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Nov. 17, 2019

## This Week at BFS *Week 2*

**Mon 11/18 5:45 pm:** Afterschool Potluck | **6:30 pm:** BFF Athletics Committee Meeting

**Tues. 11/19 8:30 am:** Preschool Parent Tour of Lower School | **5:15 pm:** Gr. 3-4 Parent Math Coffee Hour on Differentiation

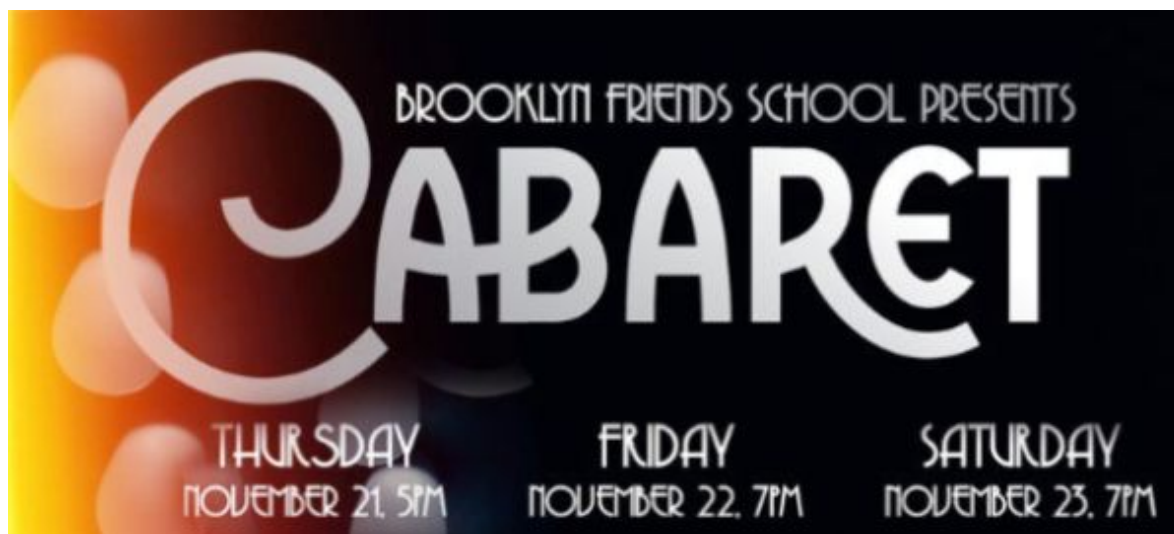
**Wed. 11/20 8:30 am:** BFF Winterfest Planning Meeting | **8:30 am:** Chat with the College Counselors and Friends

**Thurs. 11/21 5:00 pm:** Cabaret

**Fri. 11/22 7:00 pm:** Cabaret

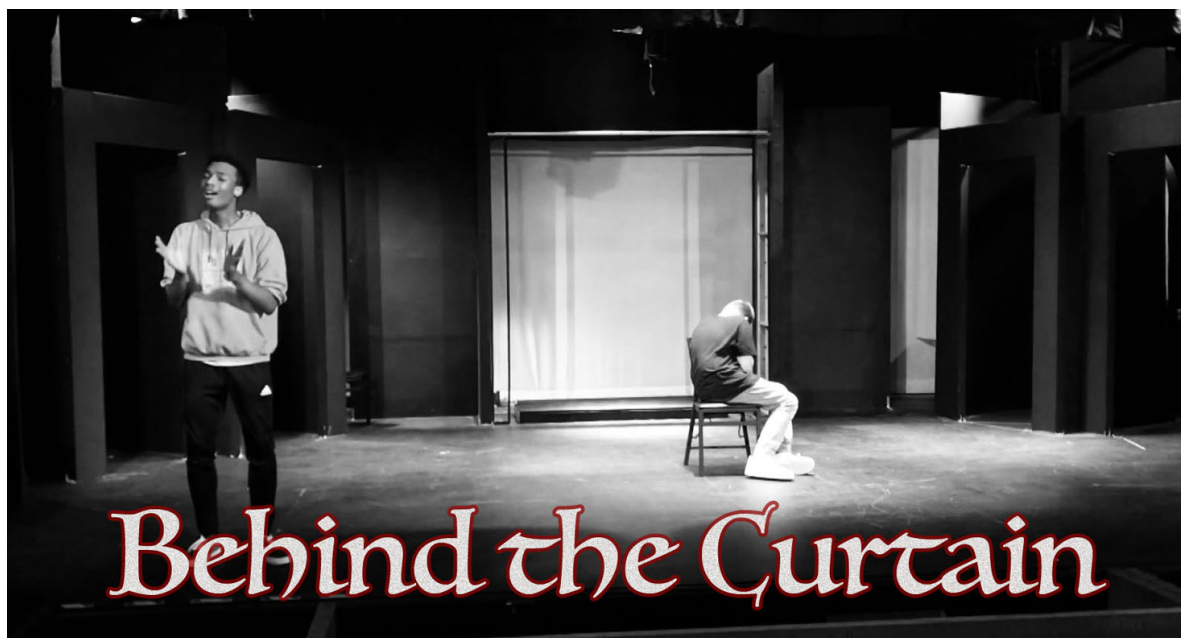
**Sat. 11/23 7:00 pm:** Cabaret

## Top Stories



### It's Showtime!

[Reserve your tickets](#) to the BFS Fall Musical, Kander and Ebb's CABARET, this Thursday through Saturday in the BFS Meetinghouse. The musical is not recommended for children under 10, and students and families are encouraged, beforehand, to read background information about the production, including an interview with director Lorna Jordan [HERE](#).



If anyone ever thought a BFS student performing arts production meant memorizing lines and practicing music and dance routines, think again. At Brooklyn Friends School, the months-long rehearsal process is centered on a deep dive into the characters, setting, and historical context of the play. For *Cabaret*, this meant frank and thoughtful discussions about the rise of Nazism in Germany and the scourge of Anti-Semitism. With special thanks to *Cabaret* director Lorna Jordan, this week's edition of THE LIFE takes you into rehearsals and the creative process with the cast members.

[Season 4, Episode 5: Behind the Curtain](#)



### Get Your Barclays Center Tickets Now

Imagine yourself on the evening before Fall Break, almost courtside at the Barclays Center, home of the Brooklyn Nets. It's easy to do and even easier to make it happen – [Purchase your tickets now](#) to the Battle of the Panthers on Nov. 26 at approximately 9:30 pm, when the BFS Boys Varsity Basketball Team plays Browning School. [Get details here.](#)



## Raising Awareness and Inspiring Action on Community Issues

On Tuesday, Nov. 26 the 10th grade will host our sixth annual **BFS Community Issues Conference**. Students in grades 8-12 will learn about significant local community issues and identify ways that they, as young people, can support constructive change in the community.

Tenth graders in the class *Service and Justice: Raising Awareness & Inspiring Action*, have designed the conference poster, identified authentic community needs, and researched community partners. Students will meet representatives from local organizations, including speakers who are BFS parents and alumni, and discuss ways they can support these organizations to address the underlying causes of the issues they face.

***The opening and closing parts of the conference will be live-streamed via the BFS Facebook page!***

The opening session will amplify 10th grade student voices, and the closing will include a performance from Theater of the Oppressed NYC, an UrbanWord NYC poet, and a 10th grade dance performance inspired by the book *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine.

This year we are welcoming guest students and chaperones from Trevor Day, Browning School, Mary McDowell Friends School, Boerum Hill School for International Studies, Lycee Francais, and St. Luke's School.

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## Advancement Report





### Holiday Shopping to Benefit BFS

Brooklyn Friends School is kicking off the holiday season by hosting our first **Sip & Shop event** at Melissa Joy Manning located in Cobble Hill. Proceeds of your holiday shopping benefit Brooklyn Friends.

Join us on **Wednesday, December 4th at any time between 5:00pm–8:00pm** for an exclusive Brooklyn Friends event! To attend the event, [please click here →](#)! If you're not able to attend but would still like to support BFS, please visit Melissa Joy Manning online at [melissajoymanning.com](http://melissajoymanning.com) and enter code *bfs1010* where you receive a 10% discount while giving 10% of the proceeds to BFS, or code *bfs20* where 20% of proceeds go directly to Brooklyn Friends School.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Ferber at [aferber@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:aferber@brooklynfriends.org).

## BFS GIVING DAY

### November 25–26

### Brooklyn Friends School Announces Inaugural Giving Day

Great news for our first giving day – the first \$20,000 received between 8 pm November 25 and 8 pm November 26 will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous parent donor. During this season of gratitude we hope you will rise to this challenge and make your impact on BFS by giving to the Brooklyn Friends Fund.

#bfsgivingday  
#bfscommunity  
#bfs20for20

*DONATE NOW: Pledge or give here →*

## School News You Can Use



### Let's Meet Again!

Thanks so much to everyone who came to the API community potluck on Nov. 12, in body or in spirit! Aside from eating some delicious food together, we were able to make connections and share some ideas about future activities, for API-identified families as well as for the wider school community.

**[Filling out this form HERE](#)** will help in planning future events, and will help us create mailing lists for events and meetings. ***Adults and students of all racial/ethnic backgrounds are welcome to fill out this form.***



### Chat with the College Counselors and Friends, Wed. Nov. 20, 8:30am

This event is for BFS parents, preschool-grade 10, who are not in the college process. The college counselors, Terry Kung and Tiffany Huggins, want to get to know you better, and for you to get to know them. While they spend the bulk of their time with students in the college process, they strongly feel that all parents in our community should have structured time with them. During this chat, they will introduce you to the college counseling program at BFS, go over related programming, share some current admission trends, have related experts explain how families are supported with college related matters at the Upper School, and conclude with a Q&A session. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. We hope you'll join us in this informal conversation. Location 116 Lawrence St.

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### Looking Ahead: BFS Traditional Autumn Sing on Nov. 26

The Preschool and Lower School traditional Autumn Sing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at The Schermerhorn Street Meeting House (*110 Schermerhorn Street located at the corner of Boerum Place*). Here is the schedule for the four separate programs.

**9:00-9:45 Third and Fourth Grade** (*seating at 8:50 a.m.*)

**10:30-11:15 Preschool** (*seating at 10:15 a.m.*)

**12:30-1:00 Kindergarten** (*seating at 12:15 p.m.*)

**2:00-2:30 First and Second Grade** (*seating at 1:45 p.m.*)

We gather as a community to hear songs our children have been learning in school, to sing songs together, and to join in Quaker Silence. We love the tradition of coming together in the Schermerhorn Street Meeting House right before the Fall Break. This space provides a beautiful setting for us to reflect, to sing joyously, and to give thanks to one another.

After the Third and Fourth Grade Program, the children will return to BFS for a regular day of school. After the Preschool, Kindergarten, and First & Second Grade Program, students may be dismissed from the Meeting House to their families or a designated adult. Those remaining will return to school and be dismissed at their regular time. *The Afterschool*



*Program will operate as usual but there are no Afterschool Specialty Classes or Music Lessons. Please let your child and his/her teachers know your plans for going home ahead of time*



### WinterFest is Three Weeks Away!

The chill is in the air but WinterFest plans are heating up! What's new for this year? Food trucks! Cupcake wars! Relay races and a bounce house obstacle course! Fun for the whole family. Save the date - **Saturday, December 14th from 11am to 4pm**. Tickets are on sale now and there are volunteer opportunities galore (we need you to make the magic happen!).

**Visit the WinterFest website now for more details →**

[Purchase tickets here →](#)

[Sign up to volunteer at WinterFest here →](#)

[View this event on Facebook →](#)

Also note the Wrapping Paper Design contest for MS/US students extended until 11/18! Encourage your artists to submit their designs to [winterfest@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:winterfest@brooklynfriends.org).

### **Wait, Wait, There's More! Books Galore on Friday & Saturday**

The Annual BFF Friends of the Library Book Fair with curated selections from Stories Bookshop + Storytelling Lab, will be held in the Pearl Street Library on Fri. Dec. 13, 7:30am to 6pm and continues 11am to 4pm during WinterFest. Stop by and don't forget to support classroom libraries by purchasing books from your teacher's wish list!

### **Athletics Committee Meeting on Monday**

**Monday November 18th, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm, 388 Bridge Street.**

Email [bffathleticscommittee@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:bffathleticscommittee@brooklynfriends.org) or [vmcguire1@gmail.com](mailto:vmcguire1@gmail.com) for more information.

### **WinterFest Planning Committee Meeting on Wednesday**

**Monday November 18th, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm, 388 Bridge Street.**

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## **Sports Section**



### **The Games Have Begun: It's Already Winter for BFS Athletics**

BLUE PRIDE: We are thrilled to announce that there are **145 student athletes** (grade 7 and up) participating in winter-season athletics.

Our first interscholastic basketball games begin this week -- catch the action at home!

- Mon. Nov. 18, Boys JV Basketball v. Staten Island Academy, 4:00pm, followed by Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Staten Island Academy, 5:30pm in the lower gym
- Wed. Nov. 20, Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Berkeley Carroll, 4:15pm in the Lower Gym

**For schedules of All Team Practices and Games: [Click Here.](#)**

**Starting on Wednesday, all athletic games, home and away will be listed on the BFS website calendar.**

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](#). (The form is good for spring sports as well). **For all Athletic Schedules, go to [bfsathletics.org](http://bfsathletics.org)**

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

**Athletics Resource Site: [Click Here](#)**

**Weekly Highlights: [Click Here](#)**

**[Sign up for Fan Alerts](#)**

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