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ALMOST 2 WEEKS UNTIL THE BIGGEST PS 87 EVENT OF THE YEAR!

March 12 • 7-11 PM • Rodeph Sholom (7 W. 83rd Street)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

IT'S MORE THAN JUST AN AUCTION; IT'S A CELEBRATION OF THE PS 87 COMMUNITY

You won't want to miss this incredible night among the amazing PS 87 community. Set in the heart of the Upper West Side, this year's auction promises to be a night filled with fantastic silent and live auction items, delicious food and drink, and some magical surprises.

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

Tickets are available for \$75 at www.ps87.info. Prices will increase to \$90 at the door.

MAGIC RAFFLE TICKET – ONLY 100 AVAILABLE!

In addition to your admission ticket, make sure to purchase a Magic Raffle Ticket. The lucky winner will be selected prior to the live auction for a chance to win a live auction package of her choice! Stay tuned for the incredible list of live auction items.

TEACHER TREATS AND STAFF SWEETS

Keep watching for the opportunity to buy \$25 raffle tickets for a chance to have your child share a unique experience with a favorite teacher or staff member. Raffle tickets will be sold in school during parent-teacher conferences and at the door the night of the auction.

AUCTION CATALOG

The auction catalog is to be released next week. Take a look through and earmark your favorite items.

VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for our amazing community to step up and help volunteer to make this a magical night. Visit www.ps87.info to sign up.

DONATIONS

Have a donation? We'll still take it! Please get it in as soon as you can to ensure we can feature it correctly at the big event. E-mail pa-auction@ps87.info or visit www.ps87.info for a donation form.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARING A MAGICAL EVENING IN SUPPORT OF OUR CHILDREN!



Dear Families,

It has been wonderful seeing everyone back from Midwinter Break rested and ready to finish out the rest of the school year. There were a couple of announcements made at the last Parents Association meeting before break that I want to repeat.

First, I want to remind everyone it is almost time for parent-teacher conferences and mid-year report cards. Parent-teacher conferences will be held March 3. If you have not already done so, please go to www.ps87.info to sign up for a conference. If there is not a time available that works with your schedule, please reach out to your child's teacher. We will distribute report cards March 2, the day before conferences, to give you an opportunity to ask about the grades or comments when you meet with your child's teacher.

The other announcement is about a keepsake memory book we are creating for Margaret Lerner's children. Since Margaret's passing, people have been sharing their memories of her with one another. The stories have run the gamut — hilarious, heartfelt, tear-jerking — but they have all been wonderful in their own unique ways. Margaret's children, Olivia and Brian, know many stories from family and close personal friends, but they may not know many of the stories from Margaret's colleagues and the many parents she helped at PS 87.

If you would like to contribute to this memory book, you can handwrite your submission, which we will scan, or you may type your submission and e-mail it to us. If you know anyone who is no longer in the area but might want to contribute, please pass along this information. Photos are welcome, too.

Questions and e-mail submissions should be sent to Diane Berman at d.berman@usa.net. If you plan to submit a hard copy, a box will be set up near Officer Ayala's desk in PS 87's main lobby. The deadline to submit a story is March 11.

— *Monica Berry, PS 87 principal*

Black History Celebration Friday evening

Celebrate Black History Month this Friday evening at a family event organized by the Parents Association's Culture and Community Committee. PS 87's Black History Celebration begins at 6 p.m. with performances in the auditorium featuring African dance, poetry, capoeira and more. A potluck dinner will follow the show. The potluck depends entirely on parent donations — please donate main dishes, desserts, fruit and veggie platters, or anything else.

Sign up now to feed our teachers March 3

The Special Events Committee is organizing a dinner March 3 to support teachers and staff during parent-teacher conference night. We need volunteers to prepare, purchase and deliver food. Let us know what appetizers, main courses, sides and desserts you can contribute by Friday, Feb. 26. We also need help on March 3 to set up (4:30 to 6 p.m.), serve (6 to 8 p.m.) and clean up (7:30 to 8:15 p.m.). E-mail Judy Chin at jchin2014@gmail.com and Caryn Weinberg at carynweinberg@gmail.com.

PS 87 CALENDAR	
FEBRUARY 2016	
25	Black History Celebration rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., auditorium
26	BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION 6 p.m., auditorium. Potluck dinner follows at 6:45 p.m.
MARCH 2016	
2	Mid-year report cards sent home
2	PA Executive Board meeting, 6:10–8 p.m., library
3	11:30 A.M. DISMISSAL — Parent teacher conferences in the afternoon and evening
10	PA GENERAL MEETING , 8:35 a.m., cafeteria. Guest speaker on cyber security and parental controls.
12	PS 87 AUCTION , 7 – 11 p.m., Rodeph Sholom, 7 W. 83rd St. Tickets now on sale. Donations still accepted. Volunteers needed. <i>Details on Page 1.</i>
28	SLT meeting, 4:15 p.m., location to be announced
21	BROADWAY NIGHT , 6:30 p.m., auditorium
25	NO SCHOOL , Good Friday
APRIL 2016	
25-29	NO SCHOOL , Spring Break

Girls on the Run returns; register Feb. 26

Girls on the Run NYC is a program that uses running and physical activity to inspire girls to be joyful, confident and healthy. Volunteer coaches lead 20 lessons March 7 through June 3, with teams of up to 20 girls in 3rd–5th grade. This spring, PS 87 will have two Girls on the Run teams, one meeting Mondays and Wednesdays and the other Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams meet from 7 to 8:15 a.m. at the school. The program costs \$275, but scholarships are available. Registration opens at 7 a.m. on Feb. 26 at www.gotnyc.org/register.

Calling all rockers for Rock Night '16

PS 87's Rock Night 2016 is looking for this year's rock stars. The annual show is scheduled for Friday, May 13. If you have a rocker or rock group of rockers who wants to play or sing, please fill out the application form via the link at www.ps87.info. Every act will need an adult song coach. Completed forms must be submitted by Wednesday, March 2, at 8 a.m. If you have questions about the show, please write them on the application or e-mail rocknight16@ps87.info.



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Deadline for March 3 issue: Sunday, Feb. 28, at midnight

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