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Dec. 8, 2019

## This Week at BFS *Week 1*

**Tuesday 12/10 6:00 pm:** Jazz Concert**Wednesday 12/11 8:30 am:** PS Parent Coffee Hour on Friendships | **6:00 pm:** Chorus Concert | Afterschool Music Registrations due for new students**Thursday 12/12 8:30 am:** BFF Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Meeting | **6:00 pm:** Orchestra Concert | Afterschool Specials Open House**Friday 12/13 8:00 am to 6:00 pm:** Book Fair | **4:00 pm:** IB Dance Showcase | **6:00–9:00 pm:** Ice Me Out Party hosted by the Panthers Supreme Dance Team | Afterschool Specials Open House**Saturday 12/14 11:00am to 4:00 pm:** WinterFest and Bookfair

## Looking Ahead

**Thursday 12/19** School Closes at 3:30pm**Friday 12/20** School Closes at 12noon for Winter Break

## Support & Enjoy Our WinterFest Weekend

Our 39th annual WinterFest weekend kicks off this Fri, Dec. 13 with day one of the **Book Fair** in the Pearl Street Library and the Upper School **Ice Me Out Party** hosted by the Panthers Supreme in the Lawrence Street Café. It continues on Sat, Dec. 14 with the **WinterFest** extravaganza at Pearl Street from 11am to 4pm. Don't miss out on this beloved and wintry Brooklyn Friends School tradition filled with #BluePride school spirit. Here are the ways to support and enjoy WinterFest this coming weekend:



## Volunteer – We Need All Hands on Deck

WinterFest is a volunteer production of Brooklyn Friends and Families. It needs YOU to run successfully and be a true BFS community celebration. Please sign up for a shift or two (or three!). Unless you have a specific skill to offer, please consider signing up under "PLACE ME!" so that we can place you where your help is needed most! [Sign up now →](#)

## Bake and Donate Something Sweet

The Bake Sale is always a sweet spot at WinterFest! Bake (or buy!) to support the celebration and bring tasty treats to all. [Sign up here →](#)



## Pre-Purchase Kid's Activity Tickets and Workshop Spots

WinterFest is filled with opportunities for wonder and delight. Pre-purchase a kid's activity bracelet today and sign your student up for beautiful and creative crafts, fun carnival games, a bounce house, and more! Separate from the bracelet, you can also sign your child up for a complimentary DJ workshop or a special Magic and Mentalism workshop. [Purchase and sign up now →](#)

## Shop the Book Fair and Volunteer to Help

The annual Book Fair with book sales and curation by BFS family owned Stories Bookshop + Storytelling Lab takes place on Fri, Dec. 13 from 8am to 6pm in the Library and is part of the WinterFest extravaganza on Sat, Dec. 14. Come browse the best books of the year for readers of every age, find super cute holiday gifts, and purchase from **teacher wish lists** – all while supporting the school's library program. Also featured this year is BFS community authors shelf!

Stories is bringing us a special meet, greet and reading with the **Vanderbeekers of 141st Street** series author **Karina Yan Glaser** at 1pm on Saturday in the Meetinghouse. **The Book Fair is also seeking volunteers.** [Sign up now →](#)



## Did You Know?

Pearl Street is becoming a **food truck festival** during WinterFest! In addition to bites in the Pearl Street Cafeteria (delicious options from the BFS food services team and returning favorites Fluff+Fluff and Tiger Box!), WinterFest will feature an assortment of food trucks. Vendors include:

**Rosie's Empanadas, Cousins Maine Lobster, Pizza Vitale and Poké**

**Motion Food.**

## There's So Much More

- Enjoy a performance by the **Panthers Supreme Dance Team** followed by a lesson by the dancers themselves!
- Hear our student musicians!
- Shop from a selection of BFS community craft vendors
- Purchase the latest BFS spirit wear!

It's going to be a beautiful day! **ALL THE DETAILS** are on the [WinterFest homepage](#).



The BFS Fall **Journal and Annual Impact Report** is set to reach your home mailbox next week. You may also read it [HERE](#). Highlights are articles about Crissy's Convocation; BFS students and the Global Youth Climate Strike; parent volunteer, colleague, and alumni profiles; a tribute to the late Dr. Steve Wortman; and messages from Crissy, the BFS Board Chairs Steve Burwell and Ed Oliver, and Director of Advancement Karen Edelman.

## Our School Study by KB



On our visit to the elevator room, we learned all about how the elevators we take daily, are operated and maintained. We also met Alex, who helps to take care of many different parts of our school.



In the cafeteria we met Chef Tom! He showed us lots of the special, extra large kitchen tools he uses to help create meals to feed over 600 people at BFS.



The 4th floor is where Middle Schoolers do their learning. There are many classrooms, science labs, and even a fish tank!

Another "must read" BFS publication is Kindergarten B's **Our School Study**. From the top to bottom of Pearl Street, kindergartners learned about the people and places of the school and reported their findings in a book you may [READ HERE](#).



**THIS WEEK  
YOU'RE  
INVITED**



# Winter Music Concerts

You are invited to enjoy the gift of music from our BFS students.

**Tuesday, December 10**

6:00 pm: Middle and Upper School Jazz Concert

**Wednesday, December 11**

6:00 pm: Middle and Upper School Chorus Concert

**Thursday, December 12**

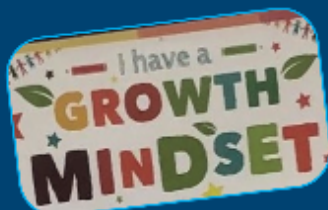
6:00 pm: Middle School Orchestra & Upper School

## In the Season of Light, Enjoy the Gift of Music from Our Students

Parents of the student performers should read [THIS LETTER](#) so that they know the expectations and timetable for the concerts. *The concerts are about one hour in length. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying your company this week in the BFS Meetinghouse.*

## MATH LEARNING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2019



BROOKLYN FRIENDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Middle School Math Teaching and Learning Explained . . . in a New Community Newsletter for Families

They bring math alive and make it relevant and eye-opening for our students every day, and now our BFS math colleagues are doing the same for families. The Middle School Math Department is thrilled to share their first newsletter [DOWNLOAD HERE](#). In it you will find an outline of the department's goals, happenings in the middle school math classrooms, descriptions of professional learning experiences, and all the answers to your questions about the use of manipulatives in mathematics.

## Advancement Report



Help us reach 100% parent participation by making a pledge by Dec. 31, 2019. [Make a pledge](#) to the Brooklyn Friends Fund by Dec. 13 and receive a star with your name to be hung in the lobby as part of our **WinterFest celebration**.

Still looking for a perfect holiday gift? Visit [melissajoymanning.com](http://melissajoymanning.com) to find the perfect present while supporting Brooklyn Friends School. Enter code **bfs20**, so that Brooklyn Friends receives 20% of the proceeds or enter code **bfs1010** to receive a 10% discount with 10% of proceeds benefiting Brooklyn Friends School. *Both codes are in effect until Dec. 31.*

Want to maximize your shopping experience? Brooklyn Friends School is one of the many charitable organizations that benefit from Amazon Smile. [Use this link](#) to support BFS when you shop on Amazon. Thank you.

*Meet Crissy's Challenge. Pledge or give here →*



### Brooklyn Friends & Families Meetings

- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting**  
*Thursday 12/12 8:30–9:30 am in the Pearl Street Cafeteria*
- **Parents of Children with Learning Differences Affinity Group Meeting**  
*Tuesday 12/17 8:30–9:30 am in the Pearl Street Cafeteria*

### School News You Can Use



## Register for **AFTERSCHOOL 2020** by Dec. 16 and for Music Lessons by Dec. 11

- [Here is a tip sheet](#) on the registration process.
- Links to all brochures are on [the BFS website](#).
- All balances from previous semesters must be paid in full before registration will be accepted.
- Continuing music students do not need to register for the winter/spring session. For *new* music lesson students only, sign up ends on 12/11.

An **OPEN HOUSE** for parents to attend their children's specialty classes will be held every day from Thurs. Dec. 12 to Wed. Dec. 18. The last day of fall classes is Dec. 18.

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**School closes at 3:30 pm on Thursday, 12/19. There will be NO afterschool activities. School closes at 12:00 pm on Friday, 12/20 for Winter Break. School is closed during winter break. School resumes on Monday, 1/6**

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All tuition balances for the current school year are **due by Dec. 31, 2019** through [TADS](#). *This needs to be done before the reenrollment season begins in January.*

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## AN INVITATION FROM THE BFS COLLEGE OFFICE

**College Beyond the States: A Look at International Schools**  
**Wed, Dec. 11, 2019 6:30 – 8:00pm at Berkeley Carroll School**

This program for Upper School families is part of a series of joint programming we have with Brooklyn peer schools. Given the growing selectivity and cost of colleges and universities, it's nice to have more options. Experts will be on hand to discuss college options outside of the United States. See the complete list of all BFS College Counseling Office events [HERE](#).

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### Save the Date for Junior Families

**The 11th Grade Field Study will take place Feb. 19-21, 2020.** You may have already seen this on the comprehensive and key dates calendars, but we want to be sure this exciting curricular event is on your home calendars as well. Students should be prepared to leave early in the morning, before the start of school, on Wed, Feb. 19, and arrive home late in the evening of Fri, Feb. 21. We are excited about the opportunity to travel as a grade and to learn and have fun together! More details about the trip will be provided soon.

## Sports Section

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**Coby Waugh '20**  
Boys Varsity Basketball



**Lizzy Guaba '20 and Cyrah Joseph '21**  
Girls Varsity Basketball



**Oona Valli '23**  
Girls Varsity Indoor Track

## Congratulations to Our Athletes of the Month

Coby, Lizzy, Cyrah, and Oona are the November Athletes of the Month. Blue pride! Read their citations from the coaches [HERE](#).

## Weekly Highlights

The first week of December was a week of wins for our Panther athletes and a winning week for the many fans who cheered them in interscholastic competition:

- MS Girls Basketball were victorious over Staten Island Academy 16-15 and UNIS 34-11.
- MS Boys Basketball defeated Staten Island Academy 59-11.
- Boys JV Basketball scored over Birch Wathen Lenox 69-45, York Prep 76-48, and Lycee Francais 60-43.
- Boys Varsity Basketball defeated Birch Wathen Lenox 84-61, York Prep 84-62, and Garden 82-35.
- Girls Varsity Basketball had a 45-40 win over Garden and a 46-36 loss to York Prep.
- The MS and Varsity Squash teams played Matches against Basis and Grace.
- US Boys & Girls Varsity Swim teams participated in an ISAL Meet at Leman Prep Pool and placed third out of the seven teams that competed.
- Girls & Boys Varsity Indoor Track ran in their first Meet of the season at the 168th Street Armory.

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

## Looking Ahead

- Girls Varsity Basketball and Boys Varsity Basketball have home games vs. Rudolf Steiner on Mon. Dec. 9 (4pm and 5:30pm).
- The Varsity Squash teams play Dwight on Tues. Dec. 10 and Birch Wathen Lenox on Thurs. Dec. 12 at Eastern Athletic Club in Brooklyn Heights.
- The Varsity Swim teams participate in an ISAL Meet at Leman on Thurs. Dec. 12.
- Varsity Indoor Track athletes take part in the Ivy Meet at the 168th St. Armory on Wed. Dec. 11.
- There's a home game in the lower gym on Fri. Dec. 13 when Girls Varsity Basketball play LREI at 3:30pm.

**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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