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January 26, 2020

This Week at BFS **Week 2**

Mon Jan 27 Lockdown Drill; *Notice to Parents* [HERE](#) | Last day to make afterschool schedule changes.

Tues Jan 28 8:30am, BFF Parents of Children with Learning Differences Affinity Group Meeting in the Cafeteria | BFF Spirit Wear Sale

Tues Jan 28 at 4pm Due Date for Reenrollment Contracts; [Details HERE](#)

Wed Jan 29 First Day of Lower School Horizons Reading Challenge; *Student Registration* [HERE](#)

Thurs Jan 30 8:15am Preschool/Lower School Parent Conversation with Lower School Head candidate Sheika Luc

Fri Jan 31 6pm, Community Building Potluck for Asian-Pacific Islander Families

Sat Feb 1 10am, Third & Fourth Grade Math and Science Explorations

A Message from Head of School Crissy Caceres – You Are Warmly Invited!

As all of you know, the search for a new Head of Lower School has been underway. Our finalists have been selected, and our first joins us on **Thursday, January 30**.

Sheika Luc is in her second year as the Primary School Director at Marin Primary and Middle School in California. Prior to that, she served for several years as Director of Admissions at Katherine Delmar Burke School in San Francisco. Sheika's teaching experience spans various lower school age groups in several schools, and she has led a number of national presentations focused on a diversity of topics in the field of education. Sheika Luc holds a Master of Science degree from Bank Street College of Education in Childhood General Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Amherst College.

We hope you can join us for a Coffee and Conversation session open to all **PS and LS families at 8:15am** in the Pearl Street Meetinghouse. Honoring Quaker process, your voice sincerely matters in this meaningful decision.

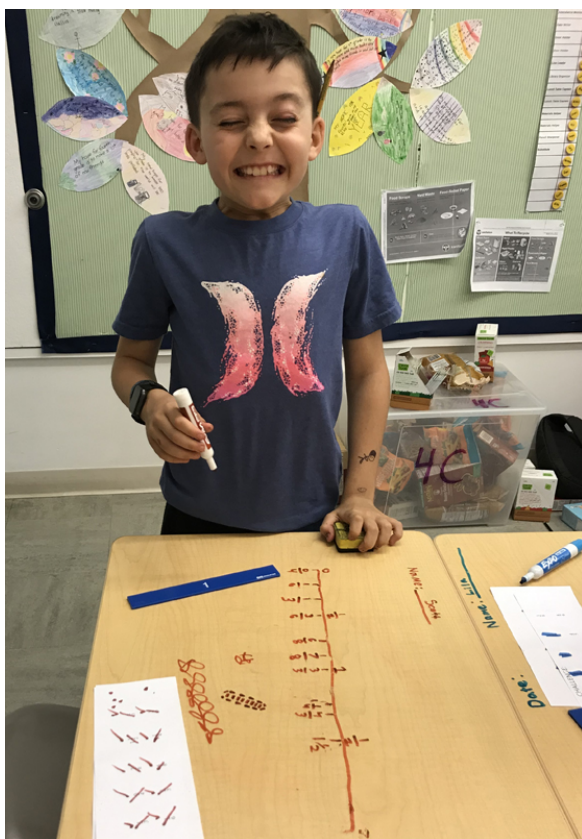


Happy New Year and Another Invitation, This One for Jan. 31

BFS community members with Asian/Pacific Islander heritage* and their families are invited to come together for a community-building **Lunar New Year** potluck on **Friday, January 31 from 6-8 pm in the Pearl Street Cafeteria**. Colleagues, parents, kids, grandparents, partners, etc. are all welcome to share in this experience--and good food! If you plan to join us, please complete this [RSVP/potluck form](#). Traditional lunar new year dishes are welcome, but not required. Questions? Contact Laurice Hwang (lhwang@brooklynfriends.org).

*(*We recognize that the API experience is diverse and includes a wide range of backgrounds including but not limited to people who self-identify as East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, multi-racial, multi-ethnic, Pacific Islander, and people who are adopted. Family members who do not identify as Asian are welcome to join. You do not have to celebrate lunar new year to attend this event!)*

3rd & 4th Grade Families – A Few Saturdays Ago, You Danced. Now It's Time for Math and Science



The Lower School's Family Math and Science Day will take place at school on **Sat., Feb. 1, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Third and fourth graders and adult family members or friends are invited to come into school for a morning of hands-on activities, games, puzzles, inquiries, and experiments. *Childcare will be provided for younger siblings.*

Yvette Kennedy, LS Science Teacher, and **Kate Minear**, 3rd and 4th grade Math Specialist, have been busily assembling challenging math and science activities, which will be set up on tables around the cafeteria.



Family groups will rotate through different stations, getting a taste of the world of math and science here at Brooklyn Friends, and collecting stickers as they go. Come play some mind-stretching math games; test out some thought provoking science theories; construct and apply reasoned strategies for the estimation contests; wrap your brain around some challenging math problems and science questions!

[RSVP using this Google Form](#) to indicate that you will be joining us.

Advancement Report

What Are the “Three Mistakes to Avoid” in Your Will?

Come find out on Thursday, February 6 at 8:30am at the BFS Advancement Office's annual **Estate Planning Seminar**. In this popular and informative presentation, BFS alum and former trustee **Richard Cutler, Esq. '62** will be explaining the various ways you can prepare your finances for the future. Feel free to invite your family members or Friends to the discussion. The Seminar will be held at 375 Pearl Street. Although this is a sponsored event, your **[RSVP](#)** is required. For any questions, email **lvarlack@brooklynfriends.org**.





Buy BFS Spirit Wear This Tuesday, Jan 28

The Spirit Wear and Athletics Committee of the BFF will be in the lobby of Pearl Street during drop off and pick up this Tuesday, January 28. Stop and shop for your #BluePride gear including hoodies, t-shirts, water bottles, and stuffed Panthers.

Meetings

Parents of Children with Learning Differences Affinity Group

Tuesday, January 28, 8:30am, Pearl Street Cafeteria

Upcoming Events

College Conversations, Saturday, February 8

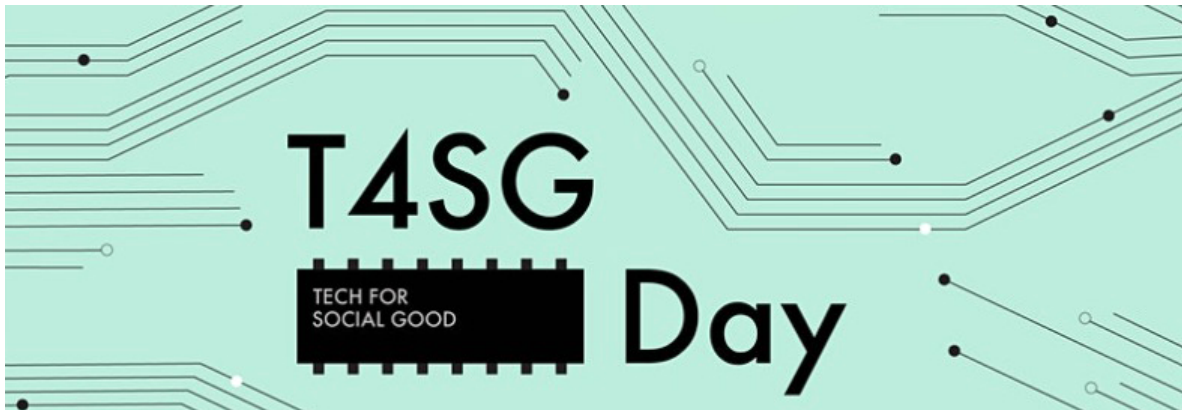
The BFS BFF is organizing an opportunity for BFS parents to speak with other BFS parents and students about their college alma maters. Our goal is to find representatives from a wide array of schools who can talk about their experience and answer questions as our students embark on the college admissions journey. If you are interested in participating and sharing your insight please [sign up here](#). The event is Saturday February 8 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm.



Hooray for the Horizons Reading Challenge!

Families may [sign up HERE](#) or in person at the Pearl Street Lobby this week for the Lower School's annual **Horizons Reading Challenge**. Every year at this time our students **read for a purpose** – in doing so, they make a **big difference** right here at BFS. Their collective efforts help fund a new class of Horizons at BFS public school students who begin their Horizons journey this summer. **Please sign up by Wed, Jan. 29. Complete details about the program are [HERE](#).**

In the Community



Tech for Social Good Day, Right Around the Block at 370 Jay Street

BFS students, colleagues and families are invited to participate in a public event at NYU Tisch School of the Arts Brooklyn Campus, 370 Jay Street, starting on Friday evening (Jan. 31) and continuing through Saturday (Feb. 1). **TECH FOR SOCIAL GOOD DAY** offers explorations, talks, panels and workshops on the intersection of social good and technology. During this hands-on and participatory day NYU Tisch students, faculty and participants will work collectively towards the goal of creating an environment where

attendees can ask questions, connect to potential collaborators, learn new skills and create motivation and energy around using technological skills to make our society a better place.

There's more than a neighborly connection here. The event's keynote speaker, NYU Professor **Charlton McIlwain**, is a BFS parent and another parent, **Daniel Shiffman**, is Associate Arts Professor at the Interactive Telecommunications Program at NYU Tisch School of the Arts; his students are organizing the day.

[REGISTER HERE](#). Questions, or interest in collaborating? Get in touch at T4SGDay@gmail.com

Afterschool Reminders

- The last day to make schedule changes is **Monday, Jan 27**. After this date there will be no refunds or credits given.
- There are spots open in Middle School Homework Clinics. Send an e-mail to oroberts@brooklynfriends.org if interested.
- Drop-in charges for December will be billed by end of January. Look in your My BackPack account for those charges.
- If your child attends an outside program at the end of the day, please communicate directly with that program regarding pick up and drop off information/issues. The BFS Afterschool Office does not coordinate those schedules.

Looking Ahead to Spring and Summer

Spring Camp Preschool & Lower School registration opens on Feb 3

- Spring Camp dates: March 16 - 20

Summer Camp and Summer Arts registration opens Feb 10

Summer Camp and Summer Arts dates:

- Session 1: June 17- June 26
- Session 2: June 29- July 10 (closed July 3)
- Session 3: July 13- July 24



Sports Section



The Battle of the Quakers and Blue Pride Forever

The game of the week —maybe of the season, in terms of emotion— was Friday's match-up between the **BFS Boys Varsity Basketball Team** and **Mary McDowell Friends School**. The Panthers came out on top, 85-55, in front of the best crowd of the year. The lower gym was packed as both schools came out to cheer on and support their teams — what a wonderful atmosphere for a high school basketball game! BFS came out strong and never looked back, as they fought for a victory to improve their league record. Leading the way for the Panthers was senior **Ty S.**, who poured in with 29 points, picked up 5 steals, and had 3 assists. Fellow senior **Finn S.** scored 24 points, grabbed 18 rebounds, had 8 blocks, and 2 steals. Both players combined for 53 of BFS' 85 points.

Also last week,

- MS Boys & Girls Swim participated in a Meet at Lemay Prep Pool.
- MS Girls Basketball defeated York Prep 19-15 and came out on the losing end to Elisabeth Irwin, 31-21.
- MS Boys Basketball defeated York Prep 49-30 and also had a loss to Elisabeth Irwin, 58-49.
- Girls Varsity Basketball lost to Spence 51-33

Read game highlights [here](#) and follow all the action at bfsathletics.org

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

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



A Fashionable Fundraiser

The Prom Committee is selling BFS long-sleeved T-shirts, designed by BFS senior students, to raise funds for prom. There are all sizes available for children and adults. Shirts can be purchased for \$30 each in Room 308 at Lawrence and at Pearl Street on JAN. 28 when other spirit wear is being sold. Please consider supporting the seniors while getting cool SWAG at the same time!

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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