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Nov. 24, 2019

## This Week at BFS *Week 1*

**Mon 11/25 6:00 pm:** Upper School Open House for Gr. 7/8 Families

**Nov. 25, 8pm to Nov. 26, 8pm Giving Day at BFS** [Donate](#) and double your giving dollars during this 24-hour time period.

**Tues 11/26** **Preschool/Lower School Autumn Sing at 110 Schermerhorn St.**

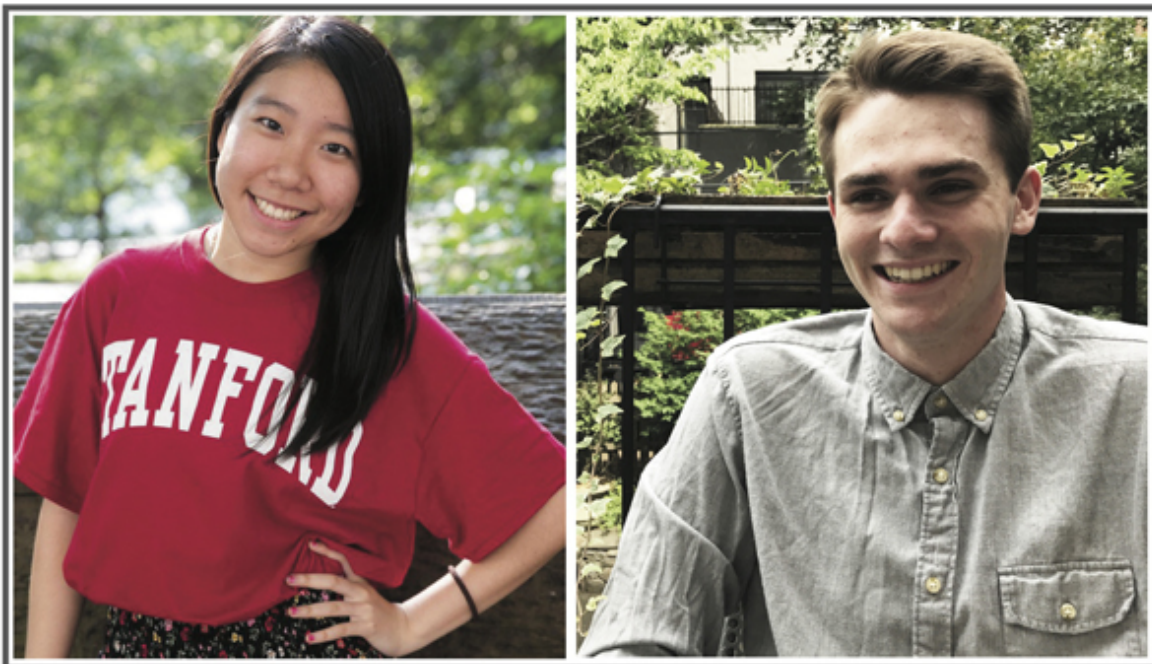
- 9:00-9:45am Third and Fourth Grade (seating at 8:50 am)
- 10:30-11:15am Preschool (seating at 10:15 am)
- 12:30-1:00pm Kindergarten (seating at 12:15 pm)
- 2:00-2:30pm First and Second Grade (seating at 1:45 pm)

8:00am-12:30pm Community Issues Conference, Gr. 8-12 [Get the Details](#)

9:30pm approx: Battle of the Panthers at Barclays Center [Get the Details](#)

**Wed/Thurs/Fri. 11/27, 28, 29 – Fall Break; school and buildings closed**

## Top Stories



### Bringing BFS into the Larger World – How Our Alumni Took Their Friends Experiences to Make Their Mark on Stanford University

It's not every year that three BFS alumni graduate from Stanford University, but that's just what happened in June of 2019, when Thomas Chamberlain, Daisy Feddoes, and Michelle Li – all BFS Class of 2015 – collected their diplomas from the venerable California institution. [Read an online preview](#) of an article about the students that will appear in the

upcoming BFS Fall **Journal**. You will see that as much as Stanford offered our BFS alums, they more than reciprocated with their talents, skills, work ethic, and Brooklyn flair.

**Battle of the Panthers**



**BLUE**

**-VS-**

**RED**



**November 26 @ Barclays Center**

### Get Your Barclays Center Tickets Now

It's the Tuesday evening before fall break. Where will you be? Come to Barclays Center, home of the Brooklyn Nets for a show-down between the Blue (BFS) and the Red (Browning) Panthers. – [Purchase your tickets now](#) Tip-off is at approximately 9:30 pm Nov. 26, but you need to enter by 8:00pm. **And** – *can it get any better than this* – The Panthers Supreme Dance Team will perform at halftime. [Get details here.](#)



Generations of people the world over have read J.D. Salinger's coming of age novel, ***The Catcher in the Rye***. But very few get the opportunity to immerse themselves in the mood, setting, and character as our BFS 9th graders did on their experiential field study on Oct. 16. In this edition of THE LIFE, come on the journey of BFS students and teachers as they re-trace the steps of Holden Caulfield at iconic New York City sites, such as Grand Central Station, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History, and the Central Park Carousel.

[Season 4, Episode 6: No Phonies](#)

### Message from Crissy Cáceres

Dear Families,

Due to my wish to host a Winter Break Celebration for all colleagues on the evening of December 19th, all after-school activities will be canceled. Thank you for your support and understanding, which makes this all possible.

With gratitude,



Crissy Cáceres  
Head of School

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## Seeking Your Connections & Expertise for US Service Project

Dear BFS Families, Please [read the attached letter](#) from Loane Bouguennec, Class of 2021, about her Community Activity Service (CAS) project. After experiencing challenges in obtaining her own internship last summer, Loane plans to establish a database for her fellow BFS students – now and into the future – who are seeking internship opportunities in marketing, law, social services, health/medicine, the arts, community-based support or organizing, and more. All CAS projects at BFS have faculty advisors. If you believe you can provide a lead or opportunity, you may [go here to fill out a google form](#). *Thank you on behalf of our creative, hard-working, and socially-conscious students.*

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## THIS IS HOW WE DO IT! Raising Awareness and Inspiring Action

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. [GET THE DETAILS AND VIEW THE PROGRAM](#). Special note: *The opening and closing portions of the conference will be live streamed on Facebook.*

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## Advancement Report

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## Giving Day at BFS

Welcome to **BFS's inaugural Giving Day**. A generous BFS family has offered to match your contribution dollar for dollar for the first **\$20,000** raised for BFS on **GIVING DAY!**

Join us for this **20K for 20K** effort in honor of our 20th Head of School.

### Already Gave? Here's what you can do:

If you've already made your pledge/gift to BFS, thank you so much! You can still help on **GIVING DAY!** Spread the word by sharing our news posts, mentioning it to friends on social media, or simply re-sharing BFS's emails and social media posts on your personal page.

*Donate now! Pledge or give here →*

## Did you know?

- Did you know that **100% of BFS Colleagues** in all 5 divisions have made personal gifts to the Brooklyn Friends Fund and that overall, 98% of colleagues have made a contribution?
- Did you know that Crissy issued a challenge to all families to reach **100% participation** in the Brooklyn Friends Fund by **December 31st**?





## The 39th Annual WinterFest and Book Fair Weekend Is Almost Here and It Takes the Entire BFS Village to Celebrate!

Friday, December 13th (Book Fair)

Saturday, December 14th (WinterFest and Book Fair)

Support and engagement from the community is critical to the success of this beloved BFS tradition. The WinterFest Committee is calling upon any families willing and able to assist in planning efforts and/or to volunteer for an event shift. The committee **welcomes everyone to join in**, specifically with:

- **Crafting + activities!** Anyone with skills, materials or interest in creative activities, willing to help with preparations. This year we will be creating with yarn and pinecones, knitting, sewing + quilting, candle dipping, making lanterns, photo-boothing, face painting and more. If you can help, please email [winterfest@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:winterfest@brooklynfriends.org) for more info.
- **Volunteering time!** A two-hour shift at the event with plenty of options on where you can help, or be there for set up + decorate the night before, [please sign up here](#)
- **Baking!** Contribute undecorated cupcakes + decorating supplies for a fun team event we are calling Cupcake Wars (think Nailed it!) And any bakers willing to donate items to the bake sale, [please sign up here](#)
- **Last Call to Sell!** There will be no outside vendors this year however any students, faculty and families interested in hosting a table are welcome. If you have projects or designs you'd like to sell at the event, email [winterfest@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:winterfest@brooklynfriends.org) no later than December 1.
- **Have a Middle Schooler interested in Arts and Crafts?** On Mondays 11/25, 12/2 and 12/9, Middle School students will gather to help assemble, cut, tape, and glue materials for WinterFest decorations and workshop materials. 3:30-4:30pm in the Pearl Street cafeteria.
- **The Book Fair is Friday and Saturday with set up on Thursday afternoon.** Sign up for a shift [here](#) →.



WinterFest kids' activity and workshop tickets are now on sale! Details and purchase at the [WinterFest homepage](#).

## Spring Fundraiser Committee Meeting

Monday, December 2nd from 8:30 am–9:30 am, Pearl Street Cafeteria



## School News You Can Use



## Afterschool at BFS



### TIME TO PLAN NOW FOR AFTERSCHOOL 2020

- Winter/Spring Afterschool Registration opens on Thursday 12/5 at 6pm and ends on Monday, Dec. 16 at 6pm.
- For *new* music lesson students only, Afterschool Music Program sign up opens on Monday 12/2 and ends on 12/11; *continuing students do not need to register again.*
- Links to all brochures (Pre, Lower, Middle, Music) are on [the BFS website](#).
- All balances from the Fall semester must be paid before registration for Winter/Spring registration will be accepted.

## NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Working together on a growing public health issue



## From the Health Office –Raising Awareness of Diabetes

Almost 31 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, and an estimated 86 million have pre-diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, who must take insulin every day. Type 2 diabetes may develop at any age, but usually occurs in middle-aged and older people. While type 1 diabetes cannot be prevented, there are steps individuals can take – such as eating well and exercising – to prevent the more common type 2 diabetes. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the following resources from professionals in the field:

- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Difference between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes](#)
- [Healthy Children](#)

## Plan to Attend a Neighborhood Gathering with Crissy Cáceres

Small gatherings for BFS families are being scheduled throughout the year so that Crissy can continue to foster a long and meaningful partnership. The next round of events being hosted at families' homes has been scheduled. [Please take a look](#) and sign up for a date that works for your family. These events are for adults only. If you are unable to attend one of these events, please know that additional opportunities to hear from Crissy will be available throughout the year.

January 7, 2020: Park Slope

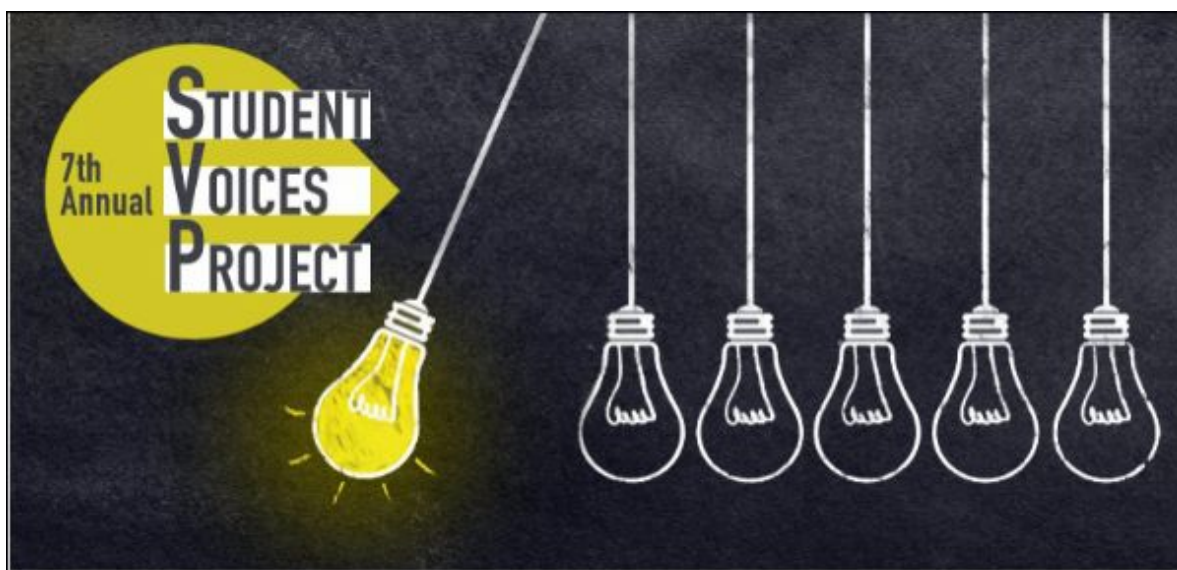
January 22, 2020: Brooklyn Heights

January 28, 2020: Williamsburg

February 5, 2020: Park Slope

February 10, 2020: Flatbush

## Quaker News



### Students – Write about “Creating Change” for *Friends Journal*

*Friends Journal*, the publication of Friends Council on Education, invites BFS students in grades 5-12 to submit essays for their 7th Annual Student Voices Project. The deadline is Feb. 10, 2020, and submissions should be between 300 to 1,500 words on the topic of creating change in your local community. A selection of essays will be published in the May 2020 issue of *Friends Journal*. [GET THE DETAILS.](#)

### Meeting for Worship for Parents & Caregivers on Dec. 6

You are invited to an after drop-off Quaker Meeting for Worship for parents and caregivers on Friday Dec. 6 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.

### Food Donations Needed for Dec. 29 Quaker Community Dinner

Please [GO HERE](#) to sign up if you are able to donate a cooked turkey, cooked ham, or pie



to the Dec. 29 Community dinner served at Brooklyn Monthly Meeting for anyone in need of a hot meal. Thank you.

## Sports Section



### Final Chance to Get Your Tickets

Please place your order for tickets TODAY to the BFS v. Browning basketball game on Nov. 26 today so that you receive them by Tuesday morning. This dedicated ticket link will close on Monday. Also, be sure to enter the arena by 8pm that evening as the doors close at halftime for the second collegiate game.

### Game Highlights

In our first week of interscholastic competition this winter season:

- The **Boys JV Basketball Team** had three wins: On Monday they defeated Staten Island Academy **65-33** in the lower gym, with big contributions from Charlie B, 24 points, Judah B, 12 points, and Xavier G, 14 points. On Wednesday the team defeated Berkeley Carroll **64-59** on the road. The Panthers stormed back following a deficit at halftime and pulled out the victory. Bryce K. had a game high 24 points and Judah B. scored 22 points. The boys finished the week on Friday with a **71-51** victory over Grace. Blue Pride All the Way!
- The **US Boys & Girls Swim Team** participated in their first Meet of the season with Packer at St. Francis College Pool. The Panthers had 10 swimmers participate in the meet, 6 boys and 4 girls; all competed in relays.

Also this week, Girls Varsity Basketball played and came up short in games with Berkeley Carroll and Leman Prep, and Boys Varsity Basketball had a loss to Staten Island Academy with a final score of 67-60.

*On Monday, 11/25, Varsity and JV Boys Basketball play Packer at Packer, and Varsity Girls Basketball play packer at home. Middle School games begin in December. **All winter athletic games, home and away, are now on the [BFS website calendar](#).** We hope to see you cheering at a game.*

### BLUE PRIDE 411

There are **145 student athletes** (grade 7 and up) participating in winter-season athletics. We have six basketball teams as well as swim, squash, and indoor track teams. 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 schedules of all team practices and games [Click Here.](#)
- For the BFS Athletics Resource Site [Click Here](#)



- For Weekly Highlights [Click Here](#)

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## DRIBBL Basketball for Kids in the BFS Lower Gym on Sundays

Dribbl is an instructional and recreational basketball program that teaches kids the fundamentals in a supportive, nurturing environment. This winter and spring, Dribbl will be offering weekend classes at BFS for boys and girls in grades pre-K through 6th. Winter classes run Dec. 8-March 8. Registration is open now. To register, visit [dribbl.com](http://dribbl.com) and use code **WINTER** to take \$60 off registration.

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*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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