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October 26, 2018

Next Week at BFS

10/29 5:00pm: Gr. 3/4 Parent Math Info Session with Kate Minear

10/30 6:30pm: CSS Profile Workshop for Senior Families

10/30 5:30pm: Library Event with Author Adam Gidwitz [DETAILS](#)

10/31 9:00am: Halloween Dance Performance for Gr. 4 Families

11/1 5:00pm: PAT Athletics Social for Coaches, Athletes and Families

11/2 5:00pm: Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Community Celebration [DETAILS](#)

11/3 9:00am: Young Womyn of Strength Conference at the Upper School [DETAILS](#)

Note: Preschool and Lower School children do not wear costumes or bring candy or treats to school on Oct. 31.

Top Stories



Blue Pride Overload for the BFS Panthers This Fall

Our eight fall sports teams concluded their regular season games on a high note. Four teams earned ISAL league championships and advanced to the playoffs, where they represented the

record from 5-12-1 to 11-2. Here are the win-loss-tie records for the teams. Blue pride indeed!

- Boys Varsity Soccer 11-2
- Boys MS/7-8 Soccer 7-7
- Girls Varsity Soccer 7-5
- Girls MS/7-8 Soccer 0-7-2
- Girls Varsity Volleyball 14-4
- Girls JV Volleyball 8-8
- Girls MS/7-8 Volleyball 12-1
- US & MS Cross Country competed in several meets



¡ Vamos a Celebrar!

The capstone event of our Latinx Heritage Month celebrations is Friday, Nov. 2, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at 375 Pearl Street and is open to everyone in the BFS community (family and friends). This evening of interdisciplinary project presentations showcases work in language, art, music, dance, drama, and science. Traditional food, cooked by students, families, faculty and staff, will be sold in the Pearl Street Cafeteria and will benefit Teens4PR ([Sign up to cook a dish now](#)). Check out the event schedule [HERE](#) and read to learn how our community has recognized Latinx Heritage Month in a myriad of ways.

College Affordability: Financial Aid in the 21st Century

Mark Kantrowitz

Publisher and VP of Research, Savingforcollege.com

October 18, 2018

Highlights from the Affordability Workshop Sponsored by the College Counseling and Business Offices

Once again, BFS was very pleased to host expert Mark Kantrowitz on Oct. 18 for college affordability workshops for the parent body. In the 21st century, college financial planning means so much more than saving, borrowing, or applying for scholarships and financial aid. Mark's talk covered the full range of topics that all families need to know prior to the application process – the sooner, the better. These are: how much to save for college (the one-third rule), reasonable debt, how to borrow for college, cutting costs, applying for financial aid, measuring college affordability, education tax benefits, financial aid treatment of 529 plans, and more. All BFS parents are encouraged to download and save the PDF of College Affordability: Financial Aid in the 21st Century [HERE](#). You may also access the presentation on the [BFS website parent dashboard](#) (sign-in with username & password required).

Advancement Report



Planting the Seeds for Growth

Many thanks to the parents, faculty and staff who have "planted the seeds" in the Brooklyn Friends Fund by making an early gift to support all areas of school operations and student life at BFS. Donations from many more generous stakeholders will help the fund grow throughout the seasons, until we reach our goal at the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Please consider making your pledge or your charitable gift to the fund today. Thank you.

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The annual **WinterFest** fair will run from 11am-4pm with an additional hour after to shop at the **Holiday Market** for artisan-made gifts and crafts for the home. The Friends of the Library Book Fair will be back on both Friday and Saturday. We've kept everything you loved about last year, and are adding **new activities** and experiences (and food!) that will make this BFS FUNdraiser an even better event for the whole family. Go to <http://www.brooklynfriends.org/winterfest> for more information.



BFS Athletics Social: Thursday, Nov. 1, 5-7pm **Upper School Café, 116 Lawrence Street**

To all BFS student-athletes (fall, winter, and spring!) and their families:

Thank you for your hard work! Please join us for an ATHLETICS SOCIAL, where we will gather to celebrate the end of the fall sports season and the beginning of the winter season, thank our dedicated coaches and athletes and families of all seasons, eat some food, and mingle athletically! This event is hosted by the PAT Athletics Committee, in an effort to foster BFS team spirit, facilitate parent connection, and give shout-outs to our coaches -- we hope that we see coaches, athletes, and families there !



Quaker Cemetery Cleanup

Join Brooklyn Friends School and Quaker families on **Saturday, November 17th from 10am to 4pm** for a day of raking, planting and getting the Cemetery ready for the winter. The beautiful, historic Quaker Cemetery is located near the park entrance at Prospect Park SW and 16th Street, along Center Drive. Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be provided. Bring your own water bottle and/or mug to cut down on our carbon footprint. If you have them, please bring a rake and gloves. This annual event is presented by the PAT Quaker Life Committee. [Sign up now to volunteer for part or all of the event.](#)

Jewish Parent Affinity Group Meeting

Date/Time: Friday, November 2nd from 8:30 - 9:30am

Location: 375 Pearl Street cafeteria

Who: Open to all who identify

PAT Service Learning & Civic Engagement

- **Family Activity prior to Latinx Heritage Celebration**

Friday, November 2 @3:45-4:45, Pearl Street Conference Room Before joining in the food and festivities of our 1st LatinX Heritage Celebration, bring your kids for a fun afternoon of postcard initiatives. We'll be writing postcards to families in an immigration detention center and giving a voice to our students by sharing their hopes as future voters. A great activity to engage all ages!

- **Tuesday, November 6 ALL DAY #BFSVotes**

Calling all members of the BFS community old enough to exercise your civic right and responsibility to vote.



Take a selfie as you exercise your right at the polls --or as you volunteer or go to vote with your family members -- and post to Instagram or Facebook using the hashtag #BFSVotes and/or share via email to bfsvotes@brooklynfriends.org. We will be featuring these visual representations on the BFS social media channels and around the school as a reminder of our proactive solidarity as a civically engaged, change-making community. Please note that the School will not re-share selfies that include political opinions.

- **November 20 – Community Issues Conference**

Can you help connect our upper school students with resources on the issues that matter most to them? This year's student led Community Issues Conference is looking for speakers on the following topics: domestic abuse and sexual abuse; education inequality; environmental justice; gun control; human trafficking; immigration; LGBTQ Rights; mass incarceration; mental health; police brutality; school-to-prison pipeline; sex worker's rights; sexual harassment; and women's rights. For more information or to share your resources, please contact Natania in the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

Upcoming Events in the Community

10/29 5:00pm: Borough Hall, Brooklyn Rally for Our Children's Climate Future

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climate change. To learn more, www.youth.gov/initial

11/15 6:00pm: Film Screening of Far from the Tree, 23 Sidney Place

- Mary McDowell Friends School is pleased to present Far from the Tree, a film by Rachel Dretsin. The 93-minute film is based on Andrew Solomon's award-winning, critically acclaimed book Far from the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity. Admission is free, and there will be a Q & A with Andrew Solomon following the film. RSVP required. [See more HERE.](#)

School News You Can Use

Parent Conference Scheduling

Oct. 30 is the last day for Preschool/Lower School parents to schedule their conferences. **Nov. 2** is the last day for Upper School parents. Scheduling has already closed for Middle School. [Please go here](#) to learn more.

Another Important Date

Nov. 1 is the deadline for paying Afterschool balances and/or Private Music Lessons. You may pay with a credit card (3% service fee added) or e check through your [My Backpack](#) account, or send a check payable to Brooklyn Friends School. Any outstanding balances after this date will result in discontinued Afterschool classes and/or music lessons.

Coming and Going at Pearl Street

Help the School maintain a safe environment at Pearl Street during afterschool hours. Unless enrolled in afterschool or in a supervised activity such as sports, rehearsals, library or tutoring, students **need to leave the building promptly** at the time they are dismissed (or by 3:45pm the latest for those waiting in the cafeteria.)

Sports



Saying Goodbye to FALL and Hello to WINTER

We couldn't be prouder of our fall season athletes and the skill, spirit, and determination they displayed as representatives of the school in interscholastic competition. A blue pride shout-out to all the teams. Congrats also to sophomore James F., who placed 17th with a time of 21.17 out of a field of 48 total runners in the ACIS championship yesterday in Van Cortland Park.

Next up is our winter season, with practices beginning on Nov. 1. In addition to Indoor Track and team Basketball, the BFS athletics program also offers Swim and Squash. There are club activities, too, in Bowling, Fitness, and Open Run basketball for Upper Schoolers.

- For weekly game highlights, [go here](#)
- For comprehensive information on the athletic program, [go here.](#)
- For all athletic schedules (practices and games), [go here.](#)

Join the Team!

We encourage all students to be a part of the program and represent BFS as a student-athlete by joining the BFS athletic teams during the school year. There are 37 teams during the fall, winter, and spring seasons – 20 Upper School teams and 17 Middle School (grades 7/8) teams. Students who wish to **JOIN THE TEAM** (especially those new to BFS) should reach out to Athletic Director David Gardella, e-mail dgardella@brooklynfriends.org; phone 718-852-1029 ext. 234. Winter practice and game schedules are posted on bfsathletics.org.

Quaker News

First Friday Meeting for Worship

You are invited to an after drop-off Quaker Meeting for Worship for parents and caregivers on Friday Nov. 2 at Pearl Street. The Meeting will take place from 8:15-9:30am with 45 minutes of silence and reflection, followed by a half hour of discussion and socializing. Feel free to

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Guided by the Quaker belief that there is a Divine Light in everyone, Brooklyn Friends School cultivates an intellectually ambitious and diverse community that celebrates each individual's gifts. We challenge our students to value and embrace difference as they develop critical thinking skills and apply their knowledge and intelligence both in and out of the classroom. In this rich learning environment, we inspire all members of our community to voice their convictions, to discover and pursue their passions, and to seek truth. Our graduates are compassionate, curious, and confident global citizens who let their lives speak in the spirit of leadership and service.

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