



November 18, 2016



Next week at BFS

11/22 Autumn Sing for Preschool -Grade Four: 9am- Gr. 3/4;
10:30am-Preschool; 12:30pm-Kindergarten; 2pm-Gr. 1/2.

11/23, 24, 25 Fall Break. School Closed.

Look out for an **E-News Express** early on Nov. 28.

Top Stories



Time for the Arts to Shine at BFS with INTO THE WOODS

Bravo to the cast of 32, crew of 10, 9 musicians, and the Performing Arts faculty for their staging of *Into the Woods* this weekend. The talent, vitality, and professionalism on the stage and in the orchestra pit was uplifting and makes all of us at BFS proud. Thank you, students and faculty -- Director **Lorna Jordan**, Musical Director **Lisa Burns**, and Technical Director **Andres Puigbo** -- for your commitment and expertise and for making the Performing arts shine at BFS.

A Spectacular Success for Light the Way Campaign

Another chapter in the history of Brooklyn Friends School was written with the successful completion of the \$7.5 million *Light the Way* campaign. Volunteer leaders

and donors were thanked and honored at a reception on October 27 in the new upper school building. Ever ambitious for BFS and our students, they celebrated the completion of one grand undertaking while setting a strong foundation for the future.

[Read more.](#)



Your BFS Podcast

Step into the Upper School's **Community Issues Conference** that took place last week. Hear from students about what they learned and listen to an interview with **Natania Kramer**, Director of Service Learning and Civic Engagement, about how the conference comes together every year. Be sure to listen all the way to the end and hear student body president **Miles Nabritt '17** address his peers.

[Podcast 008](#)

School News You Can Use

Financial Aid Deadline: Dec. 9

A reminder: financial aid applications and supporting documents need to be received by TADS by **Dec. 9, 2016** for all current families applying for aid for the 2017-18 school year. Questions? Contact [Vanessa Reynolds](#).

Preschool & Lower School Autumn Sing on Nov. 22

Four hundred twenty five students and their teachers will take part in the BFS Traditional Autumn Sing at the Brooklyn Monthly Meeting at **110 Schermerhorn Street**, and the logistics need to be handled very carefully. For comings and goings,

[Download the schedule.](#)



Your Weekly Health Tip from the Nurses' Office

In recognition of BFS' Nut-Sensitive Allergy Policy, we ask that the community be mindful of the ingredients in snacks and treats brought to school events. To help with that effort, we'd like to offer this [list of alternatives to nut products](#). Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Advancement Report

Looking forward, giving back.

Last year we set a new philanthropic standard at Brooklyn Friends School. Let's build on that momentum in 2016-17! Please stop by the Advancement Office today to make your gift to the Brooklyn Friends Fund.



Support the Performing Arts with Your Brooklyn Friends Fund Gift

Those who reserved early for this weekend's sold out run of the fall musical *Into the Woods* will be treated to virtuoso performances by middle and upper school students courtesy of contributions to the Brooklyn Friends Fund. If you haven't already done so, please make your gift [here](#) to support performing arts, athletics, academics, financial aid, faculty salaries and so much more at BFS. Thanks to those who have already donated to this year's Brooklyn Friends Fund.

[Give Online Now](#)

PAT Update

Many Thanks for a Successful Fall Service Day

The annual fall work day in the Quaker Cemetery in Prospect Park was another wonderful family service day with more than 100 children, teens and adults participating. Very special thanks are extended to PAT Service Committee chairs **Nina Broeer, Marcia Thurmond, and Adrienne Almeida** for their organizing and volunteer know-how and to **Sue Macleod** for her colorful and engaging poster.

Your Family Guide to the Winterfest

Order your holiday plants in advance, sign up to volunteer (students needed too!), and plan to participate and have fun at the [PAT Winterfest](#) on **Sat. Dec. 10, 11am to 5pm** at 375 Pearl Street. A dynamic team of parent volunteers is working to make this enjoyable family event better than ever.

[Activities Guide](#)

Quaker News

Meeting for Worship on Dec. 1

You are invited you to an after drop-off Quaker Meeting for Worship for parents and caregivers on Thurs, Dec. 1, in the Conference Room in the new Upper School Campus at **116 Lawrence St.** The Meeting will last from 8:15-9:30am with 45 minutes of silence and reflection, followed by a half hour of discussion and socializing. Feel free to show up when you are able and leave when you need to. This Meeting is being hosted

by the Board of Trustees' Spiritual Life Committee. For more information please contact [Ben Horner](#).

Community Dinner at the Quaker Meeting House

Desserts are needed for the Sun, Nov. 27 Community Dinner at 110 Schermerhorn Street. If you are able to contribute, please bring baked goods and fresh fruit to the Schermerhorn Meeting House from 10am to 1pm. Thank you.

Sports Section



They Say a Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

If that is so, there are hundreds of thousands of "words" on the BFS athletics photo gallery, and all of them just since September. *Note: best viewed on a desktop or laptop computer.*

[BFS Smugmug Photo Gallery](#)

We're Ready to Roll on Monday

The BFS winter basketball games start on Monday, Nov. 21, and the Middle and Upper School Boys and Girls Indoor track teams, Squash Teams, and Swim Teams are in full swing. Check the schedule and sign up on Twitter to get the daily scores:

[Details 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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