



BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

2020 WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL

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DATES FOR 2020 WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER:

Monday, January 6, 2020 - Monday, June 8, 2020

All Specialty classes begin on Monday, January 13 and end on Tuesday May 26.

THERE WILL BE NO AFTERSCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Mon., Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Mon., Feb. 17: Presidents Day

Tues., Feb. 18: Professional Development Day

Mon., Mar. 16 - Fri., Mar. 27: Spring Break

Thurs., Apr. 9: Passover

Fri., Apr. 10: Passover & Good Friday

Thurs., Apr. 23: MS/US Parent Conferences

Friday, Apr. 24: MS/US Parent Conferences

Fri., May 22: Professional Development Day

Tues. May 19 - Thurs., May 21: MS Overnight Trip

Fri., May 22: Professional Development Day

Mon., May 25: Memorial Day

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- **Registration opens at 6:00PM on Thursday, December 5.**
- **Deadline for registration is Monday, December 16..**
- **Outstanding balances from Fall Afterschool and/or music lessons must be fully paid in order for your registration to be approved.**
- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register as soon as possible to ensure your child's place.
- Families who receive financial assistance for BFS tuition will receive a discount equivalent to the percentage of their tuition assistance for Playgroups, Study Halls and Homework Clinics. Afterschool specialty classes and private music lessons are not eligible for this discount. The financial aid discount will be applied after Jan. 27 and will be reflected in your balance.
- For families with more than one child enrolled in Afterschool, a sibling discount of 5% will be applied to each child's total bill after Jan. 27 and will be reflected in your balance.

DEADLINE FOR CLASS CHANGES:

- **Changes to your class schedule will be considered until Monday, Jan. 27.** After this date, there will be no prorating, refunds or credits for dropped classes.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD (please follow these instructions and read in full before registering your child) :

- Log in to [My Backpack](#) using your My Backpack username and password, then click **Program Registration** and follow the instructions on the welcome page.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on “WINTER/SPRING AFTERSCHOOL REGISTRATION” and choose classes.
- You can filter divisions by clicking on a catalog group.
- If you need to add classes after you have already submitted classes, click on “ADD or MODIFY COURSES/PROGRAMS”. DO NOT click on “WINTER/SPRING AFTERSCHOOL REGISTRATION” again. Please be sure to **Pay and Submit** after making your selections, otherwise we will not receive them, including waitlisted classes.
- A **non-refundable** deposit of \$200 is due with your registration. Once you submit your registration and deposit, it will then be approved by the Afterschool office, which can take up to 1-2 days.
- Your selections will say “**Submitted**” (under “Status”) when this is complete. When approved, they will say “**Scheduled**”.
- **If your selections say Pending, you have NOT submitted your registration and your child’s spots have NOT been held.** *We are not responsible if your child does not receive a spot in a class due to a registration error.*
- If your child has been waitlisted for a class, be sure to submit the registration, otherwise your child will not get on the waitlist.
- Please note: you will **not** receive an email confirmation of your child’s schedule. Please check your Program Registration page on My Backpack to see that your selections have been approved. It should say “**Scheduled**” under “status”.
- To drop a class, email afterschool@brooklynfriends.org. You can not drop classes from your Mybackpack account after your classes have been submitted.
- If you have any questions or difficulties when registering, please email afterschool@brooklynfriends.org.

AFTERSCHOOL BALANCE DUE DATE

Your Afterschool balance is due by Feb.14.

You may pay with a credit card or e-check through your My Backpack account, or send a check payable to Brooklyn Friends School, attn: Afterschool. There is a processing fee of 3% for payments made by credit card, which will be automatically added to the bill. **After Feb. 14, a 15% surcharge will be added to your balance.**

DROP-IN & LATE PICK UP POLICIES

Children not registered for Afterschool on a given day may drop-in to Study Hall. You will not be charged if your child is picked up by **3:45pm**. After that, you will be billed \$25 per hour, rounded up to the nearest half hour.

In order to use Afterschool on a drop-in basis, you must notify the Afterschool office at afterschool@brooklynfriends.org no later than 2pm on the day you need to use drop-in. You must also *notify your child’s day school teachers* so they can make end-of-day plans accordingly.

Drop-ins will be billed to your My Backpack account on a monthly basis throughout the semester. Balances are due by the end of each monthly billing cycle. Outstanding balances will incur a 15% surcharge.

Afterschool ends at 6:00pm. Late fees of \$2 per minute will be charged for pick-up after 6:05pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDY HALL

Under the supervision of an Afterschool Group Leader, Middle School Study Hall gives students a space in which to work on homework and time for structured activities in the classroom, in the gym or on the roof. Children receive a light snack at the beginning of Study Hall. Study Hall is offered in two timeblocks, 3:30 to 4:30pm and 4:30 to 6:00pm.

Study Hall Fees Fees cover the entire semester of Study Hall on the given day and time. Fees for Study Hall vary due to days when Afterschool is not in session, such as holidays, conference days, and professional development days.

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
3:30-4:30pm	\$342	\$361	\$342	\$342	\$323
4:30-6:00pm	\$378	\$399	\$378	\$378	\$357

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIALTY CLASSES

All Specialty classes begin on Monday, January 13 and end on Tuesday, May 26. Children are welcome to attend Study Hall on the days of their Specialty class(es), for no additional charge, the week prior to the start-date of Specialty classes. Students enrolled in a Specialty class need to check in with their grade-level Study Hall teacher immediately at the end of the school day. In Study Hall they will receive a snack before moving on to the Specialty class.

When registering for a 4:30pm Specialty class, you must also register for the first timeblock of Study Hall (3- 4:30), or you will be charged a \$25 per hour Drop-in fee.

Specialty classes will only run with required minimum enrollment. In the event of cancellation, you will be notified by Jan. 6.

All classes and instructors are subject to change.

MONDAY SPECIALTY CLASSES

HOMEWORK CLINIC

3:45-4:30pm – Grades 5-8

\$375

BFS Teachers

Homework Clinic provides students with a quiet, small group environment in which to work on homework, while receiving help from our BFS teacher to strengthen skills, strategies and study habits. All Homework Clinic instructors are current BFS teachers.

ELECTRONIC SOUND LAB

4:30-5:30pm – Grades 5-6

\$420

Joel Lambdin

Using GarageBand, students will create their own music to learn basic concepts of composition, sound synthesis, and production techniques. Through listening and the modeling of techniques, students then experiment with these concepts on their own laptop, combining the benefits of a classroom setting with the more individualized attention of a lab setting. By the end of the session, students will have at least one completed original work, a beginning understanding of musical texture and how to create simple structures, the basics of synthesis (wave shapes and the harmonic series), and a starting point for mixing their own music on an industry standard Digital Audio Workstation. No prior musical experience necessary!

TUESDAY SPECIALTY CLASSES

HOMEWORK CLINIC **BFS Teachers**

3:45-4:30 pm – Grades 5-8 **\$425**
(Please see Monday for description)

HIP HOP DANCE **Amanda Valentin**

4:30-5:30pm – Grades 5-6 **\$425**

Taught by our very own BFS Afterschool Group Leader, Amanda has years of experience teaching dance at several programs in NYC, including our Horizons Program for the past two summers. This Hip Hop class will focus on learning choreography, expressing creativity and most importantly, building confidence through dance. Each session will include a brief warmup featuring a series of stretches and aerobic activity. Once students are properly warmed up we will work on combinations and choreography. The class culminates in a show for friends and family. Come join the fun!

DOUBLE DUTCH **Cheryl Foote**

4:30-5:30pm – Grades 5-6 **\$425**

Double Dutch is a vigorous jumping game that children have loved for centuries. In addition to teaching the children how to jump with two ropes, Cheryl teaches traditional jumping songs and hand games. Double Dutch with Cheryl is an Afterschool favorite!

KARATE **Sensei Glenn**

4:30-5:30pm – Grades 5-6 **\$476**

Karate class will help students build focus, self-esteem, as well as social and leadership skills. Students learn in a traditional environment that emphasizes respect for themselves and for others. The Fitness for Focus method trains the body and mind to adapt to stress, all while students develop confidence, rise in belt level, and have a great time!

WEDNESDAY SPECIALTY CLASSES

HOMEWORK CLINIC **BFS Teachers**

3:45-4:30pm – Grades 5-8 **\$375**
(Please see Monday for description)

JEWELRY MAKING **Elena Kanidinc**

4:30-5:30pm – Grades 5-6 **\$420**

This is a hands-on class for young designers and makers who want to explore jewelry-making and learn a variety of techniques and materials. Projects include making bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and other adornments.... to gift or keep! Classes are targeted to specific age groups, students' experience and skill level. Students are encouraged to develop their own style and can take home their own creations.

THURSDAY SPECIALTY CLASSES

INTERMEDIATE IT'S SEW FUN **China Aroh**

4:30-5:30pm – Grades 5-6 **\$420**

In this intermediate class, students work alongside each other at their own pace to create fun, wearable fashions such as t-shirts and ponchos. China earned a degree in Fashion Art & Design from FIT. In addition to teaching children in private and public school settings, she has worked as a costumer for the Joseph Papp Public Theater and as a wardrobe stylist for MTV.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY

4:30-5:30pm – Grades 5-6

\$420

Sensei Glenn

Students are taught to use an Olympus Tough, shockproof camera in discovering visual creativity by making their own images, while learning the basic elements of still photography as the basis for graphic design. Students learn how to understand and use light, perspective and spatial composition to communicate well and express themselves confidently. Students and teacher will create photographs of the other students in the class as well as things from home and places and things in and around the school. The course is taught by a former commercial photographer and current long-time karate instructor with experience bringing discipline to fun things.

FRIDAY SPECIALTY CLASSES

MYTHOMAGIC

3:45-4:30pm – Grades 5-6

\$459

with Plato Learning

Mythomagic is an exciting class based on the tabletop role-playing game from the popular Percy Jackson and the Olympian series. Led by their intrepid team of instructors, students create their own mythical heroes, challenge perilous beasts, and solve ancient puzzles in an original quest that combines their favorite mythological characters with new fantastical stories! Using their quick wit and their incredible creativity, students participate and shape the very stories they are playing through.

FRIENDLY FLYERS

with Junior Sosa

3:45-5:00pm – Grades 5-6

\$322

Class start on March 13th. Cost includes Playgroup until Friendly Flyers Starts.

Friendly Flyers is fitness and mindfulness in a single approach. Our experienced running coaches provide a safe space for students to explore running responsibly. From learning functional movements and running mechanics to practicing technique, form and breathing. This class is for all levels. Students will be escorted to Cadman Plaza where Friendly Flyers will take place. For inclement weather, the class will take place in one of the BFS gyms.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

- Registration opens on Dec 2 at 6:00pm. The deadline to register is Dec 11.
- If your child is currently taking lessons and is continuing in the Winter/Spring semester, you do NOT need to sign up!
- Lessons are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Our instructors' schedules fill quickly, so please register promptly to ensure your child's place.
- All lessons are subject to instructor and room availability.

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE MUSIC LESSON BROCHURE FOR MORE DETAILED INFO AND REGISTRATION LINK

Middle School Afterschool FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

Where does my Middle School child go at the end of the school day if he/she is in Afterschool?

All Middle School Afterschool students must check in with the grade-level Study Hall immediately after day-school ends. Locations are posted on each floor by the elevators. Students may not leave the building. If registered for a 3:30 or 4:30pm Specialty class, students may go to and from the Specialty class on their own but must always check in with the Study Hall teacher beforehand.

Where do I pick my child up from Afterschool?

All students must be signed out with their grade-level Study Hall teachers. The room locations list in the lobby and on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th floors will tell you where all Afterschool classes are on a given day. Study Halls use the roof and gyms at various times each afternoon. We recommend checking the classroom first; if the class has moved, the teachers will post a sign on the door letting you know where they are.

Please do not pick your child up directly from his or her Specialty class. Students return to Study Hall after Specialty classes where you can meet them and sign out.

Can my Middle School child leave Afterschool on their own?

Study Hall teachers will send a consent form home with your child during the first week of Afterschool. Upon receipt of a signed form, teachers will allow students to sign themselves out. Children must notify their Study Hall teacher before leaving the building after a Specialty class.

What happens if my child's Specialty class instructor is absent?

In the event of a specialty teacher's absence, students remain in their grade level Study Hall free of charge until pick-up. An email notification will go home to parents, however we are not always able to contact families on the day of the absence.

Will we receive a refund if our child misses a class, or if the specialty class instructor is absent?

We do not offer refunds for classes missed due to student illness or other factors not within the control of the Afterschool Program. If a specialty teacher is absent, every effort will be made to provide a substitute teacher or schedule a make-up class. When neither option is possible, we will credit the cost of the missed class to your account.

If our child's only specialty class on a given day begins at 4:30, do we need to register for Study Hall or another specialty class from 3:30 to 4:30?

Yes.

We missed the registration deadline. Can we still register?

We recommend registering as soon as possible, as classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and many fill quickly. However, for classes that continue to have openings, we will continue to accept registrations.

Can we adjust our registration if our needs change, or if our child changes his/her mind about a class?

Changes to your class schedule, with fee adjustments made accordingly, will be considered until Jan. 27 After this date, there will be no pro-rating, refunds or credits for dropped classes. Please see a detailed description of our policy as you complete the online registration process.

Why do the prices of classes vary throughout the week?

Class prices are calculated according to the number of days a class is in session throughout the semester. Due to holidays and professional development days, the number of classes varies depending on the day of the week. Please also keep in mind that the Fall semester is significantly shorter than the Winter/Spring semester.

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I'm having issues with My Backpack. Help!

Please email seniorsystems@brooklynfriends.org with login issues, problems with your account, or if you get an error message. Please email afterschool@brooklynfriends.org with any other questions regarding your Afterschool registration or payments.