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March 8, 2020

This WEEK at BFS **Week 2**

Mon March 9 Upper School Picture Day with Stomping Ground Photos

Wed March 11

- 8:30am -10am: Pre, K & Gr. 1 Parent Workshop with Noelle Dean [Details](#)
- 8:45am: **Forever Young Prom** Committee Meeting; *All invited.*
- 4:00-5:00pm: IB Music Concert; *All invited.*

Thurs March 12 PS 4s "Open House" | Gr. 7 Criminal Justice Conference

Fri March 13 Last day of school before Spring Break; School resumes on Monday, March 30.

BFS & COVID-19

- [COVID-19 Update #3 from Crissy](#) (sent on Friday)
- [BFS Website Page](#) with school communications and external resources
- **Remote Learning** Overview from the Division Heads (sent on Friday):
 - [Preschool](#)
 - [Lower School](#)
 - [Middle School & Upper School](#)

BFS uses an emergency text messaging system and voice messaging system based on the data you provide in **My Backpack**. The School will send a test message on Monday to the phone numbers currently on file. If you do not receive the message, check that your information – including e-mail addresses – are correctly recorded in [My Backpack](#). Update as necessary. Also, send an e-mail message to covidresponse@brooklynfriends.org so that we can follow up with you.





Bravo to the Dancers, Choreographers, Director and Crew of Dance Concert 2020

With the theme, ***Exploring the Intersections of Dance and Disability***, this year's Dance Concert on March 6 and 7 was like no other. Student-dancers and choreographers presented performances that were artistically original, beautiful, deep and moving as well as challenging and thought-provoking. They also used their creative thinking skills and imagination to consider the limitations that people living with disabilities face as social and political issues of access, and not simply a medical diagnosis. The months'-long experience of preparing for and presenting the Concert was an eye-opening journey. Learn more from the student-dancers and choreographers and director Jesse Phillips-Fein in the website article, ["Thinking, Being – and Dancing – in New Ways."](#)

→ 182 Students → 10,000 Books → \$43,000 Raised

2020 HORIZONS READING CHALLENGE

10,000 Books in One Month: Congratulations Horizons Readers!

The Lower School Horizons Reading Challenge was an incredible success! We raised over \$43,000 to support our incoming class of Horizons Kindergarteners - we also read over 10,000 books towards our goal! Thank you to Stories Bookshop for partnering with Horizons again this year and to Seth Phillips and Paul Zelinsky for participating in our Read-a-Palooza event! Lastly, thanks to the 182 INCREDIBLE lower school students and families who dedicated their time and talent to make the Reading Challenge such a great experience. Stay tuned for our Horizons Reading Challenge T-Shirt Day!

Advancement Report

BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

DRAFT Annual Giving Report
Donations closed as of March 13, 2020
Brooklyn Friends Fund closed June 30, 2020

March 13th Deadline!

Page 1 - Annual Giving Report - \$10,000
Click here to give to the Brooklyn Friends Fund

Page 2 - Annual Giving Report - \$10,000
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Page 3 - Annual Giving Report - \$10,000
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Please Make Your Gift or Pledge NOW to be included

The deadline to be included in the Journal "Printer's Proof" is the end of the day on **Friday, March 13**. The "Printer's Proof" is a list of everyone (except those who request anonymity) who has donated or pledged to the Brooklyn Friends Fund so far this school year. It serves as a preliminary draft for the **Journal Annual Giving Report**, which will be mailed to the entire BFS community next fall. Please [click here](#) to make your gift to the Brooklyn Friends Fund. Thank you for being part of our "One School, Infinite Impact" campaign this year.



Help Us Plan the Party of the Year!

The BFS Forever Young Prom Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:45am in the 375 Pearl Street Cafeteria. Please join fellow parent and colleague volunteers to plan for the *BFS Party of the Year!*



The ***Brooklyn Friends Forever Young Prom***, to be held at our **375 Pearl Street home on the evening of Friday, May 1**, supports the dreams of our students, families and colleagues. This celebratory evening will be accessible to more of our friends and families this year as tickets are \$95 each, and sponsorship allows all BFS colleagues to attend free of charge.

Quaker News

BFS Families Are Invited to Quaker Meeting for Worship

Sunday, March 15, 2020
11-12 Meeting, 12-1 Social Hour

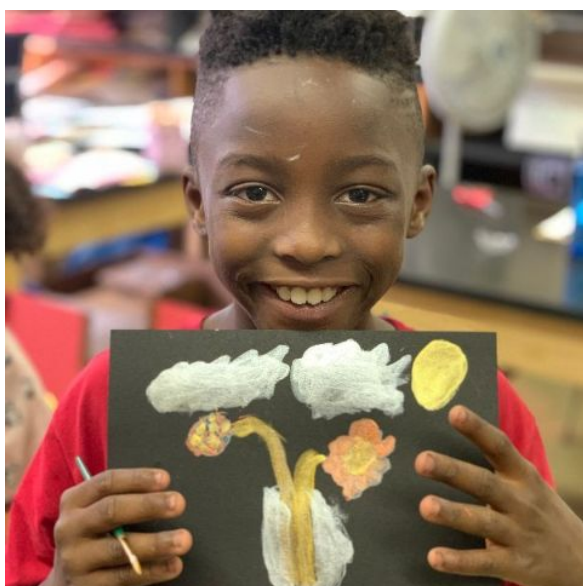
Brooklyn Monthly Meeting at 110 Schermerhorn Street extends a special invitation on the **third Sunday of every month** to all BFS parents and children to attend Quaker Meeting for Worship followed by a social hour. Parents, come discover what your children experience each week at “meeting” and gain 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!

Spring and Summer, All at Once



There is still time to register for Preschool and Lower School [Spring Camp at BFS](#), a one-week program from March 16-20. ALSO, Please take a look at our **2020 Summer with Friends Brochure** [HERE](#), and get all the details below:

- [Summer Camp Brochure](#)
- [Summer Arts Brochure](#)
- [Summer Arts Internship Brochure](#) (for students currently in Gr. 8-12) NOTE that this program fills up very quickly.

Sports Section



It's Springtime for BFS Athletics

The spring season for BFS Athletics has begun, and we welcome **every student in grades 7-12** who wishes to participate in the following spring sports (Prior experience is not required):

- Middle School (7-8) Baseball
- Middle School (7-8) Softball
- Middle School (7-8) Outdoor Track
- Upper School (9-12) Varsity Baseball
- Upper School (9-12) Varsity Softball
- Varsity (9-12) Outdoor Track
- Boys Varsity Volleyball *

** While students in all grades are welcome, we especially encourage 9th and 10th graders to join the volleyball team.*

All practices and games are on the website, bfsathletics.org. Here you will find a complete list of all practices and games for every sport. From the home page, go to Spring, then select the sport. You will be taken to the team's schedule, e-mail addresses for the coaches, etc. You should also sign up for team alerts; directions are on the home page

For detailed schedules of team practices and games [Click Here.](#)

For the BFS Athletics Resource Site [Click Here](#)

For Weekly Game 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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