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E-NEWS



September 13, 2019

Technology gremlins led to a later posting of E-News today. Our apologies.

Next Week at BFS

Mon. Sept. 16 6:00pm Senior College Night for All Senior Families | Afterschool Specials for LS/MS begin

Wed. Sept. 18 8:30am PAT New Parent Coffee Hour in the Pearl Cafeteria | Panther Pride Day [Details](#)

Thurs. Sept. 19 6:30pm What to Pay for College with Ron Lieber, in the Pearl St. Meetinghouse, open to all in the community. Details below.

All events & details online: brooklynfriends.org/calendar

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Getting to the Heart of the Matter

Last evening's convocation to welcome our new head of school Crissy Cáceres was a celebration of our students and community, exemplifying the unique spirit and vitality of BFS. With more than 500 guests in attendance at the NYC Technical College Auditorium, we began a dynamic and joyful new chapter in BFS's history. (We look forward to sharing photos and a complete video of this very special event next week.)

Don't Miss It: This Thursday, Sept. 19 -

Ron Lieber on "What to Pay for College"

All BFS families are invited to an evening with Ron Lieber, NYTimes "Your Money" columnist and BFS parent, who will share the first work-in-progress talk from his forthcoming book, "What to Pay for College." The book is all about who pays what and why, how the financial aid and discounting system has changed, and when – if ever – any of us should spend \$200,000 more than we might for a SUNY undergraduate education.

When: Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30pm

Where: Pearl Meetinghouse

Brought to you by: the BFS College Counseling Office and the Upper School Colloquia Series



"In all my years of writing about money, I have come across no consumer decision that inspires more confusion and emotion than the question of What to Pay for College."

– **Ron Lieber**, NY Times Your Money Columnist and Author

Advancement Report

Become an Advancement Volunteer

Envision yourself in this photograph with our dedicated group of Brooklyn Friends Fund Parent Volunteers. Our committee members work alongside the Advancement Team throughout the year to fundraise on behalf of the School. As one community, we have many dreams and our many dreams can be realized with everyone's help.



Please consider becoming a champion volunteer for the Brooklyn Friends Fund! If you're interested in serving on the Brooklyn Friends Fund Committee for the 2019-2020 school year, or if you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please email Anna Ferber at afferber@brooklynfriends.org / telephone 718-852-1029, ext. 243

School News You Can Use



A Survey for Families of Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Heritage

A group of families and BFS colleagues is interested in building a stronger sense of community for its families of Asian/Pacific Islander (API) heritage. We are considering the possibility of organizing a social event in the fall and an event for API Heritage Month in May 2020. **We are doing outreach to recruit and identify families who would like to be involved in these events and**

connecting with families of students who identify as Asian/Pacific Islander. (We recognize that the API experience is diverse and includes a wide range of backgrounds including but not limited to people who self-identify as East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, multi-racial, multi-ethnic, Pacific Islander, and people who are adopted.)

If your family identifies as being of API heritage, please take a few moments to respond to the questions below. Thank you!

[BFS Asian/Pacific Islander Community Survey](#)

Pre/Lower Library Hours

Library hours for parents, caregivers and families begin NEXT Mon, Sept. 16.

MORNINGS 8-8:30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

AFTERNOONS 3-4pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Managing the Nuts and Bolts of Afterschool

It's a whole new world at BFS after 3 pm. Parents, if you use afterschool regularly, occasionally or as a drop in, [please read this update](#) on the nuts and bolts of afterschool.

Looking Ahead to Senior Legacy Day

On Thurs, Sept. 26, the 12th grade will celebrate Senior Legacy Day! The class of 2020 will spend the school day reflecting on their time at BFS. They will also look ahead to what they would like to accomplish this school year and think about what legacy they will leave behind them at Brooklyn Friends. As they kick-off their senior year together, students will also spend time off-campus, enjoying food, fun and games!

Admissions for 2020-21

Families interested in applying for their child should [create a Ravenna account](#) and submit an application. Please [refer to the BFS website](#) for more detailed information, including application deadline, about each divisional admissions process. Information about [applying for financial aid](#) is also on the website.

College Counseling Programs for BFS Families

Our College Counseling Office sponsors an array of programs throughout the school year to capture current best practices and target information that empowers our families. The first program, open to all families and part of the Upper School Colloquia Series, is Thursday, Sept. 19, 6:30 pm with Ron Lieber on "What to Pay for College." [Please take a look at this list](#) so that you know all that the College Counseling Office has in store for our community this academic year.

Sports Section

Celebrate PANTHER PRIDE Day by Coming to a Game!

More than 150 young student-athletes are participating in BFS interscholastic athletics this fall. **Blue Pride AND Panther Pride!** Come to cheer on our athletes at any of the four games that will be held on the PAT Panther Pride Day on Sept. 18:

Wednesday Soccer Game schedule:

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Grace Church School-
 New York Leif Ericson Park (Dust Bowl) 2:45PM 3:00PM 4:30PM
 MS Boys Soccer vs. Grace Church School-
 Brooklyn Bridge Park – #2 3:00PM 3:15 PM 4:15PM
 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Grace Church School-
 New York Kaiser Park #1 2:45PM 3:00PM 4:15PM
 MS Girls Soccer vs. Grace Church School-
 Brooklyn Bridge Park – #3 3:00PM 3:15 PM 4:15PM
Wednesday Volleyball Game schedule:
 HOME! Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Grace Church School-
 BFS Upper Gym 3:30PM 3:45 PM 5:30PM
 Girls JV Volleyball vs. Grace Church School-
 New York Grace Church (US) 2:45PM 3:00PM 4:15PM
 HOME! MS Girls Volleyball vs. Grace Church School-
 BFS Upper Gym 3:30PM 3:45 PM 4:00PM

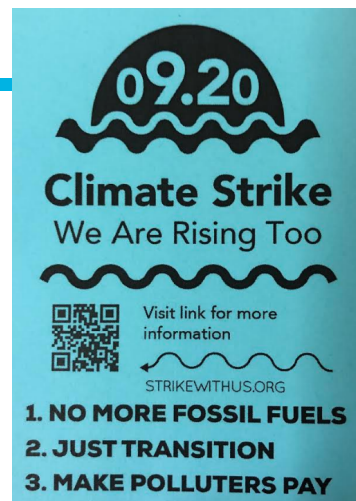
Then, check out our Athletics Calendar on bfsathletics.org to see the full roster of fall games, and plan to [Cheer the Team!](#)

In the Community

Youth Climate Strike on Sept. 20

As many in our community already know, on next Fri, Sept. 20, there will be a youth-led [Global Climate Strike](#) in advance of the United Nations Climate Summit. Young people will be walking out of their schools to call attention to the global climate crisis, demanding meaningful action by governments and policy makers. Youth leaders, including student environmental justice advocates from the Upper School, are taking part in this effort and plan additional action throughout the school year.

For BFS families and colleagues who would like to have more information and get involved, please [GO HERE](#).



Quaker News

Holding Earth in the Light

A gathering in silence on the eve of the United Nations Secretary General's Climate Action Summit will be held on Sunday 22 September 2019 at the Quaker Meeting House, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, between 15th and 16th Streets, and 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Please arrive by 7:20pm. We will gather in silence between 7:30pm and 8:00pm. This will be followed by a period of contemplative sharing 8:00pm – 9:00pm led by Christiana Figueres, CEO of Global Optimism. People of all faiths and those unaffiliated are welcome. The event is free, but registration is requested: [Registration](#)

From the BFS Health Office

Families, please note: On Friday, Sept. 20, the clinicians from **Lice Treatment Center** will conduct lice checks for our Pearl Street students. Please keep in mind BFS has a no-head-lice-policy. Students with live head lice or heavy nits will be sent home from school. Rechecks for confirmed cases or students that were absent will be held on Monday, Sept. 23. If your child is sent home for a confirmed case of lice or heavy nits, please contact the nurse's office to confirm treatment was completed over the

weekend. Read [The Facts of Lice](#).

We have friends in our community that suffer with fragrance sensitivity. Those that suffer with this sensitivity cannot tolerate exposure to perfumes and scented chemical substances. The adverse effects to exposure manifest in symptoms including rashes, swelling of the eyes and general discomfort. When getting your children dressed for school, please be mindful of those with this sensitivity and refrain from using the following items for your child's daily grooming: Colognes or perfumes; Fragrant deodorants; Scented lotions/oils; Essential Oils. Thank you in advance for taking precautions to keep our community safe. As always, please feel free to contact Nurse Alicia (ext. 241) if you have any questions or concerns.

PAT UPDATE

New to BFS This Year?

Come to a light breakfast, meet and greet and question and answer session with fellow new parents and veterans at the annual PAT New Parent Coffee Hour, **Wed, Sept. 18**, 8:30am in the Pearl Cafeteria.

Volunteer for WinterFest

The annual BFS WinterFest will take place on Sat. Dec. 14 and the first WinterFest Planning Committee Meeting is **Tues, Sept 17 @ 8:45am** in Pearl Cafeteria.

Parent Jewish Affinity Group

The parent Jewish affinity group is meeting on **Thurs, Sept. 19 8:30-9:30am** in the Pearl cafeteria. Returning parents and newcomers are welcome to join us!



PANTHER PRIDE DAY - September 18

Show off your BFS spirit next Wednesday at the PAT's first Panther Pride Day! Don your best blue shirt or your favorite BFS swag, enjoy some pre-game lobby energy on Wednesday after school, then take your seat and CHEER at one of the many BFS athletics competitions happening that afternoon (including games in our very own gyms and at close-by Brooklyn Bridge Park).

More details and list of games [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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