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Dec. 15, 2019

This Week at BFS *Week 2*

Mon. 12/16 Due Date for Winter/Spring Afterschool registration

Mon. 12/16 - Wed. 12/18 Open House for Afterschool: Families welcome to attend classes.

Mon. 12/16 - Thurs. 12/19 Upper School Assessments

Tues. 12/17 8:30 am: BFF Parents of Children with Learning Differences Affinity Group Meeting

Thurs. 12/19 No afterschool activities; school closes at 3:30pm

Fri. 12/20 School closes at 12noon for Winter Break

Your next e-news will be sent on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020. School resumes on Monday, Jan. 6. A very happy and healthy winter break to all!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT RE-ENROLLMENT

[Please read this letter](#) from the BFS Enrollment Office regarding the dates and procedures for re-enrollment. Re-enrollment for students currently attending Brooklyn Friends School will commence in January. All re-enrollment contracts are contingent upon good academic and financial standing with the school as of January 2020. The re-enrollment process begins on Jan. 17, 2020 and returned contracts with the required and non-refundable deposit are due back on Jan. 27, 2020.

Season of Celebrations





Thank You, Parent Leaders & Volunteers, for the Joy You Brought to BFS through WinterFest

It was billed as a "flurry" of winter fun, and the flurries soon turned into a majestic mountainful of student-centered activities at the BFS 39th annual WinterFest on Sat. Dec. 14. We'll be bringing you a full report later in the week; for now, we proudly salute the HUNDREDS of volunteers who made it happen and the BFF volunteer leaders – Lil Amatore and Ellen Dugan – who spearheaded this signature BFS celebration of community.

And Thank You, Students, for Sharing the Gift of Music at the Winter Concerts

The light of Middle and Upper School music students shone brightly this week at the Jazz, Chorus, and Orchestra concerts. It was a joy and a privilege to see so many young people performing – many for the first time – with poise and purpose. Our dedicated teacher-musicians – Jessica Jones, Peter Nelson, Nikki Warren, Stephen Buck, and Elvira Sullivan – make it happen in the classroom and on the stage, and we are grateful for their stellar contributions to the arts at BFS.





BFS on the National Stage

Upper School Students & BFS Colleagues Take Measure of the Weight of History at National Conference in Seattle

As stated by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), "More than 7,000 educators and students gathered for the 2019 NAIS People of Color Conference and Student Diversity Leadership Conference, December 4-7, 2019 in Seattle. The PoCC theme was *1619. 2019. Before. Beyond. Amplifying Our Intelligence to Liberate, Co-Create, and Thrive*. The SDLC theme was *1954. 2019. With All Deliberate Speed. Integrating Schools, Minds, and Hearts With the Fierce Urgency of Now.*"

Fourteen BFS adults and five students traveled together to take in this year's experience, marking the 32nd PoCC and the 26th SDLC. Among the many memorable parts of the conferences, it was particularly moving to have our students lead the BFS adults in dialogue during one of the closing sessions where adults and students from each school come together. **Adasa, Mohamed, Kennedy, Alani, and Sage** (photo below) created a space for our voices to intersect in an earnest manner, and we are thankful. Our BFS students show us time and time again that they are capable, strong, and influential leaders.



Advancement Report

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Make your impact
today and give to the
Brooklyn Friends Fund.



You did it, BFS community members – you've raised the bar! Because of you, we can count more than \$650,000 in charitable gifts for Brooklyn Friends School.

If you haven't made your gift yet, please make BFS your philanthropic priority this holiday season. Brooklyn Friends School is a 501c3 charitable organization and all gifts made to BFS are tax-deductible. Contributions received by December 31st can be realized during this tax year. Please remember that your gift can be matched by your company. Donate today at www.brooklynfriends.org/donate.

Doing holiday shopping? Brooklyn Friends School is one of the many charitable organizations that benefit from **Amazon Smile**. Reminder to [Use this link to](#)

[support BFS](#) when you shop online. Still looking for a perfect holiday gift? Visit melissajoy Manning.com to find the perfect present while supporting Brooklyn Friends School. Enter code **bfs20**, so that Brooklyn Friends receives 20% of the proceeds.

Make a gift of pledge here. →



Building Community – One Cup of Ramen at a Time

At BFS eating together builds community. Sharing nourishing food and demonstrating abundant hospitality are a part of who we are. We are so grateful to have an expert group of top-notch cafeteria colleagues, who take care of us and are always open to menu suggestions. In this episode of THE LIFE, come on over to the Upper School café, where everybody, it seems, is thoroughly enjoying "Ramen Day."

Season 4, Episode 7 RAMEN DAY





**BROOKLYN
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Family Folk Dance

SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2020



Families in Grades K through 4: Join us on Saturday, January 11 from 2pm to 4pm for great music and family fun at the Lower School Family Folk Dance. Free admission. You may be busy with the holidays now, but won't it be nice to get together with other BFS families after the break for some fun and dancing? Your children have been learning the dances and will teach you the moves! If you'd like to volunteer to help out on the day, please contact parent volunteers Becky Koepnick at becky.koepnick@gmail.com & Sabrina LeBlanc at sabrina.leblanc@gmail.com

Meetings

- **Parents of Children with Learning Differences Affinity Group Meeting**
Tuesday 12/17 8:30–9:30 am in the Pearl Street Cafeteria

Sports Section



Weekly Highlights

- Boys JV Basketball were the top scorers this week, defeating Elisabeth Irwin 91-62
- Girls Varsity Basketball defeated Rudolf Steinter 39-11 and had a loss to Elisabeth Irwin 58-11
- Boys Varsity Basketball defeated Rudolf Steiner 67-17 and Elisabeth Irwin 82-71
- MS Boys Basketball defeated Berkeley Carroll 42-21 and lost a close one to Brooklyn Waldorf 49-46
- MS Girls Basketball lost to Brooklyn Waldorf 23-12 and Berkeley Carroll 27-11
- US Boys & Girls Varsity Squash had a Match against Birch Wathen Leno
- US Boys & Girls Varsity Swim participated in an ISAL Meet and the MS Boys & Girls Swim participated in a Meet

Read the coaches' play-by-play [HERE](#).

Looking Ahead

- On Monday, Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity Basketball play Garden School at home.
- On Tuesday, Girls Varsity Basketball plays Saint Ann's at home, and the Squash teams play Lycee Francais de NY at Eastern Athletic Club.
- On Wednesday, Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball play Avenues at home.

All winter athletic games, home and away, are now on the [BFS website calendar](#).

Several home basketball games take place in the lower gym every week throughout the winter season. We encourage you to support the teams and hope to see you cheering at a game.

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- For schedules of all team practices and games [Click Here](#).
 - For the BFS Athletics Resource Site [Click Here](#)
 - For Weekly Highlights [Click Here](#)



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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