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E-NEWS



June 14, 2019

Calendar Highlights

- **Today** Last Day for Faculty at BFS
- **June 17-28** Girls Who Code at 116 Lawrence St.
- **June 18** Last day of Jazz Camp; 5pm Performance for Parents
- **June 19-July 26** Summer Camp and Summer Arts at 375 Pearl St. Family Center Camp at 189 Schermerhorn St.
- **June 27** Horizons at BFS summer program begins
- **June 30** Deadline to donate and fulfill pledges to the 2018-19 [Brooklyn Friends Fund](#)
- **July 1** Crissy Cáceres begins at BFS; she is the 20th Head of School in BFS history.

Major Dates for 2019-20 BFS Online Calendar

The 2019-20 Academic Calendar will be finalized on **June 28, 2019** and all dates will be posted on the BFS Online Calendar on that date. A printed calendar, illustrated with student art, will be mailed home to all families over the summer.

Why **JUNE 28** Is a Very Important Date for Families with NEW Student Applicants for 2020-21

If your family will be applying for a sibling (or faculty child) to attend the Family Center or the Preschool - Grade 12 Brooklyn Friends School in the 2020-21 school year, please [read this letter](#) from the BFS Enrollment Office. We ask sibling and legacy families to notify the Enrollment Office of your intention as soon as possible, but no later than June 28, 2019. Thank you

Top Stories



The Class of 2019 – You Put the Meaning of “Friends” into Brooklyn Friends School

The Class of 2019 reflects so much of what Brooklyn Friends School has to offer – their academic strengths, wide ranging passions (both in and out of the classroom), artistic and athletic commitment, dedication to social justice, equity and inclusion.

All that these young people have gained at Brooklyn Friends was supported by faculty and staff, families, friends – and importantly, each other. That was evident at the joyous and exuberant commencement for the 52 graduates, which was held on Tuesday, June 12 at a superb new location – the auditorium of New York City Technical College, our academic neighbor just two blocks away from BFS.

Faculty, student, and guest speakers underscored the strengths of each individual in the class and the need to always aspire towards even greater strengths and the highest ideals. *Thank you, students and families, for being such dedicated and inspirational members of the school community.*

Also on Tuesday, "Moving Up" ceremonies were held for the Fourth Grade class to mark their completion of Lower School and for the Eighth Grade class and their big leap into Upper School. Photographs and links to the videos of these events will be sent to parents by e-mail next week. *Congratulations all around to the students and families in these capstone grades.*



Italics indicate that more than one BFS graduate will enroll at the college.

American University

Bard College

University of British Columbia

University of California, Los Angeles

Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design, England

University of Chicago

CUNY, City College

Clark University

Clarkson University

Drexel University

The George Washington University

Goucher College

Juniata College
Maryland Institute College of Art
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Nazareth College
 Northeastern University
 Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
 Pennsylvania State University
University of Pittsburgh
Quest University Canada
Savannah College of Art and Design
 Skidmore College
St. Francis College
Stony Brook University
SUNY Albany
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Plattsburgh
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Towson University
Tufts University
Vassar College
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
 Wesleyan University
Wheaton College MA
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Yale University

A complete list of college acceptances for the Class of 2019 is on the [BFS website](#).

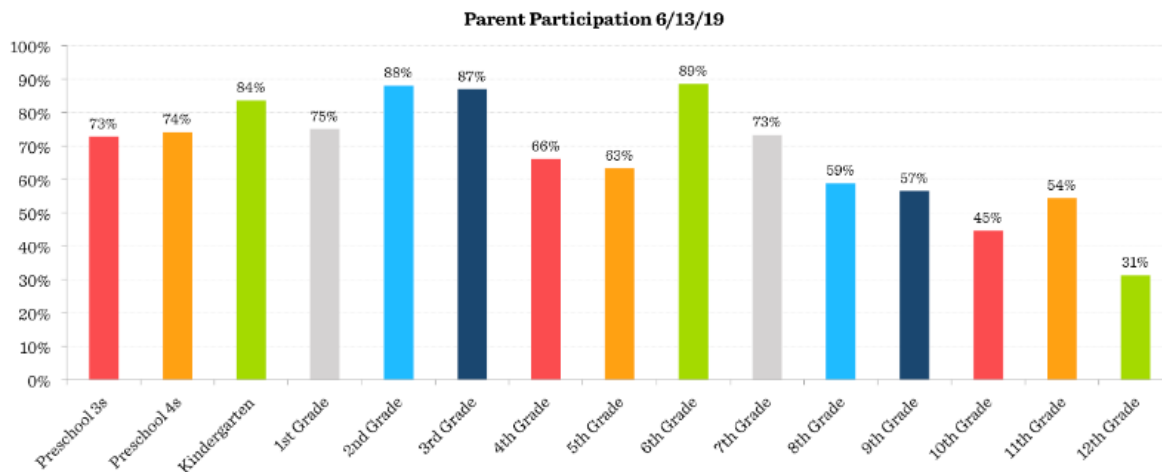
In this season finale and the 59th episode of THE LIFE we are going “old school,” at least in terms of our show. **This is an audio-only (for the most part) podcast.** The first five episodes from season one of the THE LIFE were audio-only podcasts so we have selected five works from this year’s Upper School literary magazine, Wordflirt, to present to you in the medium of audio. Think of it as a BFS version of Radio Reader or Selected Shorts. Our BFS authors are Otto M, '20; Jack D '21; Chelsea P '21; Claire B. '21; and Sean W. '19. Narration is by faculty members Rachel Mazor, Sara Levy, Paul Romano and Andy Cohen.

[Season 3, Episode 14 “For Your Listening Pleasure”](#)

[Read Wordflirt 2019 on ISSUU.](#)



Advancement Report



Are We There Yet? We Will Be – With Your Help & Participation!

For all families who have yet to make their voluntary donation to BFS, now is the time! There is a participation challenge for every grade. Altogether, the challenges are worth **\$20,000 EXTRA** for the Brooklyn Friends Fund – funds that will be used to support academic enhancements and every aspect of student life at BFS.

- **Gifts must be received by Monday, June 17 to be counted toward the challenges!**
- All gifts need to be made by June 30, 2019 to be counted for this fiscal year.

Thus far, Family Center and Preschool faculty are at 100 percent participation and there are grades that need just a few more donors to participate in order to meet their challenge. In this year of "Giving and Growing with Friends," let's finish 2018-19 with a magnificent garden of support for our school. Thank you!

Make a Gift to the Brooklyn Friends Fund

School News You Can Use

Summer at BFS – You'll Be Right at Home

Summer Camp and Summer Arts start at BFS next week. For Camp, there is one spot open in Preschool session 2; one spot open in Kindergarten session 1; and two spots in Gr. 1/2. Summer Arts, for rising 3rd-7th graders has very limited openings. Please send an e-mail to afterschool@brooklynfriends.org for details on availability.

What to Know about Summer Reading

Books for **Required Summer Reading** from the English Department were given to rising 5th-12th graders by their teachers the last week of school. [Students new to BFS receive the books and assignment from the Enrollment Office.] In addition, the BFS Librarians prepare Recommended Reading Lists. All of these resources are on the [SUMMER READING website](#).

Magnus Health Deadlines

All student health records are maintained electronically on [Magnus Health](#).

- Returning families: the deadline to upload all required forms and information is **July 1, 2019**.
- Families new to BFS: the deadline to upload all required forms and information is **August 1, 2019**. New families will receive their log-in information to Magnus Health in mid-July, but do not wait to make an appointment with your child's physician; keep your records and upload them once you have your log-in.

- Student-athletes in grades 7-12 must have all documentation in Magnus Health by August 15 to participate in pre-season practices.

Any questions? E-mail Nurse Alicia Christian, BFS Director of Health Services, achristian@brooklynfriends.org

Let's Keep in Touch over the Summer

Please read all the email you receive from the school over the summer months. Official communications always start with BFS in the subject line. Also, report any change of address, (home and email) by updating your data in [My Backpack](#).

In the Community



Don't Miss the Powerful Production of Antigone in Ferguson

Antigone in Ferguson is a project of Theater of War (co-founded by BFS parent Bryan Doerries) and Brooklyn Public Library. A combination of theater, original music, and singing, it has been staged at St. Ann and Holy Trinity Church, 157 Montague Street in Brooklyn Heights, since the beginning of May; the run there concludes July 13. Tickets are free but reservations are required. A group of BFS Upper School students and their teachers saw the performance recently, and many more BFS community members have experienced this powerful production, encouraging others to do so. [Read more and reserve tickets.](#)

Sports Section

JOIN THE TEAM!

We look forward to continuing the BFS athletic tradition in August, when practices begin for our fall athletic teams (**Aug 19 for Gr. 9-12 and Aug. 26 for grades 7-8**). Fall sports are boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, and girls volleyball.

Students who wish to **JOIN THE TEAM** (especially those new to BFS in the fall) are encouraged to contact Athletic Director David Gardella, e-mail dgardella@brooklynfriends.org; phone 718-852-1029 ext. 234.

Students may also [fill out an online form](#) to express their interest. Fall schedules are already posted on bfsathletics.org (subject to change)

- 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](#)
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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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