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Dec. 1, 2019

This Week at BFS *Week 2*

Monday 12/2 8:30 am: BFF Spring Fundraiser Committee Meeting (Cafeteria)

Tuesday 12/3 8:15am: Gr. 4 Parent Tour of Middle School | **6:00pm:** College Night for All Grade 11 Families

Wednesday 12/4 5:00 to 8:00pm: Holiday Sip and Shop to Benefit BFS

Thursday 12/5 8:30 am: Kindergarten Parent Math Workshop

Friday 12/6 8:15 am: Meeting for Worship for Parents and Caregivers

Looking ahead: Thurs. Dec. 19 - NO afterschool activities; school closes at 3:30pm; Fri. Dec. 20 - School closes at 12noon for winter break.

Reminder about stormy weather: It is BFS policy to follow the lead of the NYC Department of Education (DOE) regarding school closure due to severe weather. When public schools announce they will be closed, BFS will be closed. The DOE usually announces their decision the night before or very early in the morning.

Top Stories



Hooray for BFS!

Our first ever giving day (Nov. 25-26) broke the \$200,000 mark in gifts from 194 donors. This is FIVE TIMES our goal of \$40,000 – which included a generous \$20,000 matching gift. THANK YOU, BFS community, for your generosity and commitment, which makes so much possible at our school.



Friends in the House at Barclays Center

A big shout out to the **Boys Varsity Basketball team**, who played Browning on Tuesday evening at the Barclays Center and came just one point short of a win with a final score of 42-41. Head of School Crissy Cáceres and her family, Pearl the Panther, the Panthers Supreme Dance Team, and some 200 BFS fans were on hand to see the team in action. "Thanks to everyone who attended and let their Blue Pride shine at Barclays Center," said Athletic Director David Gardella, adding his trademark sign-off, "Blue pride runs deep – friends forever."



Parent Input Needed for Upper School 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.*

Advancement Report



Holiday Shopping This Wednesday to Benefit BFS

Brooklyn Friends School is kicking off the holiday season by hosting our first **Sip & Shop event** at Melissa Joy Manning, located at 196 Court Street in Cobble Hill. Proceeds of your holiday shopping benefit Brooklyn Friends.

Join us on **Wednesday, Dec. 4 at any time between 5:00pm–8:00pm** for an exclusive Brooklyn Friends event! RSVP [here](#) → If you're not able to attend but wish to support BFS through your shopping, visit 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.

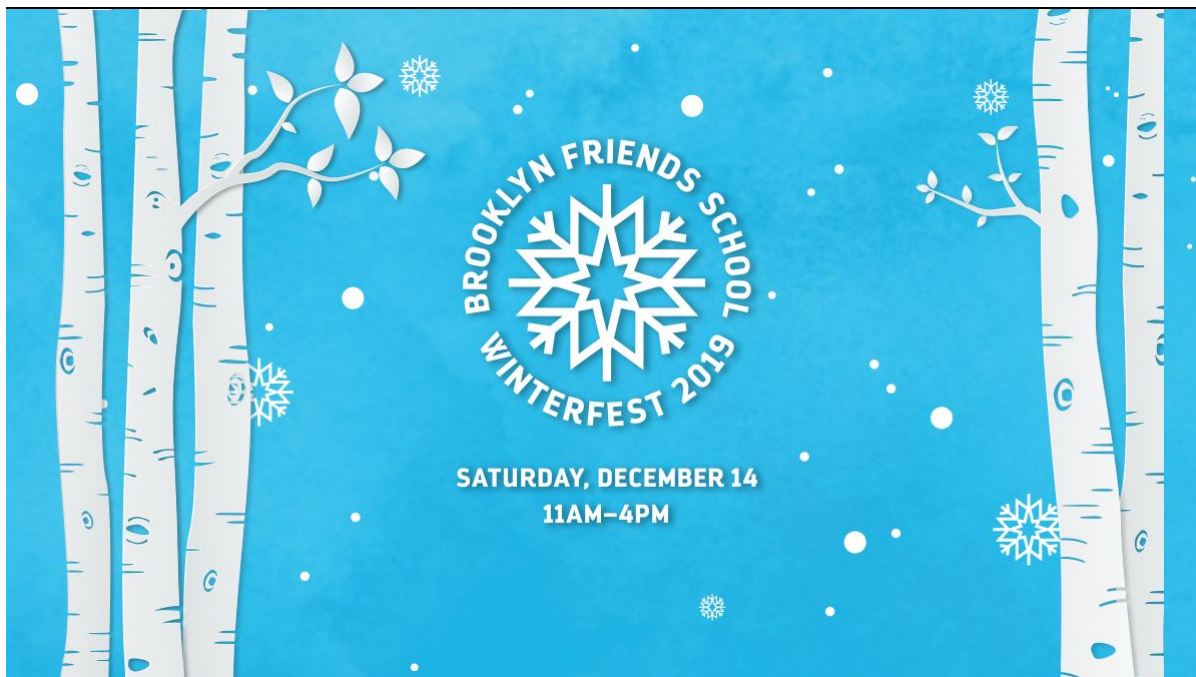
Giving by the Numbers

With your help, BFS broke the **200** (thousand) dollar mark on last week's Giving Day. Did you also know 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?
- Head of School Crissy Cáceres has issued a challenge to all families to reach **100% participation** in the Brooklyn Friends Fund by **December 31st**?

Meet Crissy's Challenge. Pledge or give here →





Our Largest Community Celebration of the Year Needs YOU – and 299 Other Volunteers

- There are many opportunities and time commitments for volunteering. Browse the list (there are six categories / tabs and [Sign up here](#)).
- We also need many hands helping beforehand. Please sign up to contribute to the [Bake Sale Here](#).
- [Click Here](#) to purchase your WinterFest tickets in advance.
- Children of all ages can sign-up for the [Magic Workshops here](#) (drop off event, requires additional purchase) or the [DJ Lesson and Dance Party Mash Up here!](#) Space is limited.

ALL THE DETAILS are on the [WinterFest homepage](#).

Holiday Shopping Solved: **BFS BOOKFAIR** Dec. 13 & 14

Join us Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14 for the annual Brooklyn Friends Book Fair, with book sales and curation by BFS family owned [Stories Bookshop + Storytelling Lab](#). Come browse the best books of the year for readers of every age, super cute holiday gifts, and teacher wish lists – all while supporting the school's library program.

In collaboration with **STORIES BOOKSHOP** BFS is
hosting its annual

BOOK FAIR

2 DAYS!

**TEACHER
WISH
LISTS!**

FRIDAY, December 13th

3rd floor library
8am - 6pm

SATURDAY, December 14th

3rd floor library
11am - 4pm

**BOOKS + GIFTS
FOR ALL!**

Spring Fundraiser Committee Meeting

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

School News You Can Use



AFTERSCHOOL 2020 Registration Opens on Thursday, Dec. 5

- Winter/Spring Afterschool Registration opens on Thursday Dec. 5 at 6pm and ends on Monday, Dec. 16 at 6pm. *Some of the new classes are Capoeira and Special Effects Production in Lower School and Photography in Middle School. The Friendly Flyers running class (gr. 3-6) begins on March 13.*
- Links to all brochures (Pre, Lower, Middle, Music) are on [the BFS website](#).
- You may also download the PDF files here: [Preschool](#) • [Lower School](#) • [Middle School](#)
- All balances from previous semesters must be paid in full before registration for Winter/Spring will be accepted.
- Continuing music students do not need to register for the winter/spring session. For *new* music lesson students only, the Afterschool Music Program sign up opens on Monday 12/2 and ends on 12/11.

[Here is a tip sheet](#) on the registration process. Please read it beforehand. Thank you.

Let's Communicate... in the Upper School

Upper School Parents, please use our **BFS email addresses** to communicate with all of us in the Upper School. Sending messages through different class portals and platforms such as PLearning will not result in smooth lines of communication. A reminder – our email convention is the first initial of the first name, followed by the full last name. eg. for Bobby Bonilla, the address would be bbonilla@brooklynfriends.org. All colleagues' full names are on the [BFS website](#).

For all communication about **student attendance**, whether absences, late to, or leaving early, please use the jot form labeled "Online Attendance Form" that is on the BFS dashboard. The direct link to the form is [here](#) - bookmark this or make it a favorite for your easy access.

Quaker News

Dec. 6 Meeting for Worship for Parents & Caregivers

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



Weekly Game Highlights

In our second – and shortened – week of interscholastic basketball competition (Nov. 25 - 26)

- Girls Varsity played and lost to Packer, Boys Varsity lost by one point to Browning, and JV Boys had a 3 point loss to Packer.

Looking Ahead

- The first Middle School basketball games will be played at home this week on Dec. 3, Girls vs. Staten Island Academy at 4pm and Boys vs. Staten Island Academy at 5:30pm in the lower gym.
- Our Indoor Track, Squash, and Swim teams will begin to take part in interscholastic competition this week.
- WNBA legend Kym Hampton will meet and speak with the BFS girls basketball teams on Tues. Dec. 3 at 3pm.

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.

- 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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This winter and spring, Dribbl will be offering weekend basketball classes at BFS for boys and girls in grades Preschool - 6. BFS students get a \$60 discount (use code WINTER). Classes run Dec. 8-March 8. Register at dribbl.com

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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