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April 5, 2019

Important Calendar Correction

For Middle and Upper divisions, there is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, 4/18 for a full day of Parent Conferences (a change from half day noted on the BFS printed calendar)

Next Week at BFS

TODAY 8:15am, Meeting for Worship for Parents & Caregivers in the Conference Room, 3rd fl. Pearl Street | 7pm, Gala at 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge

Sat April 6 10am Chess Tournament (Gr. K-12) at 375 Pearl Street [REGISTER](#)

Now through April 9 MS families register for Spring Conferences [SIGN UP](#)

Now through May 3 IB Visual Art Exhibit at the Upper School

Tues April 9 Upper School Privilege Day Conference | 7pm US families register for Spring Conferences (notice will be sent beforehand)

Fri April 12 6pm Shabbat Potluck sponsored by the PAT Jewish Affinity Group at 375 Pearl Street | 4pm, YALA GALA at the Upper School, 116 Lawrence Street
LEARN MORE

On Monday and Tuesday, April 8 and 9, a visiting team from the **New York State Association of Independent Schools** - NYSAIS - will be at BFS for the School's 5-year reaccreditation progress review. We are very pleased and honored to welcome **Dr. Jean-Marc Juhel** (Buckley Country Day), **Anna Bertucci** (Oakwood Friends) and **Peter Ganzenmuller** (St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's) to BFS for their important work with trustees, faculty/staff, students and administrators.

Major Dates Calendar for 2019 [BFS Online Calendar](#)

BFS Travels Back to the 80s TONIGHT!

Tonight's the night! [You can still buy a ticket to Gala: Back to the 80s at 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge from 7 pm to 11 pm.](#) Join us for an evening of great music, dancing (including a performance by the **Panthers Supreme Dance Team**), video games, delicious food and drink, and much more all in support of our financial aid program.

- Thank you to the Gala Planning Committee, Leadership Sponsors, Host Committee, online auction donors and bidders and all who have supported this celebration!

BACK TO THE 80s
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A SEASON of SERVICE LEARNING and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

March and April are banner months for service learning and community engagement at Brooklyn Friends School. The Seventh Grade organized and participated in a conference on today's criminal justice system, Upper Schoolers continued to learn how they could advocate for Puerto Rico, in the post-Hurricane Maria situation; and the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement took action and spread the word about the New York City Council's participatory budgeting process. In addition, BFS had — and will have— lead roles in two national conferences, Private Schools with a Public Purpose, and Global Citizenship Education through Service Learning.

Read more in the following news articles on the BFS website:

- [Seventh Graders Take the Lead at Criminal Justice System Conference](#)
- [Continuing the Conversation — and Determined to Make a Difference — on Puerto Rico](#)
- [Sharing a Formula for Multi-School Partnerships to Promote Social Justice](#)
- [Civic Engagement in Action: How Participatory Budgeting Works](#)
- [Unpacking Global Poverty through Service Learning](#)

7th Grade Criminal Justice Conference

March 12, 2019
Brooklyn Friends School

WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

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BOOKS THROUGH BARS
BROOKLYN JUSTICE INITIATIVES
BROOKLYN MOVEMENT CENTER
H.A.L.T. SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CAMPAIGN
JUSTLEADERSHIPUSA
RED HOOK COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

"INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO
JUSTICE EVERYWHERE"
-DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Last Year's Shabbat Potluck Was So Much Fun, We're Doing It Again

Please bring your family for a potluck Shabbat dinner for the whole BFS community, sponsored by the parent Jewish Affinity Group.

This event, on Friday, April 12, starting at 6pm, is open to all students, parents, faculty, and staff. You don't have to be Jewish to attend — and you can bring any kind of nut-free food to share (or just join us to eat!)

For more information or to RSVP and sign up for the potluck or to help with clean-up, please use this link: [Potluck Sign-Up](#).



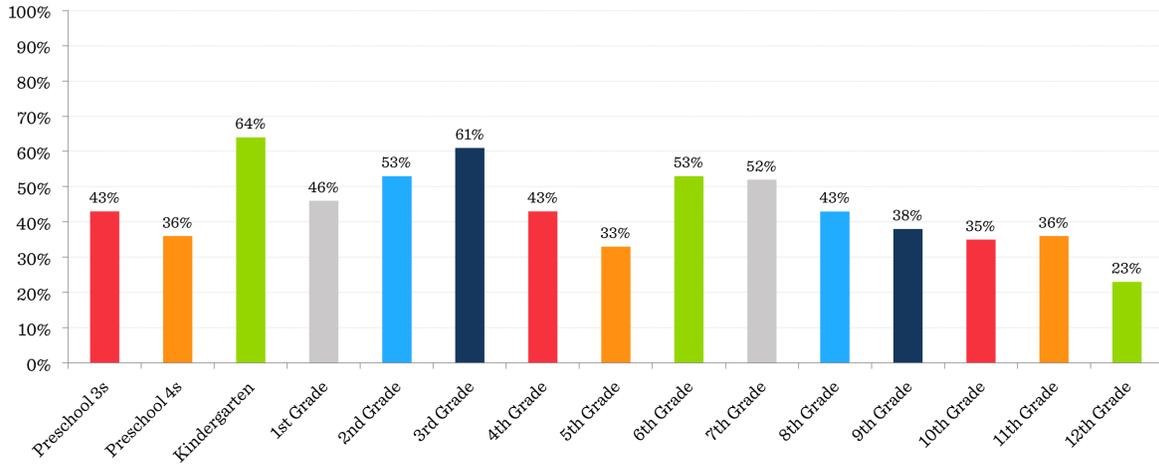
Advancement Report



Every moment counts, every second matters.

At BFS the month of April focuses on the concept of being intentional as part of our Quaker testimony of Community. The quote for this month, from Elie Wiesel, is "Every moment counts, every second matters." The art is from Keith Hill, Class of 2020.

Brooklyn Friends prides itself as a participatory and intentional community, where every member counts. We value time, talent, and treasure. Your volunteerism and your contribution to the Brooklyn Friends Fund matters. Every gift, big or small, is a vote of confidence in our vibrant community. **Please make your online gift at brooklynfriends.org/donate** and help raise your student's grade to a maximum participation level. THANK YOU!

Parent Participation 4/2/19

Summer Has Arrived at Brooklyn Friends



Registration is now underway for Brooklyn Friends School's award-winning **Summer Camp** and **Summer Arts**. The programs enroll boys and girls from **preschool 4s through 7th grade** (fall 2019). There also is a Summer Arts Internship Program for students currently in grades 8-12, and Jazz in June program for rising 5th-8th graders. For details and registration, go to the following links:

- [Summer Camp](#)
- [Summer Arts](#)
- [Summer Arts Internship](#) (gr. 8-12)
- [Jazz Camp](#)

Once again, Brooklyn Friends School will partner with the nationally-recognized organization **Girls Who Code** to host two-week summer courses from June 17-28.

- **Introduction to Computer Science** from 06/17/2019 to 06/28/2019
- **iPhone App Development 1** from 06/17/2019 to 06/28/2019

Register (Use code BKFRIENDS at checkout for a \$200 savings)



In the Community

- Lower School art teacher **Susan Greenstein** has a new show at 440 Gallery (440 Sixth Avenue in Park Slope). **SUSAN GREENSTEIN IN A NEW LIGHT** takes place from April 17 through May 18, with an opening reception on Thurs. April 18 from 6 to 8 pm, an Artists' Talk on Sun. April 28 at 4:40pm, and a Young Artists Workshop led by Susan on Sat. May 4, 4 to 5pm. All are invited.
- Pre & Lower School parent **Jolie Curtsinger**'s play, *After*, is in its final week, and BFS community members are invited to attend. (Get your half-price tickets with the code INPROX35 at <https://www.59e59.org/shows/show-detail/after/>). In *After*, parenting, bullying, and its fallout are explored. The play follows the journey of two families before a terrible incident, in the moments leading up to the event, and after, as they pick up the pieces. On **Friday, April 12 at 7pm and Saturday April 13 at 2 and 7pm**, special guest **Sue Ellen Fried**, a bullying prevention activist, writer and educator, will lead a theater talk back after the performances. Sue Ellen Fried is the founder of Bully Safe USA, and the author of several books, including *Banishing Bullying Behavior - Transforming the Culture of Pain, Rage & Revenge*. Her website <http://www.bullysafeusa.com/> Jolie is pictured below with the cast, first photo on left.



Sports Section



A Terrific Opening Week for the Panthers

Opening Week for our Varsity teams has been terrific. Big Congratulations to the Boys Volleyball team for their wins over Grace Church and York Prep; the Boys Baseball team for their 18-13 win over Martin Luther; and the Girls Softball team, who tied Garden School with a score of 12-12. Middle School baseball and softball teams have their opening games next week. [SEE SCHEDULE](#) (Click on Spring at top)

Spring sports are **Baseball, Softball, Track and (Boys) Volleyball**. There is a small window of opportunity for new players to join. Contact Athletic Director David Gardella (ext. 234) if interested: dgardella@brooklynfriends.org

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

Quaker News



Continuing the Connection with Kisangura Friends Schools

All School Quaker Life Coordinator Marna Herry had an inspiring and productive trip to Tanzania during spring break, spending time at both the Kisangura Primary and Kisangura Secondary Schools, located in the Mara Region. Marna serves on the New York Quarterly Meeting's Africa Education Committee and has organized several cultural exchanges between our BFS [Middle and Upper School] students and the students at the Kisangura schools over the past ten years. Marna brought the Kisangura schools 11 netbooks (donated by BFS), plus Kindles and iPads donated by BFS parents.

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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