



Today & Tomorrow at BFS

Friday 1/11 8:15am: Monthly Quaker Meeting for Worship with the Spiritual Life Committee of the BFS Board of Trustees in the small dance studio at Pearl St.

8:30am: PS, K, 1 Parent Workshop on The Positive Power of "No" [Details](#)

Saturday 1/12 2:00pm: Lower School Family Folk Dance [Details](#)

Next Week at BFS

All week long 9-11th Grade Exam Review Week

1/14 Winter/Spring Specialty Classes Begin

1/16 Preschool, K & Gr. 1 Library Visit with Storyteller Robert Greene [Details](#)

1/17 6:00 pm: Specialist Evening for Preschool 4s, K & Grade 1 Parents [Details](#)

1/18 "Simple and Powerful" Tribute to Dr. King

[BFS Online Calendar](#)

Top Stories



DANCE AWAY THE COLD with FRIENDS this Weekend

Please join us this Saturday, January 12th from 2pm to 4pm in the Lower Gym at 375 Pearl Street for the 18th annual **Lower School Family Folk Dance** hosted by the PAT and Performing Arts Department. What better way to spend your Saturday afternoon than smiling, laughing and dancing with Friends? Read more about this beloved school tradition at the [BFS website here](#).



YOUNG ALUMNI LIGHT THE WAY for BFS STUDENTS

Young Alumni Day, which took place on Wed. Jan. 8, is always a joyous annual event at BFS. College-age alumni reunite with one another, visit teachers and friends, and participate on a morning panel for current seniors. They answered questions about college life and discussed their experiences and important lessons learned as independent young people. An evening panel was hosted by the Enrollment Office. Young alumni shared with prospective Upper School students and parents the ways in which BFS shaped their futures and their accomplishments in college and professionally. We are so proud of our young alums and thank them for sharing their unique perspectives and experiences with members of our community.



Reenrollment Contracts

Re-enrollment contracts will be issued to current BFS families, who have fully paid their 2018-19 tuition balances, on **Friday, January 18** and are due back to confirm enrollment by **4PM Monday, January 28**. Financial aid awards, if applicable, will be included in the contracts. Families **MUST** sign and return enrollment contracts and deposits in order to reserve a space for their child for the 2019-20 school year. The deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable, without exception.

This year, for the first time, BFS will be using TADS for the re-enrollment process to make it easier for families to seamlessly manage their tuition payments once enrolled. Look for an email from TADS with more detailed information next Friday. In addition, please make sure TADS has your family's accurate email address(es). [Sign-in to your TADS account here.](#)

Please see this [letter](#), sent to all families in November, for more details. If you have questions, please reach out to the following departments:

Contact the [Enrollment Office](#) with questions about re-enrollment.

Contact the [Business Office](#) with questions about billing or your TADS account.

Contact the [Financial Aid Office](#) with questions about financial aid.

Advancement Report



Ride with BFS at Soul Cycle

Join BFS families and friends at SoulCycle on Sunday, February 10th at 3 pm for our first charity ride of the year. Water and shirts are complimentary, but bike stations must be purchased in advance. Be on the lookout for the Brooklyn Friends School SoulCycle link to register!



Matching Gifts Double the Donation

Does your company provide matching gifts? Double your donation today by applying for a matched gift through your company. Companies worldwide provide matching gifts to hundreds of nonprofits chosen by their employees. Below are just some of the many companies that donate to BFS because of you

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- Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
- Pfizer Foundation
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- Time, Inc.
- U.S. Bank Foundation
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PAT News



Wednesday, January 16th at 8:30 am in the **375 Pearl Street Cafeteria: PAT Black History Month Celebration Committee**

Black History Month Celebration

Please save the date for a Black History Month Celebration Screening of the Film, *Tell Them We are Rising: the Story of Black Colleges and Universities* on Friday, **February 1** at 6:30pm in the Meetinghouse at 375 Pearl Street.

Hosted by the PAT Black History Month Celebration Committee, the screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring facilitator Karim Camara (BFS alum), filmmaker Marcia Smith (BFS alum) and Monifa Bandele, Shanice Hickson, Kamauru Johnson, Leslie Jones and Afriqiyah Woods.

Stay tuned for more details on all of the Black History Month Celebration events throughout February, culminating in an afternoon and evening of enriching and fun programming on Friday, **February 22**.

BLACK HISTORY RESISTANCE

TELL THEM WE ARE RISING

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FEB 22

HIT NOW

BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

THE STORY OF BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

FILM SCREENING
FRIDAY, FEB 1
RECEPTION 6PM
SCREENING 6:30PM

BFS MEETING HOUSE
375 PEARL STREET

Screening to be followed by a panel discussion with:

- KARIM CAMARA, facilitator, Xavier University, former NY State Assemblyman, BFS alum, BFS parent
- MARCIA SMITH, Filmmaker, BFS alum
- MONIFA BANDELE, Spelman College, Lincoln University, BFS parent
- SHANICE HICKSON, JD, Howard Law School
- DR. KAMAURU JOHNSON, Morehouse College, BFS Upper School Psychologist
- LESLIE JONES, Howard University, HBCU expert and consultant
- DR. AFRIQYAH WOODS, Howard University, BFS parent

School News You Can Use



Start the New Year by Reading for a Great Cause

Lower Schoolers, get ready to read -- the Horizons Reading Challenge is back this year! Registration is underway, and the challenge begins on Jan. 30. [Details](#)

There's Still Time to Register for Afterschool

Afterschool Specialty Classes begin the week of Jan. 14 – we look forward to welcoming many preschool through middle school students who are participating in the program. Fortunately, there are a number of openings in some of the classes and families have time to register for these. To inquire about the classes, send an e-mail message to afterschool@brooklynfriends.org, indicating the classes in which you have an interest. The online brochure is [HERE](#).

In the Independent School Community:

A Talk with Dr. Michael Thompson on Bullying at Churchill School

Brooklyn Friends parents and faculty have the opportunity to hear Dr. Michael Thompson, a leading author and expert on child development, at the Churchill School (301 East 29 St. NYC) on Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 6 to 8pm. Dr. Thompson has been a guest speaker at BFS on several occasions. His talk will focus on bullying, and he will distinguish between the normal social pain of childhood from which all children learn and actual bullying, which is traumatizing. [See flyer.](#) [REGISTER](#) (\$10 fee).

Looking Ahead: Important Middle School Parent Workshop

On Thurs. Feb. 7, from 8:30 to 10am, the Middle School invites all grade 5-8 parents to an extended Coffee Hour on Understanding & Preventing High-Risk Behavior in Adolescents. The program will be facilitated by Hallways, a program by Freedom Institute, which specializes in data-driven social-emotional wellness and prevention in school communities. Hallways experts will facilitate the conversation with Head of Middle School Glen Pinder and Health Department Chair Jeremy Hawkins. There will be ample time for questions and answers.

Sports Section



Winter Teams Demonstrate Skill, Hustle, and Blue Pride

The five BFS Basketball teams continue to make progress this first week back from winter break, with the three boys teams scoring wins and the girls playing competitively. Also, the Varsity Squash teams participated in a match against Leman Prep and the Varsity Swim teams participated in an ISAL league meet. There are plenty of upcoming home games

and we look forward to having fans cheer on the teams. For all the schedules go to bfsathletics.org, and click on WINTER at the top of the page, then select team.

- For a recap of weekly game highlights, [go here.](#)
- To sign up for a winter team or activity, [go here.](#)
- For comprehensive information on the athletic program, [go here.](#)
- For all athletic schedules (practices and games), [go here](#)

In addition to Basketball, the BFS winter program offers Swim and Squash. There are club activities, too, in Bowling and Fitness for Upper Schoolers. Contact Athletic Director David Gardella (ext. 234) for more information and specific questions: dgardella@brooklynfriends.org

A Special Opportunity for Middle School Boys

A volleyball clinic for interested middle school boys will be held at BFS on Jan. 15, 16, 22 and 23 (4 to 5pm). Students will learn about the fundamentals of the game from senior BFS Varsity Volleyball players. Edson Elcock is the coach and the clinic will be led by three senior student-athletes as part of their CAS - Creativity, Activity, Service - program. [Details.](#)

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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