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# E-NEWS



October 25, 2019

## Next week at BFS *Week 1*

**10/28 8:30am** BFF Learning Differences Affinity Group | **5:15pm** Gr. 3/4 Parent Math Workshop

**10/31 9am** Gr. 4 Halloween Dance Performance for their Families | **8:30am** BFF Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee | **8:45am** BFF Winterfest Planning Committee

**11/1 8:30am** Gr. 1/2 Parent Math Coffee Hour | **8:15am** Meeting for Worship for Parents & Caregivers

**11/2 9am** Young Womxn of Strength Conference **10:45am** Dr. Bettina Love speaks with the adult community: "We Want to Do More than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching"

All events & details are online: [brooklynfriends.org/calendar](https://brooklynfriends.org/calendar)

## A Change of Schedule

E-News, going forward, will be sent on Sundays, starting next week, Nov. 3.

## Top Stories



## Citizen Scientists: 8th Grade Participates in Citywide Study of Our Environment

It may have been a rainy and chilly fall morning, but our 8th graders were anything but gloomy as they spent the morning on Tuesday (10/22) in Brooklyn Bridge Park participating in the Day in the Life of Hudson and Harbor study as well as the Billion Oyster Project. [Read more and enjoy photos here →](#)

Read more on the BFS Website:

- [Parent Conference Sign-up Begins Today at 4pm](#)
- [Bettina Love and the Young Womxn of Strength Conference](#)
- [You've Got a Friend in Me: Family Center and Middle School Buddies](#)

### It's All Happening at the Upper School

- City as Classroom.
- Dia de Los Muertos y La Ofrenda.
- Following in the Footsteps of Holden Caulfield.
- We the Jury.
- A Date with Hamlet.

[Learn details about these activities](#) and how students are participating in exciting co-curricular programs this fall.

## Advancement Report



### Blue Pride for the Brooklyn Friends Fund

Many thanks to the families and colleagues who have embraced the One BFS, Infinite IMPACT goal of the Brooklyn Friends Fund by making an early gift to support all areas of school operations and student life at BFS. We already have 400 contributions to the fund, which is outpacing trends of recent years. Blue Pride! Donations from many more generous stakeholders will help the fund grow throughout the seasons, until we reach our goal at the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Please consider making your pledge or your voluntary charitable gift to the fund today. Thank you.

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## BFF MEETINGS

### Monday 10/28

- Learning Differences Affinity Group  
**8:30 am, Pearl Street Cafeteria**

### Thursday 10/31

- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee (all welcome)  
**8:30 am, Pearl Street Cafeteria**
- Winterfest Planning Committee  
**8:45 am, Pearl Street Cafeteria**

## Are you a party planner at heart?

Help plan WinterFest—our annual BFS community event featuring a flurry of family fun! With games, crafts, music, magic, food, and drink—WinterFest requires parents and caregivers of all talents to help make it a success and it's not too late to get involved. Come to the next planning meeting on Thursday October 31st at 8:45 in the Pearl Street cafeteria. WinterFest will take place on Saturday December 14th.



## CALL FOR STUDENT ARTWORK!

Middle and Upper School student artists, submit a design to the WinterFest wrapping paper design contest! The winning designs will become wrapping paper to be sold at WinterFest on **Saturday, December 14th**. Artists should submit their designs by **Monday, November 11th** to [winterfest@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:winterfest@brooklynfriends.org). Any type of artwork is acceptable, but all entries must be submitted by email as a jpg or png, 300 dpi.

## Friends of the Library

Help sort and shelf! Whether you have a few minutes or a few hours, the library could use the extra hands. Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays from 8 am–9:15 am or Wednesdays from 3–4 pm Even a few minutes before or after drop off helps.

## Quaker News

### First Friday Meeting for Worship on Nov. 1

You are invited to an after drop-off Quaker Meeting for Worship for parents and caregivers on Friday Nov. 1 at Pearl Street. The Meeting will take place from 8:15-9:15am with a period of silence and reflection, followed by discussion and socializing. Feel free to show up when you are able and leave when you need to. This Meeting is being hosted by the Board of Trustees' Spiritual Life Committee. The location is the Orchestra Room on the 5th floor of Pearl Street, Room 504.

## Sports Section



## This Week in BFS Sports

- MS Girls Volleyball completed their season undefeated with an 8-1 win over Grace. (team photo above)
- MS Boys Soccer defeated Saint Ann's 3-2 to close out their hard-fought season
- Girls Varsity Soccer had a win and a loss in the ISAL semi-finals and finals
- **Girls Varsity Volleyball** defeated Birch Wathen Lenox 3-0 (25-17, 25-23, 25-14) in the ISAL Semifinals in the upper gym. The team advances to play Dwight **TODAY** in the ISAL Finals at 5:30pm @ Leman Manhattan Prep.
- **Girls JV Volleyball** defeated Elisabeth Irwin 2-0 (25-18, 25-21) in the ISAL Semifinals in the upper gym. The team advances to play Garden on **TODAY** in the ISAL Finals at 4:00pm @ Leman Manhattan Prep. Blue Pride!!

## Winter Season starts on Nov. 1

For all Athletic Schedules, go to [bfsathletics.org](http://bfsathletics.org)

**Middle School Girls** – [Register](#) for the Nov. 12 Basketball Clinic with St. Francis College Women's Team. This special event is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls. It takes place 3:30pm-4:45pm, in the BFS Lower Gym.

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**Athletics Information Site** - [Click Here](#)  
**Weekly Highlights** - [Click Here](#)

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