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Nov. 3, 2019

This Week at BFS *Week 2*

Tues. 11/5 Election Day; regular school day. *When you vote, take a picture outside the polls and share with us on social media by posting with #BFSVotes*

Wed. 11/6 4:15 pm: BFS Colleague Volleyball Game, Upper Gym

Thurs. 11/7 8:45 am: Winterfest Planning Committee meets in the Cafeteria

Thurs. 11/7 Middle/Upper Parent Conferences **No school for MS; Half-day for US**

Fri. 11/8 Pre, Lower, Middle & Upper Parent Conferences **No school for all students**

Top Stories



Blue Pride Overload – an Outstanding Fall Season

Commitment, Confidence, Character and Championship play characterized the Panthers' fall season and our 8 teams.

- Girls Varsity Volleyball (15 wins- 5 losses) continued their winning ways from previous seasons and earned the ISAL Championship, the ISAL Playoff

Tournament Championship, and a bid in the New York State Independent School championship games.

- Girls JV Volleyball were celebrated as ISAL Champions and runner-ups in the Tournament Playoffs, with a full season record of 11-5.
- Girls Varsity Soccer were runner-ups in the Tournament Playoffs with a record of 4 wins and 10 losses.
- Boys Varsity Soccer had a winning season with a record of 7-5-2
- Middle School Girls Soccer were distinguished by an undefeated season with 6 wins and 2 ties.
- Middle School Girls Volleyball played a demanding interscholastic schedule and had 4 wins and 9 losses.
- Middle School Boys Soccer posted a 5-9 record.
- Middle and Upper School Cross Country athletes ran in several meets in the ACIS league.



A Fourth Grade Halloween

Congratulations to the 4th Grade on a very spooky Halloween dance. This year marked the 36th anniversary of the Lower School Halloween Dance Performance, a much loved BFS tradition that is many weeks in the making in dance classes with Margaret Bary. This year's was extra special as the performance fell on the holiday itself, and for the first time it was live-streamed on the Internet. Read more and watch a recording of the performance [HERE](#) →



Día de Los Muertos at BFS

On Wednesday the 9th Grade learned about the Day of the Dead and participated in four workshops to create decorations for an Ofrenda (with help from students in other grades). By placing an item on the ofrenda (altar) that your passed loved one enjoyed, the soul of the deceased can come back to enjoy their worldly delights once again. In 3rd Grade Spanish class, students also learned about the holiday. Read more [HERE](#) →





Every Day's a New Day, and It's All Happening in Afterschool

If a picture tells a thousand words then these recent photos – [along with others HERE](#) – tell several thousand about what's happening in the BFS Afterschool program this fall. Numbers tell the story too:

- Classes offered: 61
- Students enrolled: 369 (not including Drop-ins)
- Grades: Preschool - 6th Grade
- After school Colleagues: 49 – Group leaders: 12, Specialty teachers: 27, Independent contractors: 10
- Music students: 80
- Music teachers: 14



Falling for Later @ Lawrence

The World Series has come to a close, but the fall semester of Later @ Lawrence is in full swing! Our upper school afterschool academic program, also open to 7th and 8th graders, is back with three excellent course offerings. On Mondays, students are refining their techniques for rendering the (au naturel) human form in Figure Drawing with artist-instructor Rachel Cohen. Also on Mondays, students are practicing their fluency in the belle langue by discussing literature, film, history, pop culture and current events in French Conversation with Mahalia Gayle. On Tuesdays, Freaky Fermentation is the thing! In this

Later @ Lawrence course with Vanessa Ehler, students (in photo above) are learning to ferment by making sauerkraut, yogurt, kombucha and much more! All Later @ Lawrence classes run from 3:45 to 5:45, and are a great way for students and teachers to connect in order to keep the learning, and fun, going into the evening!



Mixing It Up in the Middle School

- This or that: ice cream or cake?
- If you could have any job in the world, what would it be and why?

The Middle School enjoyed “*Mix It Up*” lunches on Wednesday! Students were seated in groups at random and got to know new friends with fun questions like those above. Mix It Up lunches are a program of Teaching Tolerance, encouraging students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over a meal.



What Makes a Leader? What Are the Qualities of a Good Leader?

As leaders of the Middle School student body, the 8th grade class will be exploring these questions, and others, throughout the school year. Where better to look for examples of leadership than in our own community of colleagues? In this week's **THE LIFE**, see and hear four 8th graders interviewing **Glen Pinder**, Head of Middle School; **Karen Edelman**, Director of Advancement, **Karine Blemur-Chapman**, Director of All-School Enrollment, and **Kenneth Alston**, Assistant Director of Security. Some leadership pointers: leading by example, uniting and inspiring groups of people behind a mission, and thinking not just out of the box but beyond the box.

[SEASON 4, EPISODE 4 Portraits in Leadership](#)

Advancement Report



Come Learn about the Brooklyn Friends Fund – Person to Person

Want to know how your gift to the Brooklyn Friends Fund impacts the heartbeat of our School? Visit the Pearl Street Lobby from **7:30 am–9:00 am** on **Thurs, Nov. 14, 2019** and check on our Brooklyn Friends Fund Information Table. Our parent volunteers will be there to showcase all the fantastic work you make possible, answer any questions you might have about our fundraising efforts, and more!

[Click Here to Make Your Gift Now! Thank you.](#)

A Community that Runs Together, Grows Together: **Congratulations to the BFS New York City Marathoners!**

A huge pat on the back to our BFS NYC Marathon Runners (listed below). You are an inspiration to all of us; you also set the pace for ambitious goal-setting for the 2019-20 Brooklyn Friends Fund. For anyone who ran the NYC Marathon and is not listed here, stop by the Office of Advancement on Monday morning and let us know. Send your marathon photo to bfsdevelopment@brooklynfriends.org for a special congrats!

- Tu Harris
- Caroline Segarra

- *Daniel Shiffman*
- *Erin Vali*
- *Jenny Wallach*
- *Betsy Eyring Young*
- *Brian Young*



Winter Fest Wrapping Paper Design Contest

Last Week to Enter!

Do you have a Middle and/or Upper School student artist? They can submit a design to the WinterFest wrapping paper design contest! The winning designs will become wrapping paper to be sold at WinterFest on Sat. Dec. 14. Artists should submit their designs by Mon, Nov. 11 to winterfest@brooklynfriends.org. Any type of artwork will be considered, but all entries must be submitted by email as a jpg or png, 300 dpi.



Join #BFSVotes with the BFF Service Learning and Civic Engagement Committee

Don't forget to vote on Nov. 5 and when you do, take a picture outside of the polls and share with us on social media by posting with #BFSVotes! For more information on what's on the ballot this year or to find your polling site [go here →](#)

Participatory Budgeting Youth Committee

The Participatory Budgeting Youth Committee is holding a meeting on Mon, Nov. 4, and we're looking for more involvement; if you know a middle or high schooler who wants to be involved in their community, pass along this message! **PB Youth Committee General Meeting:** Mon, Nov. 4, 2019 5:00 pm–7:00 pm at Council Member Brad Lander's District Office, 456 5th Avenue, Brooklyn. For more information, contact pb youthcommittee@gmail.com or [visit their website here →](#).

Nov & Dec Brooklyn Monthly Meeting Community Dinners

BFS Families, please [GO HERE](#) to sign up for the November and December dinners. For these two dinners, a special holiday meal is prepared and served. Please consider donating to the meal – turkeys, hams, and pies! If you sign up and end up not being able to attend, please cancel your sign up (through the Sign Up Genius link) so someone else can fill your spot.

Sports Section



Lily Boyd / Sophomore
Girls JV Volleyball



Nora Slovak / Senior
Girls Varsity Soccer



Nina Haskins / Sophomore
Girls Varsity Soccer

Congratulations to Our Athletes of the Month

The Brooklyn Friends School coaches and families are proud of ***every one of our student-athletes*** for participating in interscholastic sports and for representing BFS so well in our independent school community. Our **Athlete of the Month** program takes BLUE PRIDE one step further by shining a light on players or teams that distinguish themselves in a special way on the court, the field, or the pitch. Athletes are nominated and chosen by their coaches. We are pleased to announce that October's Athletes of the Month are **Lily Boyd, Nora Slovak** and **Nina Haskins**. [Read their coaches' citations HERE.](#)

Winter Season Is Underway!

While Basketball is the name of the game in Winter Season (there are six teams!), student-athletes also participate in squash, swim, and indoor track. There is a bowling club, too, on Fridays for Upper Schoolers. Students, if you haven't done so already, fill out our [Team Sign-Up Survey](#). (This is good for spring as well). For all Athletic Schedules, go to bfsathletics.org

A Special Opportunity for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Girls

Please plan to attend the **Nov. 12 Basketball Clinic with the St. Francis College Women's Team**. While all Middle School basketball players are expected to attend, all others are invited. You don't need to make a team commitment to participate. The clinic takes place **3:30pm-4:45pm, in the BFS Lower Gym**.

Come One, Come All to the Colleague Volleyball Game This Wednesday

Everyone's invited to be a fan at our annual Colleague Volleyball Game on Wednesday afternoon (**11/6 at 4:15pm**) in the Upper Gym. It's a lot of fun – you'll see a different dimension of our BFS colleagues and are sure to be impressed by their athletic abilities, risk-taking skills, and sense of joyful competition.

Schedules of Practices and Games: [Click Here](#)

Athletics Resource Site: [Click Here](#)

Weekly Highlights: [Click Here](#)

Sign up for Fan Alerts

CORRECTION: Last week's E-News had the correct picture but the wrong name to congratulate the MS Girls Soccer Team on their undefeated season. Our apologies and a hearty congratulations once more on your amazing season.

Quaker News



Join Brooklyn Friends School and Quaker families on **Saturday, Nov. 16** from 10am to 4pm (shifts are two hours) for a day of raking, planting and getting the Cemetery ready for the winter. The beautiful, historic Quaker Cemetery is located near the park entrance at Prospect Park SW and 16th Street, along Center Drive. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Please bring your own water bottle and/or mug to cut down on our carbon footprint. If you have them, please bring a rake and gloves. [Sign Up Now →](#)

Notes from the Health Office on Lice

A rising number of lice cases have been noted at BFS this school year. It is very important for all of us: families, colleagues, and students, to do our best to prevent the spread of lice. For example:

- Students should not have head-to-head contact.
- Students should not share combs, brushes, or any type of items that can be worn on the head.
- Students should keep hair in a ponytail during the school day.

Here is an [audio clip](#) about head lice and the most recent lice information from the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#). Another resource is the article [The Facts of Lice](#) on the BFS website.

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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