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WE NEED YOU!

Our kids are doing great! This week you will see they are going on trips, our Bulldogs are victorious, the MS Robotics team just won 1st place in their competition and the seniors continue to rock those college admissions!! There are so many great opportunities and programs in this week's newsletter. Please scroll all the way down to see them. We are so proud of SOF and want to continue give our students every opportunity we can. We will keep posting any free or low cost programs and exciting opportunities we hear about (send us your links if you hear of any). But SOF needs **your help today. If every family gave **\$71** we would be able to fully fund ALL of our programs.**

Please make your donation to the Annual Fund today! We have a long way to go and we need your help to get there. Your donation supports vital programs at SOF that **WILL GO AWAY IF WE CANNOT RAISE THE FUNDS** to support them.

You can make your donation by:

1. Mailing in a check made out to "SOF PA Association" to the school.
2. Clicking on the "Donate" banner on the donation page of the Families section on the website or [CLICK HERE NOW](#).

ANY AMOUNT YOU GIVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE! All contributions are tax-deductible. Please let us know if your company makes matching gifts as well.

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Important Dates

2/22 - School ReopenS, 8C Field Trip

2/23 - MS Girls BBall Game

2/24 - MS Boys Ball Game

2/25 - MS Baseball/Softball Interest Mtg @ 4pm

2/26 - 8D Field Trip

3/1 - SLT (5PM) & PA (6PM) MEETING

3/16 - Jed Applerouth SAT/ACT Talk

[SOF Calendar](#)

News from the PA

Upcoming PA meetings:

Next SLT & PA Meeting: **MARCH 1, 2016.**

Mark your calendars for future PA & SLT meetings:

Apr 5, May 3, June 7

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP

Get in your auction donations for our live and online auction party in April! Please contact Jenni Kops at sofauction16@gmail.com to donate or join the Auction Committee.

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

GRADE NEWS - Class Reports

FYI - ALL REPORT CARDS & SENIOR INSTITUTE REPORT CARDS WERE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE BREAK. CHECK THOSE BACKPACKS IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade - Reps Ted Leather, Jenni Kops

If possible, please send your 6th graders in with a package of lined paper for the classroom (we are running out!) and also grab an extra reading notebook at home for when your child finishes their first one (kids are starting to do so!) THANKS!!!

-Miriam & Lindsay

7th Grade - Rep Cindy Rodriguez

The 7th grade year end trip will take place at Pocono Valley Resort in Reedersville, PA on June 1. The trip is \$85 per student which pays for the transportation, activities and meals for the day. Students were given a permission slip last week and can turn it in to Rick before May. Cash or checks (made out to School of the Future) are both good.

-Rick

Check out 7th Grade Resources website.

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

8th grade science

We are taking a field trip to the NYC Center for Space Science Education.

Different sections will go different days.

Section A went 2/9 and Section B 2/10. At museum from 10am-12:45pm.

Section C will go 2/22 and Section D 2/26. At museum from 10am-12:45pm.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

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.

We look forward to meeting you.

9th Grade - Rep Anita Leong

Ms. Rediker's 9th grade math website:

redikersrockingreinforcement.weebly.com

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

Our Teachers need tissues, hand sanitizer, bic pens, copier paper. Please drop supplies at the office. SGI mandated students will get letters home over the break. Also, on March 16, at 7PM we will have a guest speaker (SEE ABOVE) regarding the new SAT, ACT he will explain what the grades mean and what colleges are looking for.

Let's get a head start on that college prep!

11th Grade - Rep Susan Light

Class notes distributed directly from class rep.

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

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.

Jan 1, 2016: First to day to file the **FAFSA** forms for colleges at 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](#)

EA After School

BIG NEWS!

2/20/16

- SOF MS Robotics Club [Places 1st Place with MOST prestigious award](#)

This Saturday our MS robotics club coach Lisa Gaye Sechy and after school teaching artist Kevin Necciai, accompanied our SOF middle school robotics team members, as they competed in this year's Manhattan qualifiers. They placed 1st in most Innovative Solution. They will be moving on to compete at the Jacob Javits Convention Center March 12.

2/23/16 & 2/24/16

- MS Girls & Boys Basketball Playoffs

For MS Girls - Tuesday, February 23 @ 4:00 PM SOF Vs. 188 at PS/MS 188

For MS Boys - Wednesday, February 24 @ 4:30 PM SOF Vs. Global at Global

2/25/16

- MS baseball (boys) & Softball (girls) - Interest Meeting 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM in room 304

2/26/16

- MS after school students - College Trip to Brooklyn College. Permission slips need to be signed and returned by Friday, 2/26/16. Permission slips can be picked up after school in room 304. You must be an enrolled after school student. For questions, please contact bgcsof@edalliance.org. Next college trip will be to Princeton University, Saturday April 2.

2/29/16

- Black History Month presentation at 3:30 PM - Auditorium, MS after school

Save Date:

- Thursday, March 17- MS After School is Cancelled due to Agency-Wide Conference
- Monday, May 23 - After School Spring Showcase at 6:00 PM - Auditorium

Amanda A. Ebokosia

Program Director

HS Sports

The Bulldogs are having an excellent season. The Boys Varsity team has secured a spot in the PSAL playoffs, which begins the week of 2/23.

GO BULLDOGS!!!

FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 EDUCATION SOFTWARE

Dear New Yorker,
What an exciting moment!

Today, Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña and I announced an innovative collaboration with Microsoft Corp. to provide New York City students and families with **FREE** access to Microsoft software. Starting today, students and their families can download Microsoft's Office 365 Education software **AT ABSOLUTEY NO COST** by visiting <https://studentoffice.net>. (For details on the exact number of downloads and devices that this offer is good for, click [here](#).)

Learning doesn't stop at the end of the school day. Supplying children with this indispensable tool will help ensure the success of all our students as they prepare for college and the workforce. My thanks to Microsoft and the NYC Department of Education for partnering with the New York City Council to help make this exciting initiative a reality.

Sincerely,

Melissa Mark-Viverito

Speaker
NYC Council

PARENTS 4 PARENTS - Ladders for Leaders 2016

We are happy to inform you that NYC Ladders for Leaders is accepting applications for the summer of 2016. If you are a student who is looking for valuable work experience and the opportunity to explore career options, please apply to Ladders for Leaders and take the first step to landing your dream internship.

Note: LADDERS FOR LEADERS PROGRAM IS NOT SYEP! You have to apply **separately** for SYEP when the application becomes available in March.

What the Program Offers?

Ladders for Leaders gives students a unique opportunity to explore their interests and discover new ones through:

Pre-employment Training: Receive help with résumé and cover letter writing, and interviewing skills. Learn essential workplace readiness skills and business etiquette.

Paid Summer Internships: Paid internship opportunities available in a variety of industries to accommodate student interests. Gain experience with well-known companies such as Boston Consulting Group, JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, AOL, Medidata Pandora, and Tishman Speyer.

Opportunity to join our growing Alumni Network: Broad network of alumni, post-internship opportunities and networking events open only to past participants of the program.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for Ladders, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a high school or college student between the ages of 16-22
- Have a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00
- Be a permanent resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City
- Must have prior work experience, either paid or volunteer
- Be legally allowed to work in New York City

How to Apply?

Please visit <https://application.nycsyep.com> or call [1.800.246.4646](tel:1.800.246.4646) to apply to NYC Ladders for Leaders.

Please keep in mind that any NYC Ladders for Leaders applicant who is also **interested in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)** will need to apply for SYEP separately when the application becomes available in March.

Read what some of our participants from last year have to say:

“At the young age of 16, I have worked on Wall Street, met amazing, generous people and realized what I want to do as a career. I have networked with many people who I know I can turn to for support and advice as I advance towards my aspirations as the founder of my own cosmetics company.”

Aniyah, 2015 Ladders for Leaders intern

"Through Ladders for Leaders internship, I've truly become well-rounded as a member of society and have significantly expanded my capabilities as an aspiring software developer."

Edward, 2015 Ladders for Leaders Intern

Thank you,

The NYC Ladders for Leaders Team

Council of Young Leaders of Manhattan Application

Hi, I'm Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer.

In Manhattan and all over New York City, young people like you are an extraordinary source of ambitious, creative ideas. In fact, you may have the greatest stake in what government does--one day you will inherit our City.

It is my pleasure to establish the Council of Young Leaders of Manhattan. I want to give you, the borough's young people, tools, knowledge, and a megaphone to speak to your government on the issues that matter to you.

The Young Leaders of Manhattan will be comprised entirely of young people ages 14-18 who live, work, go to school in, or belong to an organization in Manhattan. The YLM will meet periodically to address policy and budget concerns affecting Manhattan's young people, working closely with local elected officials and city agencies. You will draft and pass resolutions, serve on committees, learn how local government works, prepare and give presentations, and help make real change for you and your friends.

Time commitment is estimated at 5-10 hours a month. **The application deadline is Friday, March 4, 2016 at midnight.** Thank you for your interest in the Council of Young Leaders of Manhattan!

Best,

Gale A. Brewer

Manhattan Borough President

<http://bit.ly/YLMapp2016>

UFT UPDATE & UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear parents, grandparents and education activists,

We had wonderful parent workshops at UFT headquarters this past January. For those of you who joined us for the Positive Learning Collaborative workshop and asked for a copy of the presentation, feel free to [download the Positive Learning Collaborative presentation slides »](#)

I hope to see more of you on **Tuesday, Feb. 9 at UFT headquarters, 52 Broadway**, for a repeat of both workshops!

- **Beautiful Me:** Join us in learning ways to support girls as they develop their self-esteem. This workshop will be at **9:15 a.m.** on the 9th floor in room D/E.
- **Positive Learning Collaborative:** Learn techniques that schools use to address student behavioral problems and how you can apply these techniques at home. This workshop will be at **6:30 p.m.** on the 10th floor.

As always, refreshments will be provided and children are welcome to attend. RSVP by emailing me at fstreich@uft.org.

Do you know a high school senior planning to go to college in the fall? The UFT gives \$5,000 college scholarships to students from low-income families graduating from New York City public schools. The UFT Albert Shanker Scholarship Fund application deadline has been extended to **Friday, Feb. 19**. For more information and to apply, [visit the UFT website »](#)

The UFT has launched a text messaging system to deliver important information quickly. Please **sign up for UFT text messaging** by texting "parent" to 30644 and answering the questions that follow.

We'll alert you about school cancellations due to weather, political campaigns, breaking news and, when enough Manhattan parents have signed up, we'll send you a text message that links to a copy of your newsletter you can easily read on your mobile phone.

Enjoy more events, resources and news below.

Sincerely,

Francine Streich

UFT Parent-Community Liaison

Upcoming events

- **Saturday, March 5:** The Riverside Church invites students in grades 7 through 12 to a **career day** from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Riverside Church, 390 Riverside Drive. There will be information about careers in law, education, health services, sports and more. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided. [See the flier »](#)
- **Thursday, March 10:** United Cerebral Palsy of New York City will hold its annual **summit for people with disabilities and their families** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 5th Ave. at 103rd St. Lunch and MetroCards will be provided, but child care will not be available. There will be workshops about

assistive technology, financial planning and more. For more information and to register, [see the brochure in English and Spanish »](#)

- **Tuesday, March 15:** The UFT will host our annual **Season for Nonviolence event**, featuring this year an address from civil rights icon Minnijean Brown-Trickey of the historic Little Rock Nine, who integrated Little Rock High School. There will also be presentations from New York City public school students, an interactive United Nations flag ceremony and more. This event will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at UFT headquarters, 52 Broadway. To register, [visit the UFT website »](#)

Parenting news and resources

- **Pre-K applications are open:** The first round of applications for 2016-17 pre-K programs is open until March 4. If your child was born in 2012, you are eligible to apply online, in person at a Family Welcome Center or over the phone. For more information, [see the Department of Education website »](#)
- **Free parenting classes in English and Spanish:** The Open Door program at the Association to Benefit Children offers free parenting classes in English and Spanish at 1841 Park Ave. For more details, [see the flier in English and Spanish »](#) or [register for a class online »](#)
- **Socially well-connected children can change school culture for the better:** New research suggests that to fight bullying and cultural conflict in schools, it pays off to empower socially connected students. [Learn more »](#)
- **Tips for managing test anxiety:** The NYC Department of Health published some handy [tips about helping children overcome test anxiety »](#)
- **Apply online for free school meals:** It's simple and easy to apply for free school meals online. Just gather the names and incomes of every member of your household and the last four digits of your Social Security number and then [fill out the online application »](#)

Internships, jobs and opportunities

- **Manhattan Youth Leadership Council:** Gail A. Brewer, the Manhattan borough president, is starting a youth leadership council for Manhattan teens who want to advise their borough president and help inform city policy on school discipline, LGBTQ issues, expanding in-school opportunity, police-minority youth relations, civic engagement and more. To ask questions or get an application, email andrewlombardi@manhattanbp.nyc.gov.
- **Summer internships at the NYC Department of Design and Construction:** High school students over the age of 16 are invited to apply for paid, full-time summer internships at the Department of Design and Construction. For more information, [see the flier »](#)
- **Free STEM camp for middle school girls at the Intrepid Museum:** The Intrepid Museum invites middle school girls to apply for its free academic science program this summer with workshops in science, technology, engineering and math. For more information, [see the website »](#)
- **National Puerto Rican Day Parade scholarships:** High school seniors and college students of Puerto Rican descent are invited to apply for \$2,000 scholarships. The application deadline is Monday, Feb. 15. For more details and an application, [see the website »](#)
- **Community Food Advocates seeks a part-time youth organizer:** Community Food Advocates is hiring a youth organizer to develop young people's leadership skills while working to bring free lunch to all New York City public school students. Candidates should be recent high school or college graduates, or current college students, with two years of experience in youth leadership and organizing. [See the job posting »](#)

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FREE SHSAT PRACTICE TEST 2/27, 2/28

Kaplan has two free SHSAT practice test options this month. Included with this event is a free comprehensive score report along with a score consultation.

02/27/2016 Sat 10 AM

Downtown Brooklyn - LIU Brooklyn Campus

HKKM160013

02/28/2016 Sun 9:45 AM

Kaplan Medical Midtown Manhattan

HKKM160004

To register for any of these practice tests or to find out more information about our classroom or tutoring programs, please go [here](#). If you prefer, please call our 800 number - [800-527-8378](tel:800-527-8378).

Please let me know if I can be of any help.

Regards,

Robin

Robin Kaufman

Manager, Pre-College Programs

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[914-364-0336](tel:914-364-0336)

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. If you have any questions I can be reached at [323/308.0195](tel:323/308.0195) or 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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