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February 2, 2020

## This Week at BFS **Week 1**

**ALL WEEK** *Black Lives Matter at Schools Week of Action at BFS*

**Mon Feb 3** 8:15am PS/LS Parents meet LS Head Candidate **Jason Novak**

**Tues Feb 4** 8:15am PS/LS Parents meet LS Head Candidate **Erik Resurreccion**

**Thu Feb 6** 8:15am PS/LS Parents meet LS Head Candidate **Erica Snowden**

**Thu Feb 6** 8:30am to 10am Estate Planning Seminar with Richard Cutler, Esq.

**Fri Feb 7** 8:15am Quaker Meeting for Worship for Parents and Caregivers

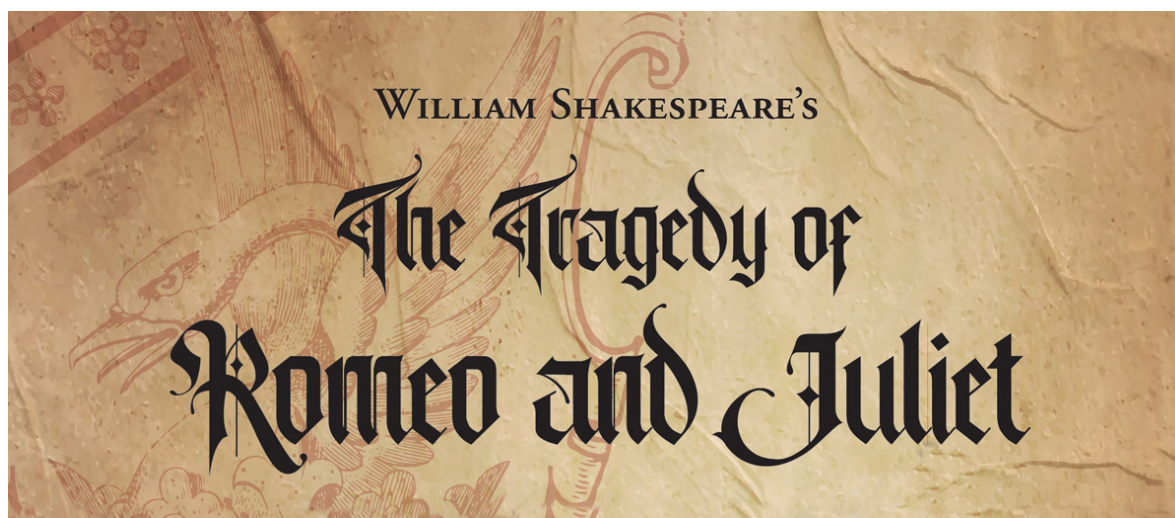
**Fri Feb 7** 4:00 pm & 7:30 pm MS Play, *Romeo and Juliet* [Reserve Tickets](#)

**Sat Feb 8** 3:00pm & 7:00pm MS Play, *Romeo and Juliet* [Reserve Tickets](#)

**Sat Feb 8** 10am-12pm **College Conversations**, sponsored by BFF

## ***A Message from Head of School, Crissy Cáceres – You Are Warmly Invited!***

This week we will have three LS Head Candidates visit BFS and we warmly invite PS/LS parents to join us for Coffee and Conversation sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, **8:15am to 9:00am** in the Pearl Street Meetinghouse. Honoring Quaker process, your voice sincerely matters in this meaningful decision. Following **Sheika Luc**, who visited last week, we welcome **Jason Novak** on Monday, **Eric Resurreccion** on Tuesday, and **Erica Snowden** on Thursday. Background information on all the candidates and a link to the online feedback form have been sent to PS/LS parents and [may be found HERE](#).



## ***From Verona to Brooklyn, Middle School Thespians Bring The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet to Life on Friday and Saturday***

You could say that some BFS Middle School students have been preparing since last year to stage their MS winter play, *Romeo and Juliet*, this weekend on Feb. 7 and 8. Reading and studying the Shakespearean tragedy is part of the 7th grade curriculum, so the 8th grade actors are already familiar with the material. Current 7th graders get a taste of the story before exploring it in depth in the classroom. Interest in the production was so high that Theater Director Lorna Jordan created two casts for the 37 actors – Cast William and

Cast Shakespeare. Four performances take place on Friday at 4pm and 7:30pm and on Saturday at 3pm and 7pm. [RESERVE YOUR TICKETS HERE.](#)



## **Black Lives Matter at Schools Week of Action, Feb. 3-7**

Monday, February 3rd is the day that MS & US students and colleagues were invited to wear a black t-shirt (or a black lives matter t-shirt) during the Black Lives Matter in Schools Collections last week.

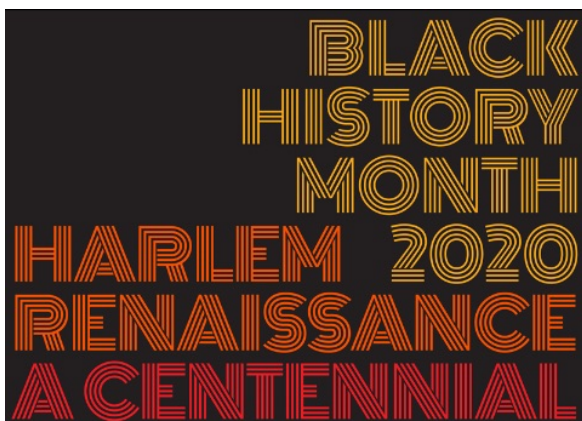
Brooklyn Friends School social justice advocates are taking the lead in bringing the nationwide Black Lives Matter in Schools Week of Action to our community. In preparation for the Week, students in the Middle and Upper Schools learned about Black Lives Matter at School, its historical context, when and where it began and why it's important, in collections facilitated by their peers.

At the Upper School Collection, students learned about Brooklyn Friends's own history of activism and the Black Lives Matter movement. As in the Upper School, the Middle School 8th grade leaders focused on our own community. In both collections, questions were asked about how BFS can give agency to Black lives and voices, work to be more equitable and inclusive, and provide a safe space for all students.

The 8th graders taught a lesson on microaggressions, which are a common way that well-intentioned people can cause harm to people of color and people of other historically marginalized groups. They also shared anonymous stories of times that Black students have experienced microaggressions or being "othered" by someone in our community.

A compelling curriculum with guided questions and themes for every day – as well as a Creative Challenge in which all students are encouraged to participate – are part of the Week of Action at BFS. [Read more and get the details HERE.](#)

## **We're Getting Ready for the BFF Black History Month Celebration**



## Brooklyn Friends School Celebrates 100 years of the Harlem Renaissance!

The 2020 Black History Month Celebration will recognize the centennial of the Harlem Renaissance. With the traditional event featuring an afternoon and evening of engaging workshops and programming happening on Friday, Feb 21, the **Celebration will also feature a Harlem Renaissance Multimedia Walking Tour.**

### Join us on:

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

10:00 am to 11:30 am

\$20–\$25/person (depending on the number of participants)

[Register Now! →](#)

[Read more about the tour at the BFS website here →](#)

## Advancement Report



*What I love about BFS...*



### February Is Our Month of Love

We're kicking off our month of love by asking students what they love most about Brooklyn Friends School. Here's what they had to say:

- "The teachers and the endless possibilities" - Chelsea
- "I love all the friends and teachers" - Milo
- "I love that Brooklyn Friends is very much like a family community and not just a school" - Laila

During our month of love and gratitude, show your love by giving to the Brooklyn Friends Fund. Show your love today at [brooklynfriends.org/donate](https://brooklynfriends.org/donate).

### "The Three Mistakes to Avoid" in Your Will - Find Out on Feb. 6

The Advancement Office invites you to the annual **Estate Planning Seminar on Feb. 6, 8:30am to 10:00am at Pearl Street.** In this popular and informative presentation, BFS alum and former trustee **Richard Cutler, Esq. '62** will explain the various ways you can prepare your finances for the future. Although this is a sponsored event, your [RSVP](#) is required. For any questions, email [lvarlack@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:lvarlack@brooklynfriends.org).

### Feb. 5 and Feb. 10 Family Get-Togethers with Crissy

Have you had a chance to spend time with Head of School Crissy Cáceres this



school year? There is still room in the next two neighborhood gatherings, which will be hosted in families' homes. *Exact addresses will be sent after you [RSVP here](#).* All events take place from 6:30-8:00pm.

- February 5, 2020: Park Slope (Grand Army Plaza)
- February 10, 2020: Flatbush (Argyle Road)



## Don't Have Much Time To Volunteer, but Would Love to Help—Just Give Us an Hour!

Don't let a busy schedule get in the way of participating at school. Sign up for **Just An Hour**. Give us your name and we'll reach out occasionally with requests and opportunities where an hour two of time can really help. Email us at [justanhour@brooklynfriends.org](mailto:justanhour@brooklynfriends.org).



## Spirit Wear Sale This Tuesday

**Buy \$20 BFS Kids' Hoodies!** 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, February 4. Stop and shop for your #BluePride gear including \$20 BFS zip hoodies, which are great for every season of the year!

## Participate, Attend, and Bring Your Student to the BFF's College Conversations Event, 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.



**At BFS, Spring Begins on Feb. 3 and Summer Begins on Feb. 10**

Registration begins on Monday Feb. 3 for PS/LS Spring Camp Preschool & Lower School. Camp Dates are *March 16 - 20*.

- [Spring Camp Brochure](#)

Registration begins on Monday Feb. 10 for Summer Camp and Summer Arts

See the 2020 Summer with Friends Brochure [HERE](#) For more detail, click below:

- [Summer Camp Brochure](#)
- [Summer Arts Brochure](#)
- [Summer Arts Internship Brochure](#) (for students currently in Gr. 8-12)

Session 1: June 17- June 26

Session 2: June 29- July 10 (closed July 3)

Session 3: July 13- July 24

All summer information is also on the [BFS Website](#).

## Sports Section



### Congratulations to the January Athletes of the Month

Let's hear it for **Jack B, Loane B,** and the **Girls Varsity Basketball** team, who were named Athletes of the Month for January. [Read their citations HERE.](#)

In Panther play, basketball ruled last week –

- **Boys Varsity Basketball** defeated Bay Ridge Prep 96-44, Grace 79-61, and Avenues 89-54.
- **Boys JV Basketball** defeated Bay Ridge Prep 69-42 and Churchill 17-8.
- **Girls Varsity Basketball** defeated Churchill 54-23 and had a tough loss to Dwight 41-40.

- **MS Girls Basketball** defeated Churchill 30-21.
- **MS Boys Basketball** defeated Churchill 48-34 and Dwight twice: 42-29 away and 64-28 at home

Our Squash teams are pressing forward: **MS Boys & Girls Squash** participated in a Match versus Basis at Eastern Athletic Club. There will be more Squash and Swim Matches this week, as well as some great basketball competition. **All winter games, home and away, are on the [BFS website calendar](#).**

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

## Quaker News

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### Feb. 7 Meeting for Worship for Parents & Caregivers

You are invited to an after drop-off Quaker Meeting for Worship for parents and caregivers on Friday Feb. 7 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 hosted by the Spiritual Life Committee. The location is the Orchestra Room on the 5th floor of Pearl Street, Room 504.

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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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