
THIS WEEK!

at MNS

AT A GLANCE...

January 29	Afterschool Spring Semester begins!
January 31	PTA General Meeting (7:15 PM)
February 2-3	MNS Talent Show
February 7	Parent Workshop (5-6 PM or 6-7 PM)
February 9	First Grade Magic Show (6-7:30 PM)

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- The PTA would like to present Sally, our recently retired Parent Coordinator, with a token of our appreciation. If you would like to send a personal note of gratitude and well wishes and/or send a nominal donation towards a retirement gift, please backpack in a sealed envelope marked "Sally Retirement" **by Monday, February 5**. Thank you!
- The first Auction meeting is **tomorrow, January 29 at 7:30 PM** at Dorian's (1616 2nd Avenue @ 84th St). If you are interested in helping out with the auction in any way, please join! RSVP [here](#).

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29

SUPERHERO CHALLENGE



Parents, get ready for one of this year's biggest fundraisers!

The **PS 290 SUPERHERO CHALLENGE** kicked off on **Friday, January 26**, with an all-school Pep-Rally! The excitement of the students & teachers was tangible as they learned about the activities & fundraising taking place in our school **every day for the next 7 days!** There will be daily character development lessons in the classroom each day and the final event will be the **school-wide SUPERHERO CHALLENGE** on **February 6!** Students will complete exercises while helping to raise money for our school. Register on FUNRUN.COM! Search PS 290 Superhero Challenge or use our school code: 833-384 and email personalized videos and links & post on social media to ask for pledges from friends & family!

SPRING 2018 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

The Spring **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** **BEGINS January 29!** Please remember to **inform your child's teacher of their new Afterschool schedule**, in order to make for an easier transition from academic day to Afterschool.

Online registration for the Spring 2018 Afterschool Program **runs through Friday, February 2.** The following classes still have the most openings:



MONDAY: Team Sports
TUESDAY: Toy Builders
WEDNESDAY: Glee Club, Independent Writing Project, Soccer
THURSDAY: Hip Hop, Spanish II, Creative Corner
FRIDAY: Aspiring Playwrights, Team Sports

Please also note that Thursday's PASTRY 101 with Eve and Steve is now open to 4th graders. This is a great opportunity to learn baking skills and sample delicious creations while having a fun time! To see the full schedule and class descriptions please go to the [Afterschool Page](#). For more info regarding specific classes, please contact Felicia at afterschool@mnspta.org.

GENERAL PTA MEETING



The next General PTA Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, January 31 at 7:15 p.m.** in the MNS Cafe (PTA Executive Board Meeting will take place at 6 p.m.). This meeting will include **a presentation from the American Camp Association, NY & NJ**, a not for profit organization that helps parents find the right day or overnight camp for their child, including what to look for in a camp, how to choose a camp and determining if your child is ready. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Babysitting will be available for \$5 per MNS child.

MNS HAS TALENT 2018



This year's annual talent show takes place on **Friday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, February 3 at 3:00 p.m.** at Wagner Middle School (220 E. 76th Street). Doors open 15 minutes before each show. Tickets are **\$10 in advance on Neon, \$15 at the door.** Click on the following to purchase [Friday tickets](#) and [Saturday tickets](#). Snacks, water and spiritwear will be sold! Email talentshow@ps290.org with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE EVENTS
THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5**

PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP WITH *PLAYWORKS*



PLAYWORKS On **Wednesday, February 7**, come out and experience Playworks, our school's recess program (for grades K-5) funded by the PTA. Please [sign up here](#) and choose one of two time slots (5 - 6 p.m. or 6 - 7 p.m.).

Playworks is the leading national non profit leveraging the power of play! Here at MNS, Playworks team-up supports our school monthly in creating strategies for group management, team building, and safe and meaningful play. Come out and be a kid again and participate in activities that we have been teaching your children throughout the school year. Be prepared to play, engage in meaningful discussion, interact with Playworks Personnel, and most importantly HAVE FUN!

FIRST GRADE MAGIC SHOW



Calling all first graders! On **Friday, February 9** from **6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**, get ready for a spectacular magic show performance by The Great Ragidy Supreme. Prepare to be amazed! This is a drop off event but parents are welcome to stay. Pizza will be served. Bring your own water bottle. \$25 in advance (cash/[Neon](#)), \$30 at the door.

ALSO HAPPENING...

thank you!

THANK YOU to the 2nd grade delegates: Brett Rosenberg, Vanina Lerman Waters and Chris Carlin-Pearce for organizing the 2nd Grade Bake Sale. **\$1,719** was raised for the MNS PTA! Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the Bake Sale, and to all those second grade parents who baked and donated!!!

THANK YOU to the 4th grade delegates: Sara Azarm-Khorami, Hara Fischbein and Heather Greenberg for organizing a memorable Dance Party! **68** fourth graders participated and **\$820** was raised for the MNS PTA!

FEBRUARY BREAK CAMP AT PS290

Looking for a camp/child care option for your child over the February Winter Break? Benswic Sports is offering a vacation camp at PS290 from **February 19-23**! If you would like to build on your child's sports-specific skill set or simply want to keep your child active, this program includes soccer, basketball, baseball, flag football, dodgeball, kickball, capture the flag, floor hockey, and many other sports, gym games, and a fitness program. The all day camp is for children ages 6-11 of all ability levels. Register now because spots are limited and **Benswic is generously donating 30% back to the PTA for all MNS families who register** by clicking [here](#)! Please note this program is not affiliated with PS 290 or MNS PTA.