

January 25, 2019



Reenrollment Contract & Deposit Due by Mon. Jan. 28, 4pm

Re-enrollment contracts are due back with the required non-refundable, non-transferable deposit by **4pm Mon, Jan. 28**. Your contract is executed by submitting the enrollment contract through TADS and paying the non-refundable, non-transferable deposit no later than 4pm on Jan. 28, 2019. Upon submission of the contract, you may **pay the deposit online** through Bank Payment (Electronic Funds Transfer) or by paper check or money order. If you choose the paper option, **you must** bring your check or money order (payable to "Brooklyn Friends School") to the Front Desk at 375 Pearl Street or 116 Lawrence by **4pm on Jan. 28, 2019**. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT TO TADS.**



Next Week at BFS

Sat. 1/26 10:00 am: 3rd and 4th Grade Family Math & Science Day [DETAILS](#)

Mon. 1/28 4:00 pm: Due date for return of reenrollment contracts and deposits

Wed. 1/30 Last day to sign up for Horizons Reading Challenge & start of the Challenge [REGISTER](#)

Thurs. 1/31 4:00 pm: Upper School program on Reimagining Boys with NYU Professor Niobe Way, [RSVP](#)

Fri. 2/1 8:15 am: Quaker Meeting for Worship for parents and caregivers |

6:30 pm: Tell Them We are Rising: the Story of Black Colleges and Universities film screening and panel discussion

[BFS Online Calendar](#)

Top Stories



Ivy League, Here We Come!

Otto Moran '20, Rachel Freedman '19, and Charlie Dalton '19 (above left to right) each earned verbal commendations as delegates to the Columbia Model UN this past weekend, Jan. 17-20. The three students took part in the conference as a tune-up for the Ivy League Model UN, which is organized by 300 students of the University of Pennsylvania and held in downtown Philadelphia from Jan. 31 through Feb. 3. At the Columbia MUN, Rachel was European Territory Representative in the Council of Interplanetary Affairs (futuristic committee); Charlie was Yang Xiuqing, the East King in the Taiping Rebellion in 1853; and Otto was a member of President Lincoln's Cabinet, Admiral Samuel Dupont, of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

We join the Upper School in congratulating Rachel, Charlie and Otto on their achievements. They will accompany 12 other students who will be going to the Ivy League Model UN in Philadelphia. We wish all of the students well on this premier national high school experience. BFS Model UN faculty advisor Vladimir Malukoff and Grade 12 Dean Dr. Jon DeGraff will accompany the BFS delegation.



NYU Makerspace Welcomes the BFS Fourth Grade

Where can you find an earthquake simulator, a vehicle under production that is capable of traversing Mars, and a water jet cutter with a flow rate that is 1,500 percent stronger than a garden hose? Right around the corner and across the street from BFS at the NYU Makerspace. Fourth graders were recently invited by NYU engineering students to visit their space and learn about new programs under development. [READ MORE.](#)



Chess Tournament at BFS

Brooklyn Friends School in partnership with Grace Church will be holding a chess tournament at Pearl Street next Saturday, Feb. 2. The tournament will start at 10:00 am. Each student will play 4 competitive games against kids from other schools, on their skill level. There will be Unrated (beginners) and Rated (advanced) sections. Scholarships are available upon request. Forward questions to BFS Chess Teacher, Gary Ryan at gryan@brooklynfriends.org. [Register here →](#)



BFS and Horizons Students Dream BIG for the Reading Challenge

"I'll read 15 books. I'll read 25. I'll read 50. I'll read 100!!!"

Watch a short [public service announcement](#) in which BFS and Horizons students dream big and set goals for the Horizons Reading Challenge, which starts next week. This year a fundraising goal of \$35,000 has been set to ensure our Horizons at Brooklyn Friends students will continue to have summer enrichment programs that build community, inspire minds, and transform lives! Learn how the Challenge works [here](#). **Complete the online form [here](#) or sign-up in the lobby from Jan. 25-30 (8 am and 2:30 pm).**

A New Year and New Books: Stories, our local BFS-Parent-Run-Bookshop, will generously donate 10% of every book purchased for the Reading Challenge to Horizons! Stories is located at 458 Bergen St. (btw. 5th Ave. & Flatbush). Simply show them your pledge page on your phone and say you are reading for Horizons! Learn more [HERE!](#)

The Horizon's Reading Challenge runs from Jan. 30 through Feb. 28. While the Challenge is geared towards Lower School students in grades K-4, students in any grade may participate in this totally voluntary effort.

Advancement Report



How Your Gifts Make a Difference

Attend the 9th Annual Family Math and Science Day for Third and Fourth Grade tomorrow (Jan. 28), participate in the Chess Tournament next Saturday (Feb. 2), watch our Middle School Play (Feb. 9), or enjoy the upcoming dance concert.

Your contributions to the Brooklyn Friends Fund impact the heartbeat of our school and make a world of difference. Gifts support a myriad of student activities from math, science, and theater to field trips, athletic competitions, and so much more.

Together, we've raised \$614,400 with 575 donors so far for Brooklyn Friends. Thank you to those who have already made an annual gift. To make your annual gift to the Brooklyn Friends Fund, please go to brooklynfriends.org/donate.

What to do on Feb. 10



Join BFS families and friends at **SoulCycle** on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM for a private indoor/cardio party at Soul Cycle Brooklyn Heights Studio. Great for newcomers and advanced riders alike, and who better to ride with than...Friends?! This is a fundraiser ride and all proceeds benefit Brooklyn Friends School. [All aboard HERE.](#)

PAT News



PAT Committee Meetings

- **Wednesday, January 30th at 8:30 am - Pearl Street Cafeteria**
PAT Black History Month Committee Meeting

Volunteer in the Library

Friends of the Library invites you to join us. We volunteer every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8 to 9 am and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3 to 4pm. Come whenever you are able to. Meet us in the Michael Nill Library on the third floor.

Reimagining

BOYS BOYS BOYS

in the 21st Century

The PAT thanks the Upper School and Upper School Head Lisa Arrastia for hosting an important program on Reimagining Boys in the 21st Century with **Niobe Way**, Professor of Developmental Psychology and founder of Project for the Advancement of Our Common Humanity at NYU. In an age of sexting and cyberbullying, Professor Niobe Way is leading research into the emotional development of adolescents, particularly focused on boyhood. Parents, students and educators are invited to join with us for a discussion and light refreshments on **Thursday, Jan. 31 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm, 116 Lawrence Street.**

RSVP to USAA@brooklynfriends.org

Come See Tell Them We Are Rising Next Friday, Feb. 1

The Black History Month Celebration Screening of the Film, Tell Them We are Rising: the Story of Black Colleges and Universities takes place on Friday, **Feb. 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, Dr. Kamauru Johnson, Leslie Jones and Afriqiyah Woods.

The theme of this year's celebration in "Royalty, Resistance, Resilience." There will be several Black History Month Celebration events throughout February, culminating in an afternoon and evening of enriching and community-bulding programming on Friday, **Feb. 22.**

TELL THEM WE ARE RISING

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. AFRIQIYAH WOODS, Howard University, BFS parent

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Notes from the Nursing Office

Winter lice checks take place this Friday, Jan. 25 for all preschool, lower school and middle school students. Re-checks take place on Mon. Jan. 28. For more information and resources on head lice, [GO HERE.](#)

Sports Section



Middle School Teams Move Forward

In a light week for basketball (due to Upper School Exams) both Middle School basketball teams earned victories, girls over Mary McDowell and boys over Little Red. Blue Pride! The Varsity Swim teams competed in an ISAL meet.

There are more 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: dgardella@brooklynfriends.org

Quaker News

Meeting for Worship on Friday, Feb. 1 at 8:15 am

The Spiritual Life Committee of the Board of Trustees invites parents, caregivers, and faculty and staff who are available at the time to an after drop-off Quaker Meeting for Worship Friday, Feb. 1 in the Third Floor Conference Room on Pearl Street. The Meeting will take place from **8:15-9:30am** with a combination of worship and discussion. Feel free to show up when you are able and leave when you need to. We look forward to greeting you. These meetings will continue to take place on the first Friday of every month through June.



Community is the Quaker testimony of the 2018-19 school year at BFS. At Brooklyn Friends School, we each are part of the many distinct communities that together form a mosaic that represents one **COMMUNITY**.

The **All-School Quaker Life Committee** invites everyone to post a photograph on our new Communities within Our Community bulletin board in the lobby of Pearl Street. Choose photographs that represent an element of the BFS community that is meaningful to you.

Please do not bring a photo that you do not want to get stapled, perhaps torn or lost. Feel free to post your own picture(s) on the bulletin board or send it/them digitally to [Marna Herrity](#). (The size of the image ideally should be 4 by 6 inches or 5 by 7 inches).

Kenneth Alston and Marna Herrity, Co-Clerks, All School Quaker Life Committee

Service Learning and Civic Engagement

As part of the visioning process for the future of the BFS Service Learning & Civic Engagement program, 14 members of the All-School Service Learning & Civic Engagement (SL&CE) Committee - including student, parent, faculty, and administrator participation - gathered on Tuesday at Schermerhorn Meetinghouse for a planning retreat. The group devoted their time together to naming the moment and situating their work, brainstorming challenges and needs in our institution, at the local level, and at the national level, and identifying the critical intervention for SL&CE at BFS in this moment. Just as we're preparing our students in whatever context they're in to take transformative action grounded in justice, the work of the SL&CE program is framed similarly - in response to the historical, political, and social context we are in. Ultimately, the SL&CE Committee surfaced goals on Tuesday to push our program further toward centering the values of Community, Accountability, Reciprocity, & Equity (C.A.R.E.) in our work with young people and community partners.
