

BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

150 YEARS *of* Friends



2017-2018



Backpacks for books were not yet in vogue as students said farewell to the school day.

1984

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SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 28 Faculty Work Day <i>All faculty return</i> MS/US athletic teams <i>practice this week</i>	August 29	August 30	August 31	1	2
					Optional work day for classroom prep <i>School offices closed</i>	
3 Week 1	4 Labor Day/ School & Buildings Closed	5 9th & 12th Grade Retreats 6 pm Orientation for <i>all Kindergarten</i> & <i>all Gr. 5</i> Parents and those in <i>Gr. 6-8</i> who are new to BFS (reception at 5:30pm)	6 MS New Student Orientation for all 5th graders (9:30 am) & students new to Gr. 6/7/8 (10 am)	7 First Day of School for Gr. K-12 <i>Half Day for Gr. K/1</i> AS for Gr. 2, 3, 4 & MS begins	8 AS for Gr. K/1 begins BFS at 150 Founders Day Kick-off 	9
10 Week 2	11 First Day of Preschool 6 pm Preschool Parent Orientation (reception at 5:30 pm)	12 6 pm Family Center Parent Orientation 6:30 pm Quick Intro to College Counseling & the EF College Tour for Junior Families	13 First Day of Family Center 6 pm US Orientation for all Gr. 9 Parents and Gr. 10/11 parents new to BFS (reception at 5:30 pm)	14	15	16
17 Week 1	18 Afterschool Specialty Classes for LS/MS begin Horizons in Afterschool begins 8th Grade Trip to Clearpool	19 PS 4s AS begins 6 pm US Curriculum Night	20 PS 3s AS begins	21 Rosh Hashanah Holiday / School and Buildings Closed	22	23
24 Week 2	25 AS Specialty Classes for PS begin	26 6 pm Lower School Curriculum Night for Gr. K & 1 parents	27 8:30 am Breakfast with Head of School for parents new to BFS	28 6 pm Lower School Curriculum Night for Gr. 2, 3 & 4 parents 6:30 pm College Night for Senior Families (refreshments at 6 pm)	29	30 FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers



Students
gathering in
the Principal's
office for quiet
reading

1939

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> <div>  </div> <div>Week 1</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Brooklyn Friends Fund Kick-off</div>	<div>3</div> <div>6 pm PAT Screenagers Film & Discussion</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6 pm PAT Class Parent Reception</div>	<div>5</div> <div>6 pm MS Curriculum Night for Gr. 7 & 8</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8:30 am PAT New Parents Coffee Hour</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>  </div> <div>Week 2</div>	<div>9</div> <div>BFS Indigenous Peoples Day / School & Buildings Closed</div>	<div>10</div> <div>BFS Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day/ Students not in attendance</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:15 am PSAT for all juniors</div>	<div>12</div> <div> 6 pm MS Curriculum Night for Gr. 5 & 6 6 pm US Admissions Open House, "Discover the Upper School" for Gr. 7/8 families </div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>11 am Family Meeting for Worship with Brooklyn Monthly Meeting</div> <div>Week 1</div>	<div>16</div> <div>6:30 pm Gr. 8 Parent Reception hosted by the Head of School</div>	<div>17</div> <div> 8:30 am PAT General Meeting 6:30 pm Family Center Curriculum Night for afternoon class </div>	<div>18</div> <div>  11 am BFS at 150 All-School Photo for students, faculty, staff 6:30 pm FAFSA Workshop for senior families </div>	<div>19</div> <div> 8:30 am or 6:30 pm Affordability Workshop for all parents 6:30 pm Family Center Curriculum Night for Blue, Yellow, and Red Room morning classes </div>	<div>20</div> <div>6 pm Preschool Curriculum Night (reception at 5:30 pm)</div>	<div>21</div> <div> BFS at 150 Family Fun Day (weather permitting)  </div>
<div>22</div> <div>6:30 pm CSS Profile Workshop for senior parents</div> <div>Week 2</div>	<div>23</div> <div>6:30 pm CSS Profile Workshop for senior parents</div>	<div>24</div> <div> 6 pm US Admissions Open House, "Discover the Upper School" for Gr. 7/8 families 4th Gr. Halloween Dance Performance </div>	<div>25</div> <div>26</div> <div>27</div> <div>4th Grade Trip to Nature's Classroom</div>			<div>28</div> <div> MS/US Faculty Report Writing Day MS/US students not in attendance </div>
<div>29</div> <div>Week 1</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>				<div> FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers </div>



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BFS has an extensive tradition of excellence in athletics.



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NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11 am BFS at 150 All-School Photo for students, faculty, staff <i>(Rain Date)</i>	2	3	4 9 am Annual Young Womyn of Strength Conference
	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>FC Parent Conferences FC students not in attendance</i>
11 <i>Week 2</i>	12	13 <i>PS/LS Parent Conferences PS/LS students not in attendance</i>	14 6 pm US Admissions Open House, "Discover the Upper School" for Gr. 7/8 families	15	16 5 pm MS/US Musical	17 7 pm MS/US Musical <i>PS/LS Parent Conferences PS/LS students not in attendance</i>
18 <i>Week 1</i>	19	20	21 <i>PS/LS Fall Family Programs</i> US Community Issues Conference No AS Specialty Classes	22	23	24 7 pm MS/US Musical
25 <i>Week 2</i>	26	27	28 8:30 am PS 4s Parent Tour of LS	29 8:30 am Chat with the College Counselors for all PS-Gr. 10 parents	30	31 <i>FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers</i>

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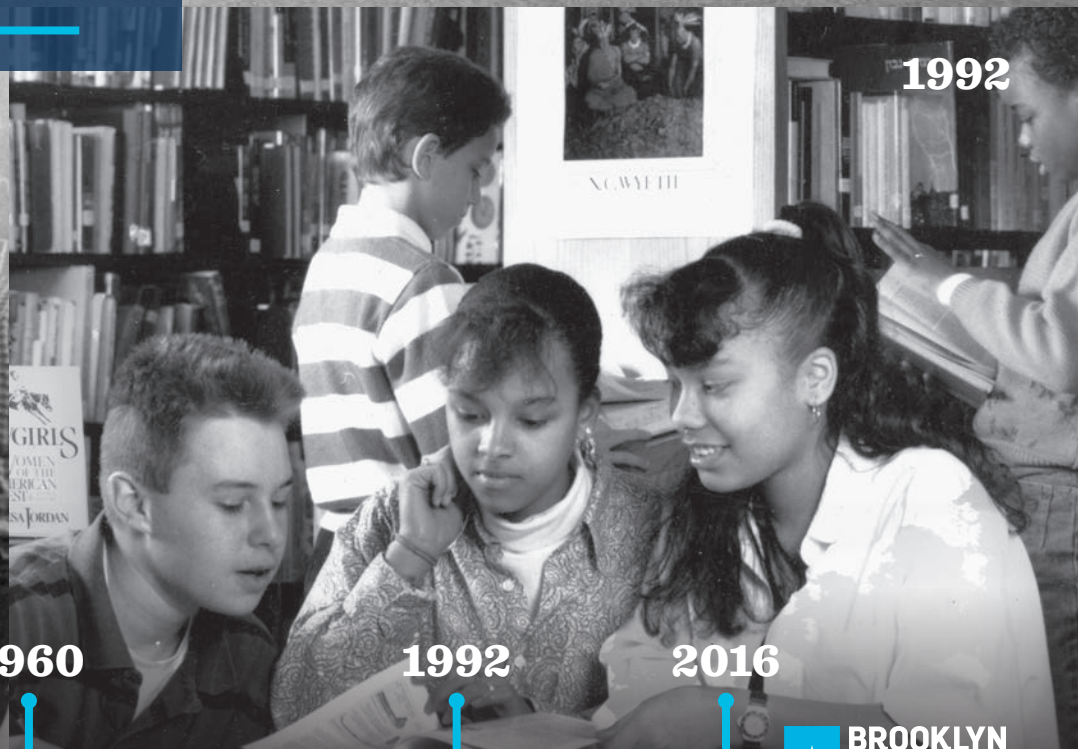
Friendship
through the
years is a
singular theme
in the life of BFS.

c. 1960s



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DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div><div>BFS AT 150</div></div> <div>Week 2</div>					1	2 PAT Winterfest & Book Fair
	3	4 6:30 pm College Night for Junior Families (refreshments at 6:00 pm)	5 8:30 am Gr. 4 Parent Tour of MS 6:30 pm Intro to College Counseling and Test Prep/ Study Skills courses for Sophomore Families	6	7 MS/US Parent Conferences / MS students not in attendance; US students have half day	8 MS/US Parent Conferences / MS/US students not in attendance
10 Week 1	11	12	13 6 pm Chorus Concert	14 6 pm Orchestra Concert	15 4 pm IB Dance Showcase 6 pm Jazz Concert	16
17 Week 2	18 Gr. 8 joins mini-mester today	19	20 Last day of fall afterschool	21 Full day of classes and holiday sing No Afterschool Activities	22 School & Buildings closed First day of winter break	23
	US Mini-mester for Gr. 9, 10,11; Gr. 12 Exam & Assessment Week					
24	25 Buildings closed	26 Buildings closed	27	28	29	30 FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers
31	Winter Break / School Closed					



Ice-skating
on the
roof of the
Schermerhorn
Street
schoolhouse.

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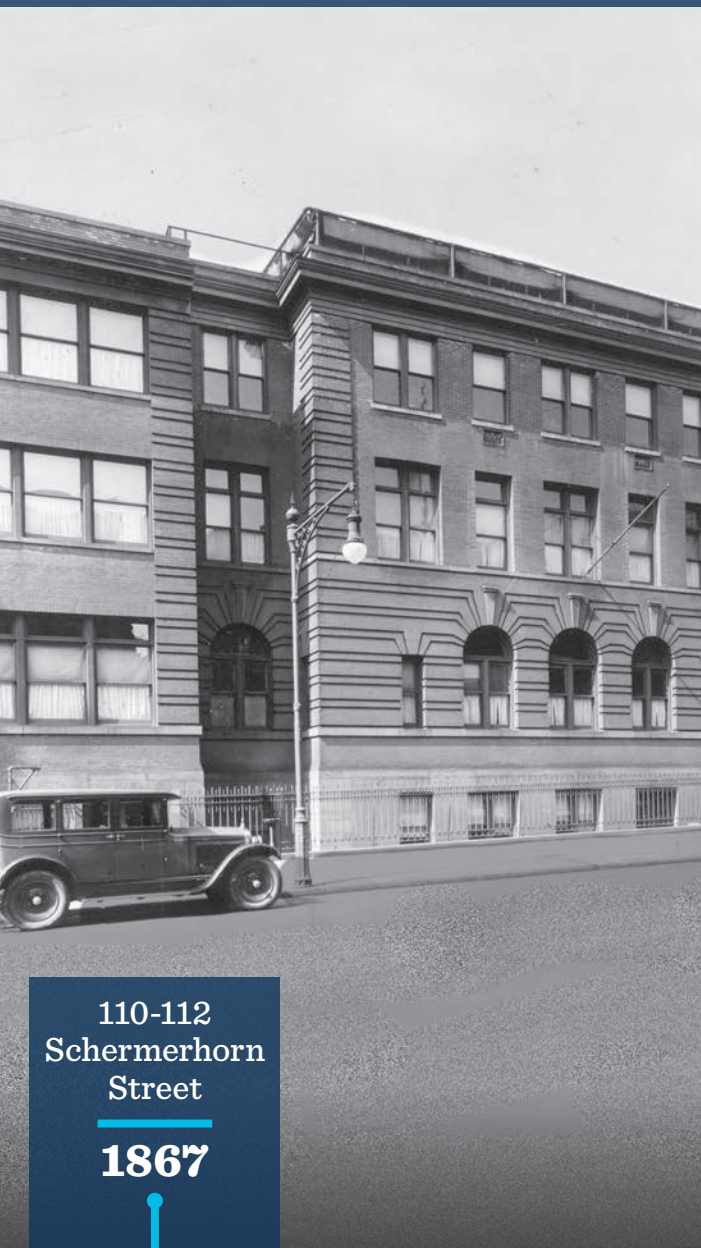
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JANUARY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Winter Break / School Closed					
	Buildings closed	Buildings closed				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Classes and Afterschool resume US Gr. 12 Semester 2 classes begin			Young Alumni Events – Gathering with US Students, Lunch, and “Beyond BFS” evening event		“Simple and Powerful” presentation in honor of Dr. King	
Week 1						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday / School & Buildings Closed	AS Winter/Spring Specials begin	US Gr. 9-11 Semester 1 Review Week				2 pm PAT LS Family Folk Dance
Week 2				6 pm LS Specialist Evening for K & Gr. 1 Parents	Last day of US Semester 1 classes for Gr. 9-11	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
US Semester 1 Exams for Gr. 9-11						10 am Gr. 3/4 Math & Science Explorations
		5 pm All-School Faculty/Staff Meeting for Worship & Dinner at Brooklyn Monthly Meeting	8:30 am PAT General Meeting			Diversity Education and Social Justice in the Curriculum Conference for Educators
Week 1						
28	29	30	31			
MS & US Gr. 9-11 Semester 2 classes begin	LS Horizons Reading Challenge begins through 2/28					FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers
Week 2						

At BFS, school is also where the heart is



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FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 LS Horizons Reading Challenge <i>continues through 2/28</i>	2	3
	4 6 pm Case Studies and College Program <i>for Junior Families</i> (dinner at 5 pm)	6	7	8	9 4 pm & 7:30 pm MS Play	10 7 pm MS Play
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					<i>Lunar New Year</i>	
18	19 Presidents Day Holiday / School & Buildings Closed	20 BFS Faculty/ Staff Professional Development Day <i>Students not in attendance</i>	21	22	23 5 pm PAT Black History Month Celebration	24
25	26	27	28 LS Horizons Reading Challenge <i>concludes</i>			FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers



Student
expression in
the performing
and visual
arts is another
longstanding
BFS tradition.
*2008 Dance
Concert*

2008

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					PS/LS Conferences <i>PS/LS students not in attendance</i>	
4	5	6 6 pm PAT Embracing Diversity Event	7	8	9 4 pm & 7 pm Dance Concert PS/LS Conferences <i>PS/LS students not in attendance</i>	10 4 pm & 7 pm Dance Concert
11	12	13	14 4 pm IB Music Concert	15 4 pm US Second Stages Theater Performance	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Spring Break / School Closed; FC, PS & LS Spring Programs					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Spring Break / School Closed					FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers



Girls Physical
Education
c. 1910s

Sound body, sound mind was a precept of a Friends education from the earliest days.



Boys Physical
Education
c. 1916

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Week 1	2 Spring Break / School & buildings closed	3 Classes and Afterschool resume	4 US International Baccalaureate (IB)	5 Art Show	6	7
			US Gr. 12 IB Mock Exams			
8 Week 2	9 US Gr. 12 IB Mock Exams	10 US Privilege Day	11	12	13	14
	ERB Testing for Gr. 4 -8					
15 Week 1	16	17 6 pm Enrollment Welcome Event for New MS/US parents	18	19	20	21
			US Field Trips			
				6 pm Enrollment Welcome Event for New PS/LS parents	FC Parent Conference Day / No classes for FC students	
22 Week 2	23	24 MS/US Parent Conferences / Half day for MS/US students 6 pm College Financial Aid 101 for all US families (at Packer)	25 MS/US Parent Conferences / No classes for MS/US students	26	27 7 pm US Play Gr. 12 Semester 2 ends	28 7 pm US Play
29 Week 1	30 IB Exams begin and continue through May 18					FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers

Bus
c. 1920s

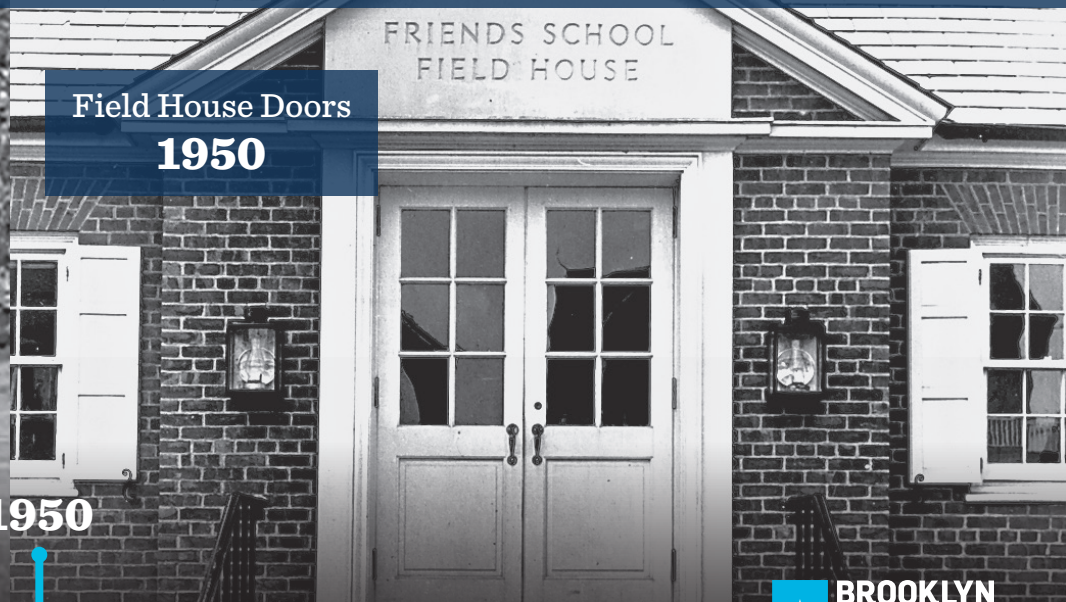


The Friends School Field, located in the Midwood section of Brooklyn, was a vital part of a BFS education from the early 1920s up until 1970. Three or more buses were used to bring children from Downtown Brooklyn to the Field, where they engaged in a multitude of sports and special activities. Friends Field is owned and operated to this day by the NYC Parks Department.

Archery
1944



Field House Doors
1950



1920

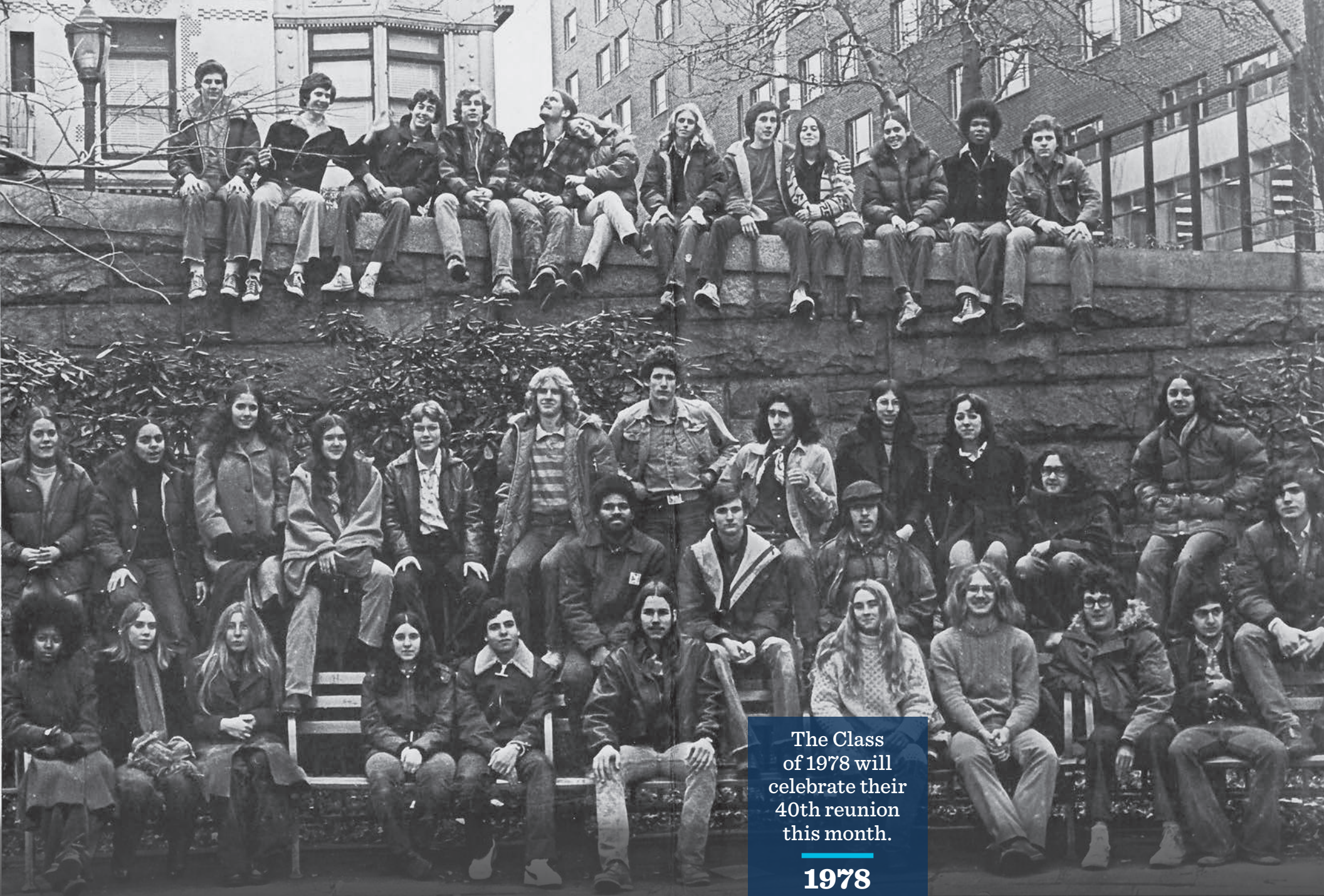
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6	IB Exams take place this month through May 18	1	2 6 pm PAT General Meeting	3 12:30 pm Peer Schools College Fair for All Juniors	4	5 9:30 am Enrollment "Up on the Roof" party for new PS, K & Gr. 1 families
13 Week 2	7	8 6 pm Orchestra Concert	9 6 pm Jazz Concert	10 6 pm Chorus Concert	11 7 pm 150th Anniversary Gala at the Brooklyn Museum	12 Alumni Day
13 Week 1	14	15	16	17 7:30 am PAT Faculty/Staff Breakfast 6 pm Chat with the College Counselors for PS-Gr. 10 parents	18 IB Exams conclude PAT Used Book Fair	19 11 am Horizons at BFS Parent Orientation
20 Week 2	21	22	23 All-School Art Show 4 pm Art Show Reception	24 9 am LS Grandparents & Special Friends Day for Kindergarten & Gr. 1 US End of Semester 2 for Gr. 9-11	25 BFS Faculty/Staff Professional Development <i>Students not in attendance</i> Buildings Close at 1 pm	26 <i>Buildings Closed</i>
27 <i>Buildings Closed</i> Week 1	28 Memorial Day Holiday School & Buildings Closed	29 Last day for AS specialty classes	30 5 pm Afterschool Showcase	31	June 1	FC – Family Center PS – Preschool LS – Lower School MS – Middle School US – Upper School AS – Afterschool PAT – Parents & Teachers



The Class
of 1978 will
celebrate their
40th reunion
this month.

1978



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<div>BFS AT 150</div> <div>Week 2</div>					<div>1</div> <div>6 pm MS Spring Dance & Social</div>	<div>2</div>
	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>FC Closing Day</div>	<div>8</div> <div>PS Closing Day</div>	<div>9</div>
	US Gr. 9, 10, 11 Exams					
		AS Private Music Lesson Recitals	FC Closing Day – Afternoon class	Gr. 3 Trip to Clearpool		
				Gr. 7 Exams		
				Gr. 8 Exams		
				Last day of PS Afterschool		
<div>10</div> <div>5 pm Class of 2018 Baccalaureate & Family Reception</div> <div>Week 1</div>	<div>11</div> <div>MS Day in Prospect Park</div> <div>10 am US Recognition Ceremony & Closing</div> <div>Last day of LS/MS Afterschool</div>	<div>12</div> <div>LS/MS Closings</div> <div>10 am Summer Application Workshop for all rising seniors</div> <div>Commencement for the Class of 2018</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Faculty Work Day</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Faculty Work Day</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Faculty Work Day</div>	<div>16</div>
<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Family Center Camp, BFS Summer Camp and BFS Summer Arts begin</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>
<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Last day to fulfill pledges and donate to the 2017-18 Brooklyn Friends Fund</div>



The fresh
air and
daylight of the
Schmerhorn
Street
schoolhouse
rooftop were
used for work
and play in the
early 1900s.

1910s

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**BROOKLYN
FRIENDS
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Celebrating 150 Years of Friends: the 2017-18 Calendar



Brooklyn Friends School begins the recognition and celebration of its Sesquicentennial – the 150th anniversary of the school’s founding – with the publication of this calendar. With a small sampling from among tens of thousands of archival photographs, we humbly offer a mere glimpse into the social history of the school. These photographs represent purposeful students, cherished traditions, and valued places in time across different generations. The one constant is a distinctive Friends education that has stood the test of time. A search through the archival materials reveals similar themes through the years: a focus on academic excellence, embracing educational innovation, an insistence on small class sizes and attention to the individual, educating the whole child, and exceptional student/teacher connections – each firmly grounded in Quaker principles and practice.

For an educational institution in Brooklyn, which has had its share of historic highs and lows, reaching a 150th anniversary is noteworthy and a cause for reflection and celebration. We look forward to all members of the community participating in this journey throughout the 2017-18 academic year. Learn more at brooklynfriends.org/150