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BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

E-News

October 14, 2016

Next Week at BFS

10/16 11am: Meeting for Worship with Brooklyn Monthly Meeting
10/17 6:00pm: 8th Grade Parent Reception with Larry Weiss and Sidney Bridges
10/18 8:30am: PAT General Meeting with "Ask Larry" segment
10/19 8:30am: Preschool Coffee Hour | 6:00pm: Preschool Curriculum Night | 6:30pm: FAFSA Workshop for Senior Families | 6:00pm: Panel Discussion: The Value of a Quaker Education
10/20 8:30am and 6pm: All-School Affordability Workshop
10/21 8:30am: PAT Coffee Hour for Families New to BFS
Details on all calendar items at brooklynfriends.org/calendar

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Meeting for Worship on Sunday, Oct. 16

All members of the BFS community -- students and their parents, faculty and staff -- are encouraged to join members of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends for Meeting for Worship on Sunday, Oct. 16. Time: 11am. Place: 110 Schermerhorn Street (corner of Boerum Place, just 3 blocks from the school). At Meeting, parents will get to experience what their middle and upper school students practice every week at the Schermerhorn meetinghouse, and parents of younger children will get a sense of how their children experience centering for silence and active listening in their classrooms and in groups. Child care is provided, and there is a social hour afterwards.

BFS families are welcome to come to Sunday Meeting for Worship (always at 11am) at any time throughout the year, but this is a date especially set aside to welcome BFS families and families from Mary McDowell Friends School. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

Brooklyn Friends Fund "Kick-Off"

The Brooklyn Friends Fund, which last year raised $1 million to support all aspects of the school's operation, kicks-off a new season on Friday, Oct. 14, both in the morning (arrival) and the afternoon (pick-up) in front of 375 Pearl Street. Meet and greet the fundraisers and volunteer leaders who strive continually to enhance the BFS educational program, financial aid, and endowment for the future. Keeping with tradition, there will be treats and gifts for all.

Here's to Your Health!

We are pleased to announce the launch of several new school-wide health policies aimed at keeping our community safe and well. Please read through the **policies** in their entirety, bearing in mind their relevance for every family. For easy reference, the policies are on the BFS Parent Dashboard. You may contact Betsy Peyton, Director of Health Services, with any questions. Thank you.

Magnus Tip: Please check your emergency phone numbers in your child's Vital Health Record in Magnus. There are many incorrect listings in these records now, which slow down the nurses when trying to contact parents. Ideally, we should have numbers for cell, work and home (as applicable). We know that parents want to be notified quickly when a child is sick or hurt, so please: check the phone numbers you have on Magnus.

School News You Can Use

Parent Conference Online Sign-ups Coming Soon!

On **Oct. 20 at 7pm**, the automated system BFS uses for scheduling Parent-Teacher Conferences will be activated for sign-ups for preschool through grade 5 families. Sign-up for grades 7/8 begins on **Oct. 26 (7pm)**, and sign-up for grades 9-12 begins on **Nov. 2 (7pm)**. Check the Parent Dashboard next Monday for instructions on how and when to schedule your conferences, which take place in early November. *NOTE: The Parent Dashboard is password protected. If you haven't signed in yet to the Parent Dashboard and do not know your username and password, please send an e-mail to Jeff Stanley, jstanley@brooklynfriends.org and he will assist you.*

Don't Miss the All-School Affordability Workshops on Oct. 20

Please come to the College Counseling and Enrollment Offices' Affordability Workshops featuring **Mark Kantrowitz**. There are two sessions, morning (8:30 to 10am) and evening (6 to 7:30pm) on Oct. 20. In addition to Mark's presentation on college financial aid, scholarships and student loans, there will be a discussion on the BFS Financial Aid Program. **Register here.**

BFS Directory Now Available

The 2016-17 BFS Directory is available upon request. Send an e-mail to info@brooklynfriends.org with your student's name and grade in the subject line and a PDF of the directory will be sent to you. The printed directory will be mailed home to families at the end of next week. The Directory has class rosters, a cross-reference surname list, faculty and staff directory, and an alphabetical list of students and

parents, with home addresses, phones, and e-mail addresses. Data in the directory is privileged and must not be used for any purpose other than school-related communication.

Please collect your Photo IDs: There are still many IDs that haven't been picked up at the front desk at Pearl Street. All IDs from September have been processed.

PAT Update

Join the PAT at Three Events Next Week

- PAT General Meeting featuring an "Ask Larry" session on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 8:30am in the Pearl Street Meeting House.
- PAT Spring Gala Committee Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 8:30am in the Pearl Street Cafeteria
- PAT New Families Coffee Hour on Friday, Oct. 21 at 8:30am in the Pearl Street Cafeteria

Sports Section

Upcoming Events (All School):

11/1/16 (Tuesday): Faculty & Staff Volleyball Game Event at 4:30pm (4:15pm warm-up) @ Upper Gym, Sign Up Here

Upcoming Events (Middle School):

10/28/16 (Friday): MS 5th/6th Soccer Jamboree @ Brooklyn Bridge Park 3:30pm-5:30pm
please see David in Athletics or Peter in Physical Education if interested in signing up
3:20pm dismissal & 3:30pm departure, Sign Up Here

Upcoming Events (Upper School):

10/20/16: Brooklyn Nets vs. New York Knicks Preseason Game @ Barclays Center
BFS Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball Players are invited to attend
Please return the Permission Slip to David in Athletics before the deadline (first come,

first serve)
Sign Up Here/Permission Slip

BFS Student-Athletes invited to New York Islanders Games 2016-17

Please see Coach David in Athletics if you are interested in attending one of the following Brooklyn Islanders Games this season: 11/18, 12/13, 1/24, 3/13
Click Here to Sign Up

BFS Winter Athletics Start November 1st
Join the team!

Quaker News

Quaker Values and the Value of a Quaker Education

"The Value of a Quaker Education" takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:00 to 7:30pm at Brooklyn Monthly Meeting, 110 Schermerhorn Street. This is a panel discussion with faculty, families and students from Brooklyn Friends and Mary McDowell. Representing Brooklyn Friends will be Amanda Becker, BFS junior; Lakisha Grant, current BFS parent and 1989 graduate of Westtown School; and Derek Lynch, BFS alumnus from the Class of 1989, and parent to a young alumnus and two current students. Invitation.

A Celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day at BFS and Brooklyn Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, October 25 we will have our Indigenous Peoples program, coordinated by Tom Rothschild, BFS consultant for Quaker Witness and Outreach. The theme this year is *Ways of Peace in Algonquin and Haudenosaunee Traditions.* The concepts of Ways of Peace are much broader in scope than simply averting or ending war. They encompass every aspect of societies and ways of life which are in harmony not just internally and with other human societies but with all of Nature of which humans are part, present and future. Our visitors bring this message in words, in Wampum, in music and dance. In addition to Middle and Upper School collections and classroom visits to younger students, there will be an event in the Pearl Street lobby from about 4:00-5:30pm, which will include Haudeosaunee social dancing and more. We will again have an evening program at the Friends meetinghouse, jointly sponsored by the Brooklyn Quaker meeting. This will include refreshments, presentation and discussion, and social dancing, All are invited to attend. List of participants.

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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