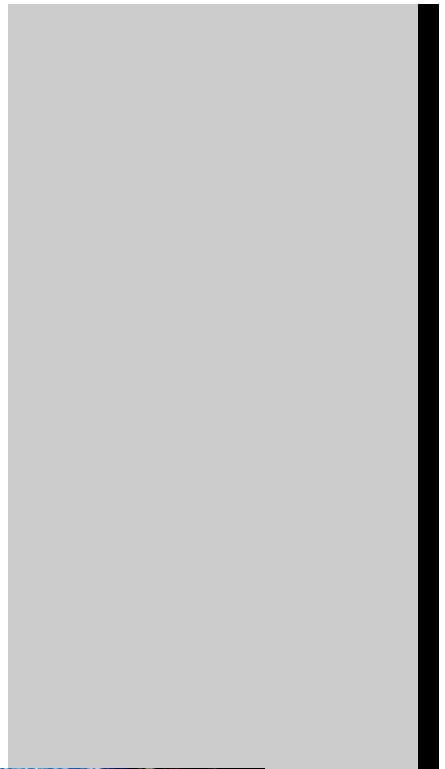
Jan 1, 2016: First to day to file the **FAFSA** forms for colleges at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Encouraged to apply as early as you can. Parents can estimate their 2015 income and/or use 2014 income tax returns, 2015 W2 forms for the form. Make sure you check with each individual

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](#)



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