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E-NEWS



Sept. 20, 2019

Next Week at BFS

- Mon. Sept. 23** PS 4s Afterschool begins
- Tues. Sept. 24** PS 3s Afterschool begins
- Sept. 24-27** MS MAP Testing
- Wed. Sept. 25** 6:00pm LS Curriculum Night for Gr. K/1
- Thurs. Sept. 26** 6:00pm LS Curriculum Night for Gr. 2-4 | Senior Legacy Day
- Fri. Sept. 27** 8:30am PS Coffee Hour: Beginnings and Transitions

All events & details online: brooklynfriends.org/calendar

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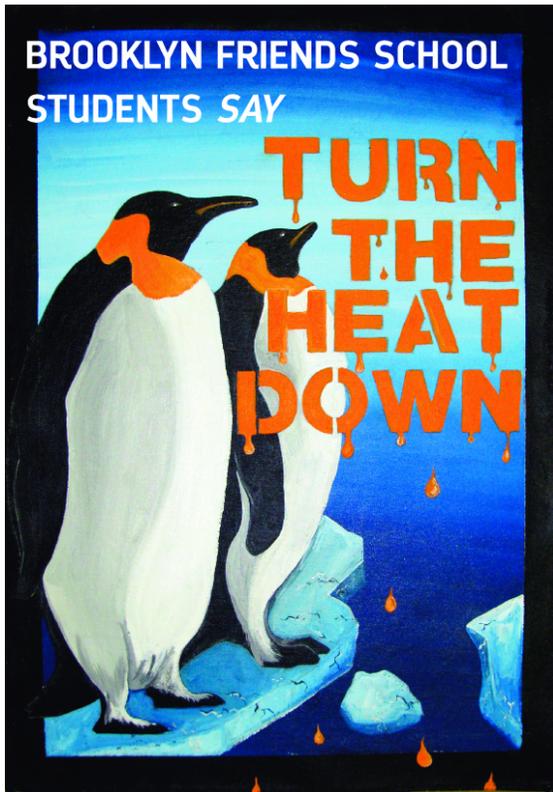
Up Close and Personal for Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month

To recognize Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month at BFS, a group of BFS colleagues looked inward this year, asking their peers who identify as Latinx/Hispanic to pose for photos and a banner to celebrate their heritage. You can see the banner in the school lobbies and [HERE](#). Of the 36 colleagues who appear, there are 11 of Puerto Rican heritage, 10 with roots in the Dominican Republic, and others representing Spain, Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Panama, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Cuba, Thank you colleagues, for sharing your heritage and background with the BFS community!

Global Youth Climate Strike

More than 80 percent of our Upper Schoolers will be participating in the Climate Strike today, and at least one colleague representative from every division will also take part. Pictured is a poster that some of our Middle Schoolers will be carrying today. As a longtime member of the Green Schools Alliance, BFS and our students are environmental advocates who take ACTION to meet the challenges of climate change. And it starts as early as preschool. Read below:

For Preschoolers, It's Easy Being Green



Thanks to a teacher-led grassroots effort, the Preschool is caring for the environment and significantly reducing waste with the addition of reusable cups, bowls, utensils, and napkins at snack time. Read more and check out photos at the [BFS website here](#).

An Evening to Remember

Thanks to all who attended last Thursday's Convocation for Crissy Cáceres and to those who supported the occasion in myriad ways. Enjoy photos and video at the BFS website now. [View photos here](#) →





Person to Person with Crissy Cáceres

The first 2019-2020 episode of THE LIFE, our all-school multimedia presentation, is a Middle School student (Talia K-L, Class of 2024) interview with Head of School Crissy Cáceres, entitled "Lighthouse." Learn how we came upon that title and uncover the many dimensions of Crissy's life and new role at BFS in [Season 4, Episode 1: Lighthouse.](#)

Advancement Report



one BFS, infinite IMPACT

This year's exciting annual fund mailing just hit your mailboxes, and if you haven't received it yet, the mailing is making its way to you now.

We ask all families, alumni, and friends to help support all the dreams we have for BFS. We are **oneBFS** with **infiniteIMPACT**. BFS is a participatory community where every gift – big, small, or in-between – matters to us and makes a huge impact. Help shape BFS by underwriting excellence today. You'll be hearing from parent volunteers soon.

Give today at brooklynfriends.org/donate.

Founders Day Trivia Quiz Results

Thanks to all who participated in our BFS history trivia quiz in honor of Founders Day on Sept. 9. Listed below are those BFS historians who achieved the highest scores of 75% and above on the quiz. Congrats, Friends! Curious about the answers? [Here's the key](#). The most-missed questions were What was Brooklyn Friends School's original name? and BFS doesn't have a football team now, but in 1931 we did. How did we do?. BFS was originally called the Friends School at Brooklyn and guess what? In 1931, we had an undefeated football team!

BFS History Experts: 7D Advisory, Katie Bednark, David Gardella, Camilla Church Greene '60, Linda Herman, Marna Herrity, Sarah Levy, Joan Martin, Leslie McCarthy, Giancarlo Milea '11, Dominique and Michael Prieto.

School News You Can Use

Security: Lockdown and Drills

The safety of students and the community is paramount at BFS. At all buildings, the School conducts regular drills and other safety procedures, such as fire (evacuation) drills and lock-down drills, a minimum number of which are required by law every school year. All BFS colleagues are trained in emergency response procedures. At Pearl Street earlier this week, a false lock-down announcement was activated, and established procedures were followed. It is BFS policy to announce all lockdown drills in ADVANCE by email to families and colleagues, and we will do this going forward. In the meantime, parents may want to consult [this fact sheet](#) that explains the lockdown procedures in ways that speak to children. We appreciate your understanding and collaboration in this matter. Thank you.

Making Our Lists, Checking Them Twice

The BFS Student & Family Directory will go to press on Monday afternoon. Please sign in to [My Backpack](#) with your unique user-name and password to ensure that the data we print is accurate. You will receive a form in E-News next week to order or download the directory.

HAVE YOU RESPONDED TO OUR SURVEY?

A group of BFS colleagues and families is reaching out to families who identify as Asian/Pacific Islander (also known as API), who would like to connect with one another and perhaps plan events around API topics and concerns. 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](#)

Upper School Announcements:

1. **US Families:** We would like to extend an invitation for you and your student(s) to attend the **2019 Westtown Independent School Multicultural Conference and College Fair** on **Sat, Oct. 19** at the Westtown School; which is located

in West Chester, Pennsylvania. This is an extraordinary day filled with educational and inspirational programming. The list of colleges leading the workshops and attending the College Fair can be found at www.westtown.edu/collegefair and is updated weekly. You will receive more information about signing up and logistics via email early next week.

2. **Senior Families** 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! Look for an email early next week containing a finalized itinerary and consent form.
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Sports Section

****See all team schedules on bfsathletics.org****



The fall season is off to a great start, made all the more special by the schoolwide **Panther Pride Day** celebration on Wed. Sept. 18. Thank you to the PAT for organizing this effort with such enthusiasm and commitment.

This Week in BFS Sports

- On Monday the **Boys Varsity Soccer Team** defeated Garden 10-0 at beautiful Bush Terminal. and the **Girls JV Volleyball Team** defeated Friends Seminary 2-1 in the upper gym. The **Girls Varsity Volleyball Team** defeated Friends Seminary 3-0 in the upper gym. The team's hitting and tipping was on full display in this battle of the Quakers.
- On Wednesday the **Girls Varsity Volleyball Team** defeated in the upper gym, and the **MS Girls Soccer Team** tied Grace 4-4 at beautiful Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Last Week in BFS Sports

- The **Boys Varsity Soccer Team** tied Dwight 2-2 in Coney Island in the season opener.
- The **Girls Varsity Volleyball Team** defeated Bay Ridge Prep 3-0 in the Upper Gym in the season opener
- The **Girls JV Volleyball Team** defeated Staten Island Academy 2-0 in the Upper Gym.
- The **Girls Varsity Volleyball Team** defeated Staten Island Academy in the upper gym. Teamwork shined bright through the leadership of captains Alexandra H. and Salma M.
- The **Girls Varsity Volleyball Team** competed in the 2019 Masters Invitational Volleyball Tournament at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry.

PAT Update



Thanks to the PAT for organizing – and to the entire BFS community for embracing – our first annual **Panther Pride Day** on Wednesday! Enjoy photos at the BFS website now! [View photos here](#) →

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, Sept 27, 8:30 – 9:30am

Learning Differences Affinity Group
Pearl St. Cafeteria

LD Families is an affinity group for parents to come together and support one another surrounding the issues of children at BFS who have Learning Differences.

Monday, Oct. 7, 6:30pm

Class Parent Orientation

Quaker News

You're Invited . . . on the First Friday of Every Month

On Fri. Oct. 4 and going forward on the first Friday of every month, the Spiritual Life Committee of the Board of Trustees holds a Family & Caregiver Meeting for Worship at Pearl Street, from 8:15 to 9:30am. All are welcome.

If there are BFS families who have an extra bedroom and would be willing to host a guest of the school for a night or two at some point during the school year, please contact Marna Herrity, Coordinator of Quaker Life, mherrity@brooklynfriends.org

Holding Earth in the Light

A gathering in silence on the eve of the UN Climate Action Summit will be held on Sunday 22 September 2019 at the Quaker Meeting House, 15 Rutherford Place, New York. A period of silence between 7:30 and 8:00pm will be followed by contemplative sharing 8:00pm – 9:00pm, led by Christiana Figueres, CEO of Global Optimism.

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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