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# E-NEWS



April 12, 2019

## Next Week at BFS

**Today** 6 pm: Shabbat Potluck sponsored by the PAT Jewish Affinity Group

4 pm: YALA GALA at the Upper School [Details](#)

**Now through April 15** Upper School Sign-up for Parent Conferences [Register](#)

**Now through May 3** IB Visual Art Show in the Upper School

**Sat April 13** 9:00am to 1pm: Brooklyn Bowl Math Competition at the Upper School | 9:00am to 12pm: Unpacking Global Poverty through Service Learning Workshop at the Upper School [Details](#)

**Wed April 17** 8:30am: Preschool Coffee Hour "Parenting Potluck —Bring a Problem" | MS/US Parent Conferences **Half day for MS/US students**

**Thu April 18** MS/US Parent Conferences **No classes for MS/US students**

**Fri April 19** **No School. Buildings Closed.**

**Tue April 16** 6 pm: Enrollment Welcome Event for New MS/US Parents

**Wed April 17** 6 pm: Enrollment Welcome Event for New PS/LS Parents

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

## Top Stories



### Gala: Back to the 80s Festively Kicks Off Spring at BFS

Last Friday, 330 members of the BFS community gathered at beautiful 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge and jumped into a time machine to 1985. What a trip it was! **Gala: Back to the 80s was a resounding success, raising over \$100,000 for our financial aid program, and bringing together parents, faculty, staff, and alumni for an evening of 80s fun!**

Thank you to the hard-working and creative Gala Committee and volunteers led by Co-Chairs **Paula Dunbar** and **Ashley Williams**, the 13 Leadership Sponsors, 55 Host Committee members, donors who underwrote the 80 faculty and staff tickets, online auction donors, the **Panthers Supreme Dance Team**, and the entire BFS community that helped to make Gala: Back to the 80s a success. Read more about the celebration and view photos at the **BFS website** [HERE](#) →



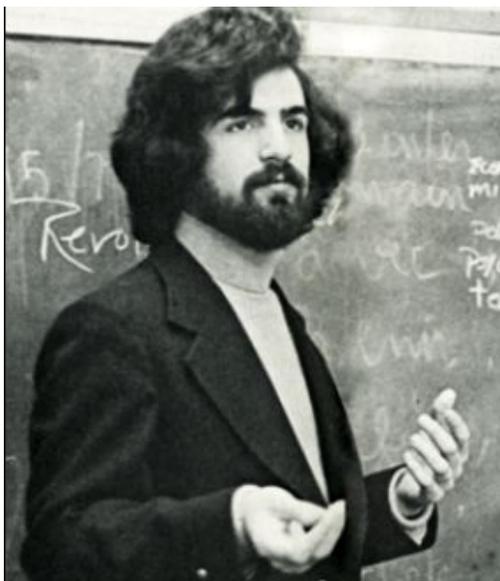
### **For Friends and Families: The PAT College Fair**

Here's a good news story about college admissions. Something very special happened at the BFS Upper School on a Saturday morning in March. It was a first-time school event that brought together students and parents from grades 7 through 11, a key demographic group that is ever mindful of higher education. These families came to hear, meet with, and ask questions of other Brooklyn Friends parents who graduated from a broad range of colleges and universities across the United States. "Who better to learn from about colleges than the people who went to them?" said PAT Co-President Sabrina LeBlanc. In collaboration with Director of College Counseling Terry Kung, Sabrina and the PAT presented Brooklyn Friends School's first annual PAT College Fair. [READ MORE.](#)

**The relationship between Head of School Larry Weiss and Brooklyn Friends School has been characterized by deep and authentic friendship, exemplary teaching and scholarship, and a passion for bettering the lives of children and families.**

In this special edition of THE LIFE we invite you to look back on the 45-year friendship between Larry and BFS. See archival photos and video and learn about Larry's accomplishments over the past nine years— a period of dramatic growth and development in the school's history.

[THE LIFE Season 3, Episode 12](#)



## Advancement Report

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# SPRINTING FOR SCHOLARS

**A 5k IN HONOR OF DR. LARRY WEISS**

### Join us at a Fun Run In Honor of Larry!

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 6 pm**  
**Prospect Park**

In June, Dr. Larry Weiss will retire after serving nine years as Head of School. He is a dedicated and passionate runner who has completed 18 marathons. What better way to celebrate Larry than by joining him for a fun run? Lace up your sneakers and meet us at the start line in Prospect Park on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6 pm for a run/walk 5K in his honor. Fans are welcome! After the race, we'll gather on a lawn in Prospect Park for food, drink, and friendship.

Proceeds from this celebration support the newly established Dr. Larry Weiss Endowed Fund for Merit Scholarship.

Early bird registration (\$50 for adults, \$30 for students) for runners and walkers is now open! [Register at this link here →](#).

### Enriching the Experience of All Students

"I serve on the Brooklyn Friends Fund Committee because I know the Fund is an essential part of the school's financial picture. It supports the programs that make BFS a special place for my boys and enriches the experience of all the students. It takes work to fundraise, and this is my way of helping out."

—Analisa Barrett, Brooklyn Friends Fund Parent Volunteer

Volunteers make a key difference to the success of all our endeavors at BFS. To be part of this dedicated Committee or to learn more about the ways in which the Brooklyn Friends Fund supports your children's school experience, please reach out to Anna Ferber, Director of the Brooklyn Friends Fund: telephone: 718-852-1029 ext. 243, e-mail: [afferber@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:afferber@brooklynfriends.org).

To make your gift to the Brooklyn Friends Fund today, please visit [brooklynfriends.org/donate](https://brooklynfriends.org/donate).



## PAT News

### What to Do Tonight . . .

Food, schmoozing, general merriment – and everyone's invited! Bring your family and friends to the **PAT Jewish Parent Affinity Group's** annual springtime celebration. The Shabbat Potluck Dinner takes place tonight at 6pm in the Pearl Street Cafeteria.

### Time for Spring Cleaning!

The **PAT Friends of the Library Committee** is now collecting gently used books for its Annual Used Book Sale, which will take place on May 9 and 10.

We are enthusiastically accepting donations of all types of used books in VERY GOOD CONDITION. Books can be dropped off in a box by the elevators in the Pearl Street lobby. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale go towards enriching BFS library programming. If you have questions about book donations, please contact Friends of the Library co-chairs Kara ([karacanal@gmail.com](mailto:karacanal@gmail.com)) or Agnes ([agnes.harley@gmail.com](mailto:agnes.harley@gmail.com)).



### Friends of the Library Needs Your Help

Our library is always looking for extra shelving help from 8 - 9 Wednesday and Thursday, and from 3 - 4 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday! Please use [this link](#) to sign up to help, or just show up! Tell all your friends! Bring your kids! Helping in the library is fun!

## Five Ways to Spend the Summer with Friends!



Registration continues for Brooklyn Friends School's summer programs that enroll students 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 dates and details, go to the following links:

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

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At the Upper School in June, BFS will partner with **Girls Who Code** to host two-week summer courses from June 17-28.

- **Introduction to Computer Science** [REGISTER](#)
- **iPhone App Development 1** [REGISTER](#)

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## Sports Section

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## Panthers Continue Their Winning Ways

This week in BFS sports, the powerhouse Middle School Girls Softball team had victories over Friends Seminary (13-10) and UNIS (12-11); the Boys Volleyball team earned wins over Churchill and Berkeley Carroll; the Boys Baseball team had a 14-5 victory over Birch Wathen Lenox, and the Girls Softball team defeated Bay Ridge Prep (12-11)

[SEE SCHEDULE](#) (Click on Spring at top)

Spring sports are **Baseball, Softball, Track and (Boys) Volleyball**. For information about the program, please contact Athletic Director David Gardella (ext. 234) or [dgardella@brooklynfriends.org](mailto: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](#).

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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