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E-NEWS



September 6, 2019

Next Week at BFS

Mon. Sept. 9 Founders Day Celebration in the school lobby (after 3pm) | 5:30pm Preschool Parent Orientation | 8:30am Coffee Hour for New Gr. 1-4 Parents
Tues. Sept. 10 First Day of Preschool (mini-morning) | 6:00pm Upper School Parent Orientation for all Gr. 9 parents and those new to BFS | Gr. 8 Trip to Bear Mountain | Family Center Parent Orientation
Wed. Sept. 11 First Day of Phase in for Family Center
Thurs. Sept. 12 6:00pm Convocation for Head of School Crissy Cáceres

All events & details online: brooklynfriends.org/calendar

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A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

What a joy it was to welcome (and welcome back) students and their families to the first day of school for K-12 on Sept. 5. Our new Head of School **Crissy Cáceres** greeted students and families at Pearl Street and welcomed Upper Schoolers to their first collective meeting at the Schermerhorn Meetinghouse. Friends reconnected with one another after the summer

break and students settled right in to the work at hand – their BFS education. Our Advancement Team paparazzi captured many of these moments you may [VIEW HERE](#).



Become a Part of School History. . .
by participating in the Board of Trustees Convocation to welcome Crissy Caceres as the 20th Head of School of Brooklyn Friends.

WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 2019, 6:00pm

WHERE: NYC College of Technology Auditorium, 285 Jay Street (just two blocks from BFS)

[RSVP by Sept. 8 HERE.](#)

Children and families welcome. Reception to follow.

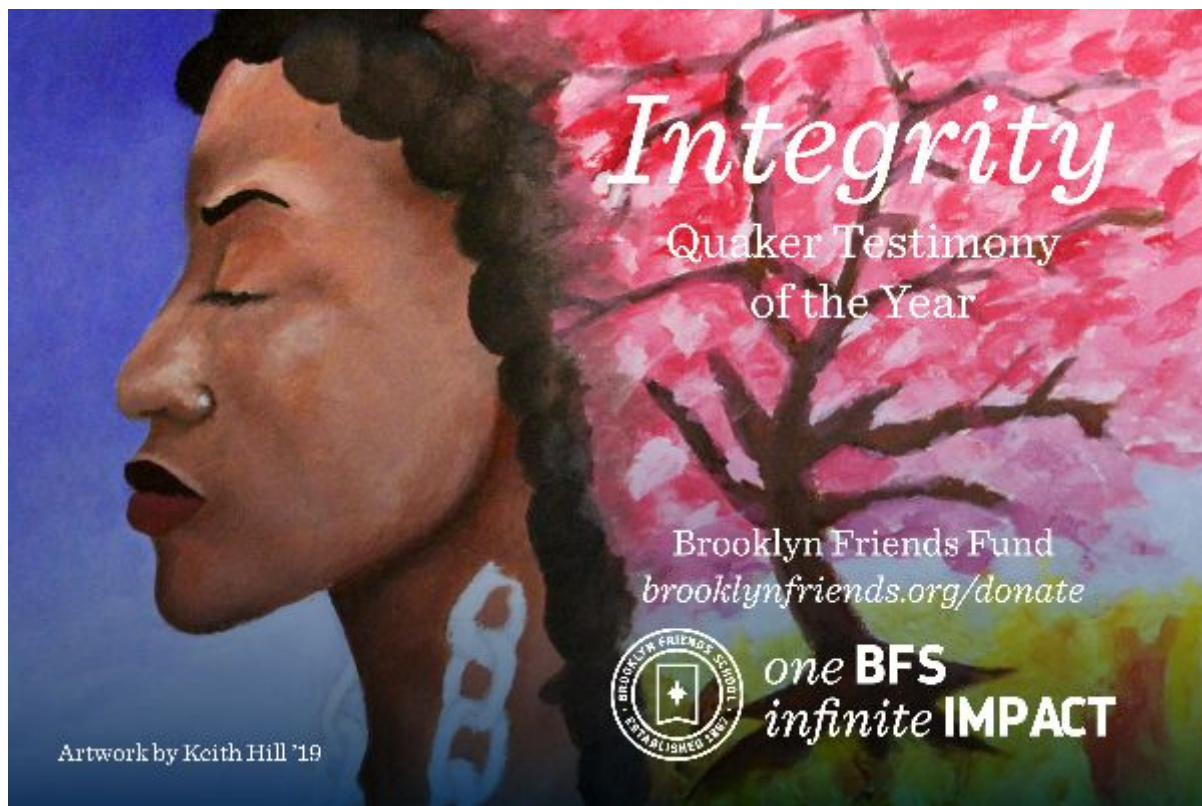
Founders Day on Monday, Sept. 9

Test Your Knowledge of BFS History and Celebrate Our Legacy

This Monday, September 9, marks 152 years since the Friends School at Brooklyn opened its doors on Schermerhorn Street to 8 boys and 9 girls. 152 years and thousands of Friends later, we are celebrating our Founders Day **and the kickoff of our 2019-2020 Brooklyn Friends Fund theme**, One BFS, Infinite Impact, with an after school Lobby celebration featuring give-a-ways and a BFS history trivia quiz!

One BFS, Infinite Impact is an expression of our collective commitment to the mission of our school and the profound influence BFS has on every member of our community.

Make sure to stop by the Pearl Street Lobby after school this Monday, September 9 for the fun! You can get a head start on the trivia by going to brooklynfriends.org/trivia. All Friends who receive a perfect score will be listed in next week's E-News.



The Class of 2019– Where Are They Now?

As we begin our own 152nd academic year this week, the BFS community extends warm wishes and good luck to members of the Class of 2019, who are bringing the Brooklyn Friends tradition from coast to coast – and internationally – at the following colleges:

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
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

School News You Can Use

Admissions: Looking Ahead to 2020-21

The admissions season for the 2020-21 school year has begun! Those who are 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.

College Counseling Programs for BFS Families

Each year, College Counseling sponsors an array of programs throughout the school year. We revise our programming annually to capture current best practices and target information that empowers our families. You'll notice that we have a wide variety of programs – some serve the entire school community while others are targeted at specific grade levels, some are BFS specific and others are shared with peer schools. [Please take a look at this list](#) so that you know what the College Counseling Office has in store for our community this academic year.

Lower School Math Wizards

Please bring back your ["Summer Math Bingo"](#) board to our Lower School Math Office to receive a small prize, and get ready for your 2019-20 Math Challenge!

Sports Section

Pearl the Panther Says, "Join the Team"

Welcome to another Brooklyn Friends school year and to the BFS Athletics Program. We encourage all BFS students to be a part of the program and represent BFS as a student-athlete by joining the BFS athletic teams during the school year.



- We currently offer 37 teams during the fall, winter, and spring seasons for grades 7-12.
- There are currently 20 Upper School teams and 17 Middle School (grades 7/8) teams.

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

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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