



**BROOKLYN
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SCHOOL**

April 5, 2020

Dear Families,

Over the past week, you have continued to receive regular communication from divisional leaders providing details pertinent to [Virtual BFS](#). Understanding and appreciating the fact that you, along with all of us, are navigating the newness of what the home and school experience is like at this time, I want to personally express my sincere gratitude for the support and flexibility that you have been exhibiting.

None of this is simple, easy, or our usual normal. School, as we have lived it at BFS, is different at the moment. Our city, nation, and world are different at the moment. We are all experiencing varied emotions and increased challenges to grapple with each day. However, I remain hopeful, and I hope that you do too.

Now that I have had a chance to join several zoom sessions with your children to say hello and be in their presence, I am moved by their ever-present palpable energy. They are able to bring perspective front and center, making me feel thankful every day for the community that I am a part of. I am also inspired and deeply proud of the efforts of all colleagues, working diligently to deliver creative and meaningful content in both synchronous and asynchronous formats. In the weeks ahead, I am certain that we will continue to grow in our virtual teaching, guiding, and supporting skills.

Several of you have raised concerns about the Zoom platform and its security features. While the open Zoom platform (the one at no cost for subscribers) is currently fraught with some security challenges, BFS has invested the necessary resources and finalized its subscription to the Zoom Educational Platform, which offers extensive security features that address the raised concerns and more. [This letter explains it all in detail.](#)

As would be the case if we were physically open, Virtual BFS will be in full effect for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We will pause on Thursday and Friday for all in our community who observe Passover and Good Friday. Happy Passover and Happy Easter to all who celebrate!

I hold all in our community and our world in the Light.

Sending you warmth at this time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Crissy', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Crissy Cáceres
Head of School