



E-News

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Calendar at a Glance

12/9 Book Fair, 7:30am-6pm | **Financial Aid Deadline** | **Registration begins for Afterschool**

12/10 WinterFest and Book Fair, 11am-5pm

12/12 LGBTQ+ Parent Social Gathering, 6pm

12/13 Sophomore Parent IB and College Counseling Meeting, 6:30pm-8:00pm

12/14 FOCUS Parent Social Gathering, 6pm

12/16 Last day of school before winter break. *Half-day; noon dismissal. No lunch program. School buildings close at 1pm.*

Details on all school events are on the [BFS web calendar](#).

Top Stories



Another Triumph for the Model UN Team

On Sunday, Dec. 4 at the one-day Model UN Conference at the United Nations International School in NYC, the BFS team (*pictured*) was named the "Outstanding Delegation" of the Conference. In addition, five students received commendations or "Outstanding Delegate" awards: **Miles Nabritt, Helen Lipsky, Amanda Becker, Claudius Agrippa, and Nat Efrat-Henrici**. Our diplomats in training will compete in two upcoming collegiate competitions at the University of Pennsylvania and at Columbia University. *Congratulations and good luck!*

Outside Study Enriches Faculty

For some BFS teachers, professional learning can be a religious experience. Two teachers, Amanda Goodwin and Brendan Roth, were named National Endowment for the Humanities scholars to study (respectively) the Shaker Experience in America and the Religious World of New York. [Read more.](#)

Important Parent Gatherings on Monday and Wednesday

All parents received invitations through *BFS E-News* to an LBTGQ+ social gathering on Mon. Dec. 12, 6pm, and a FOCUS (Families of Children of Color United for Students) meet and greet on Wed. Dec. 14, 6pm. *It is important for parents to RSVP to these events as soon as possible.*

[Dec. 12 LGBTQ+ rsvp](#) (event at Park Slope home of BFS parents)

[Dec. 14 FOCUS rsvp](#) (event at 116 Lawrence St. with child care provided)

Have You Heard of Something Called WinterFest?

After weeks of planning and promoting, the BFS WinterFest takes place this Sat. Dec. 10, 11am to 5pm at 375 Pearl Street. Get a jump on the festivities by shopping at the Book Fair in the library on Fri. Dec. 9 from 7:30am to 6pm, then come on down for the craft market, musical entertainment -- including karaoke -- delicious food and baked goods, 5th/6th grade basketball jamboree, "Construction Kids" workshops, and more! [An event rundown is here.](#)



Your BFS Podcast: Joyful Music at BFS

'Tis the season for song and friends coming together. At BFS that means our traditional Holiday Sings on the last day of school before winter break, when students, faculty, staff, **and BFS alumni** share joyful music and good times together. In this week's podcast, [listen to an interview](#) with BFS alumna and **Director of Alumni Lekeia Varlack Judge '99** (pictured), who talks about her work connecting with alumni of all ages and the special joys of our Holiday Sing, when young alumni come home from their college studies and check back in at BFS.



Advancement Report



Looking Forward, Giving Back

Brooklyn Friends Fund Committee volunteers (*pictured above*) give back to BFS on a daily basis with their time, energy and resources. The committee is comprised of 70 parents, nine faculty and 28 alumni class agents. Those intrepid souls reach out to friends, colleagues and fellow parents encouraging support of the Fund. So, when you get the call, make your pledge and make a volunteer's day! Or, better yet, avoid the call entirely by making your gift today: Click [here](#) to make a secure donation. Thank you to all those who have already contributed to the 2016-2017 Brooklyn Friends Fund.



Your Weekly Health Tip from the Nurses' Office

Did you know? 43 percent of Americans drink fewer than 4 cups of water a day, and about one in four kids don't drink any water at all on a given day. Maintaining proper hydration is vital to feeling well at school--and everywhere else! For tips on improving water intake, please see the [BFS Health Services webpage](#).

PAT Update

What **YOU** Can Do for WinterFest

Volunteers make all the difference to events like WinterFest, and we are seriously seeking help for the 3pm to 5pm volunteer worker shift. Many parents begin their volunteer service at the WinterFest and enjoy the time they give back to the school. Please take a moment to [sign up here](#). We would also appreciate early registration for the ["Construction Kids" workshops](#). And of course, we look forward to a high level of family participation in all of the WinterFest fun and [support of our more than 40 vendors](#).

Wait, Wait, There's More!

On **Sat. Jan. 7, 2017**, the PAT and Performing Arts Department join together to present the annual Lower School Family Folk Dance. Kindergarten through grade 4

children have been learning the dances and can teach you their moves! The event takes place in the Lower Gym from 2-4pm and is free of charge. If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact **Nicole Tuminello** at nicole.ferry@gmail.com.



Get Your BFS Spirit Wear

Shop online for BFS spirit wear clothing: T-shirts, jackets, pants, team clothing, sweatshirts, hats, polo shirts, bags, jerseys, hoodies and much more are on www.Fieldhouse.com/BFS-SPIRIT.

Sports Section

A Strong Start for Panthers Basketball

Let's hear it for the Boys JV basketball team, currently undefeated at 6-0! Middle School and Varsity Girls Basketball and Middle School and Varsity Boys Basketball are in the thick of competition as well. Read [weekly game highlights here](#) and check out the daily score report on Twitter. There is a home basketball game at BFS almost every day and we encourage you to come on out and cheer our teams. **Links to all** the winter sports teams (indoor track, squash, swimming, and basketball) [can be found here](#). (Click by team name).



Squash, Swim, and Indoor Track Are on a Roll, Too

On Thursday the **BFS US Boys & Girls Squash Teams** participated in their first ever competition at Eastern Athletic Club (EAC) versus Birch Wathen Lenox. The team represented BFS and everyone involved had a great time. Blue Pride!! The **BFS Swim Team** is doing so well that their coaches nominated the entire team as Athletes of the Month for November. **Miles Nabritt** won the same honor for his all-around excellence in Indoor Track, and **Ivy Lagerberg** took Athlete of the Month honors for her leadership and strong play on the Girls Varsity Basketball team.

[See more about Athletes of the Month.](#)

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