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Feb. 9, 2020

This Week at BFS Week 2

Mon Feb 10 5:00pm Junior Class Case Studies and College Program**Tues Feb 11** 4:00pm Boys Varsity Basketball Panthers play in the ISAL Semifinals (opponent TBD). The game will be livestreamed.**Wed Feb 12** 8:30am PS Parent Coffee Hour: *The Benefits of Learning to Say No***Thurs Feb 13** 8:30am BFF Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting**I** 4:00pm PS/LS Parent Conference online sign up begins**Fri Feb 14** 4:00pm Make BFS Your Valentine Day**Sat Feb 15** 10-11:30am Harlem Multimedia Walking Tour**School is closed on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 17 and 18.**

Top Stories



BFS at Model UN, U. Penn, ILMUNC 2020

Let's Hear It for Our Upper School Students!

While exemplary teaching and learning take place every day for all BFS students from Family Center twos to 12th grade, last week was particularly eventful for the BFS Upper School:

- A group of committed students participated in the annual **Quaker Youth Leadership Conference** at the George School in Pennsylvania;
- A contingent of accomplished students used their strategic thinking skills, preparedness, intellect and drive to take part in the **Model United Nations Conference** at the University of Pennsylvania;
- The senior class enhanced their study of the Shakespeare's *Hamlet* by viewing an acclaimed performance of the play in Dumbo;
- All students were fully engaged in the **Black Lives Matter** at BFS Week of Action.

Additional accolades include the announcement of 10 Upper School prizes in the **Scholastic Art and Writing** competition, two of these gold keys that move on to the national level, as well as **IB World Music II** student presentations on Ghanaian Drumming, Australian Aboriginal Music, Vietnamese Gong Music, and Chaabi Music of Morocco.



And How Proud Are We of Our Middle School Thespians?

Shakespeare in Middle School? Yes at BFS. Acted by Middle School students? Another yes! This weekend's performances of *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet* was superb, and it will be remembered for many years to come. Acting, directing, staging, costumes, lighting design and all other aspects of the production were first-rate. Thank you to BFS theater colleagues **Lorna Jordan**, **Larson Rose** and **Catherine Clark** for your talent, dedication, and tremendous hard work that made this possible. To the 50 Middle Schoolers who brought a timeless tragedy from the fair land of Verona to the streets of Brooklyn: Take a Bow!



It's Mutual – Connecting Students to Internships

BFS Interns is now live! On this resource website created by Loane B. and other Upper School students, you will find profiles that share students' interests, goals, and club activities. Parents can browse the website to gain an understanding of an individual student's strengths and passions. BFS parents can view the profiles and based on the students' interests in a particular field, may be able to offer them an internship. Through internships, students will get the chance to learn outside the walls of Brooklyn Friends School and will bring to your workplace a creative, socially conscious, and dedicated student. A win-win!

[View Student profiles here →](#)

If you have an already established internship program, [fill out the form here →](#)

For Students:



[Apply for Student Profiles](#)

For Friends/Employers:



[Find an Intern: Student Profiles](#)



OMAR ROBERTS

*Director of Afterschool
and Summer Camp*

Meet **Omar Roberts**, a friendly and familiar face to our BFS students who spend many of their afterschool hours and summer days at Pearl Street. Omar creates, implements, and evaluates the extensive afterschool, spring and summer programs BFS is well known for – the school having been a pioneer in extended day programming, dating

back to the 1980s. He also co-leads the Afterschool Friends of Color group and is a valued mentor to our afterschool group leaders and specialty teachers.

Who better to introduce us to Omar than one of our afterschool students, third grader **Neva A**? Watch this 90 second video in which Neva interviews Omar to learn more about our Afterschool and Camp Director, his own experience as an afterschool student, and the many joyful classes and experiences BFS students enjoy from 3:30 to 6:00pm every day.

[Meet the School Video: Omar Roberts](#)

School News You Can Use

Spring Camp – One Week and a World of Fun and Friendship!

Registration has begun for PS/LS Spring Camp Preschool & Lower School. Camp Dates are **March 16 - 20**. *Early registration is recommended.*

- [Spring Camp Brochure](#)

At BFS, Summer Begins Tomorrow

That's because Monday Feb. 10 is the day when registration begins 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)

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

All summer information is also on the BFS Website.

THANK YOU

Thank you, **Preschool and Lower School parents and BFS colleagues**, who took part in the meetings with the finalists for the Head of Lower School position. Your presence, thoughtfulness, and input into this process are an important part of our discernment. Thank you to those who completed feedback forms.

A special note of thanks is extended to BFS alum, lawyer, and former trustee, **Richard Cutler**, who led a fact-filled and insightful seminar about estate planning with parents and colleagues last Thursday. Offering his professional expertise to members of our community is something Richard has done for more than 20 years. Yeah, Richard!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH HARLEM 2020 RENAISSANCE A CENTENNIAL

Brooklyn Friends School Celebrates 100 Years of the Harlem Renaissance!

The 2020 Black History Month Celebration will recognize the centennial of the Harlem Renaissance. This traditional BFS event features an afternoon and evening of engaging workshops, dinner, and programming on Friday, Feb 21 at the school. To deepen the experience, 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

\$15/person

[Register Now →](#)

[Read more at the BFS website →](#)

Calling All Bakers!

As part of this year's Black History Month celebration, the committee will sponsor a bake sale, **Friday, Feb. 21, 2:30pm-6:30pm**, in both the lobby & cafeteria of our school. To ensure success, they're requesting contributions of baked goods. Please refer to the [sign up form](#) for suggested items. Note that all proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Friends Fund. Thanks so much.

Advancement Report



What I *love* about BFS...



What do you love about Brooklyn Friends?

"It feels like Family" - Paul Romano

"The diverse population" - Larry Williams

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Join Paul, Larry, and more than 800 generous donors in giving to the Brooklyn Friends Fund and making BFS your Valentine.

Go to brooklynfriends.org/donate today. Thank you.



Help Plan and Support the Party of the Year

Join us at our 375 Pearl Street home on the **evening of Friday, May 1st** for our **Brooklyn Friends Forever Young Prom**, a fun and festive fête for all grown ups in our community. By hosting this celebration in our home at 375 Pearl Street, we are able to make this evening accessible to more of our friends and families with tickets for \$95 each.

[Sponsor the Prom Today!](#)

Early generous sponsorship of the celebration is vital for us to reach our fundraising goal and allow us to invite colleagues to attend free of charge. All sponsors receive two tickets to Prom, the benefit of a tax-deductible contribution to BFS, and those sponsors who wish will be recognized on the event e-invitation and website as members of the Prom Committee!

Tickets go on sale in March.



Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

Thursday February 13, 8:30–9:30 am, Pearl Street Cafeteria

Get Ready to Participate in the BFF Black History Month Celebration

As noted above, our traditional Black History Month Celebration takes place on Friday, Feb. 21. T-shirt sales, a bake sale, and outstanding programs for students and families are all part of the celebration. The BFF is also sponsoring a discounted walking tour of Harlem. [Register Now →](#) for this unique opportunity.

The BFF warmly thanks the parents who participated in our annual **College Connections Fair** on Saturday. Your input and insights were invaluable.

Sports Section

Home Playoff Game Alert!

This Tuesday, February 11th, the Boys Varsity Basketball Panthers will play in the ISAL Semifinals (opponent TBD). Cheer on the Panthers in the Lower Gym at 4pm. If you can't make it to the game, you can tune into our live stream of the event [here](#) →. Go, Panthers!



Last Week in BFS Sports

- **Boys Varsity Basketball** defeated Elisabeth Irwin 84-42 and French American School of NY 69-39, both on the road and Saint Ann's 88-75 at home. The Panthers are playing their best basketball of the season and have an impressive 16-4 overall record, while going undefeated at 12-0 in league play. Next Up: ISAL League Playoffs - Tues Feb. 11 at 4:00pm, BFS lower gym, BFS versus TBD.
- **Boys JV Basketball** defeated Elisabeth Irwin 60-39, Saint Ann's 63-50, and Martin Luther 64-56 all at home. The team finished with a 11-1 ISAL league record. Fan alert: Come to the playoff game on Mon Feb. 10 at 3:45pm, BFS lower gym, BFS #1 seed vs. York Prep #4 seed.
- **Girls Varsity Basketball** defeated Elisabeth Irwin 43-42 and Bay Ridge Prep 42-7, both on the road.
- **MS Boys Basketball** defeated Bay Ridge Prep 47-41 and Rudolf Steiner 51-32.
- **MS Girls Basketball** defeated Friends Seminary 18-13 at Grace Church in their invitational tournament.
- **Boys & Girls Varsity Squash** participated in a Match versus Avenues at Eastern Athletic Club. BFS lost 1-6, but our players were excellent sports as always. They have improved during the course of the season and are excited to continue to grow as squash players.
- **Boys & Girls Varsity Swim** participated in a Meet at Leman Prep Pool. The team competed with great success. Close competitions led to great improvements and best times from team captain Loanne B. in her two events. Meanwhile Jon C. and Otto M. dominated and won their heats in the 200 yd IM and 200 yd Freestyle respectively. We look forward to all their performances in the championship meet next week. Way to go team. Blue Pride!!

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

BFS Families Are Invited to Quaker Meeting for Worship

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020
11-12 Meeting, 12-1 Social Hour



Brooklyn Monthly Meeting at 110 Schermerhorn Street extends a special invitation on the **third Sunday of every month** to all BFS parents and children to attend Quaker Meeting for Worship followed by a social hour. Parents, come discover what your children experience each week at “meeting” and gain insight into the Quaker values that inspired those of BFS. Whether you practice another faith or are a non-believer, we welcome you to experience Quakerism with us.

Learning activities with adult supervision (First Day School) are available for children 4 and up. Parents are encouraged to arrive shortly before 11, sign their children in, attend Meeting and then the children will rejoin them for the final 10 minutes of Meeting. Childcare for young children is available. All children are welcome to attend Meeting if they are comfortable in the silence.

Come enjoy the silence and Brooklyn Monthly Meeting community!

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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