



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

December, 2017

Holidays

Ben Franklin Academy will be closed Saturday, December 16, until Wednesday, January 3. Afternoon students should be picked up at 2 pm on December 16.

Fall Sports and Band Banquet

Students who participated in Cross Country, Golf, Yoga, and the Band attended the Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 7, with their families.

Cookies for Teachers

Parents will bring in cookies for the faculty cookie swap on Wednesday, December 13.

Cross Country Team News

The Cross Country team competed in the Early Bird Turkey Trot over the Thanksgiving holiday. Runners Alex Warren and Annabelle Magee finished 2nd overall in their age group! Robert Persons and Brendan Lyster finished in the top 30 out of 500 runners.

The team's next and final race of the season will be Sleighbells on the Square on Saturday, December 9th, at Marietta Square, weather permitting. Congratulations to the Cross Country Team!

Annual Fund

'Tis the season of gratitude, and as we prepare to celebrate the holidays with our loved ones, we want to extend a special thank you to our Ben Franklin community-the families, friends, staff, volunteers, and generous supporters who make possible the daily work that sustains our school.

In particular, we want to thank our dedicated 30th Anniversary Annual Fund Co-Chairs, Duvall Fuqua and Julie Salisbury, and committee members Jane Black, Connie Fraser, Christina Hoff, Chad Martin, Fluffy McDuffie, Brooke Pena, and Michelle Rolader for their leadership during this special year.

As we celebrate BFA's past and look forward to the school's future, your Annual Fund support is as important as ever. Please consider making a personally meaningful gift to our Annual Fund that will continue to sustain our school for years to come. Support for the 2017-2018 Annual Fund will go towards scholarships for deserving teens from all backgrounds; innovative technology; and landscape beautification for our beloved gardens and grounds.

We are grateful to serve Atlanta's students through our unique approach to education, and we simply could not do it without your help. Please consider making a special year-end, tax-

deductible gift to the Annual Fund in honor of BFA's 30th anniversary and in anticipation of the years to come! You may make your gift online today at www.benfranklinacademy.org/support.

Apogee Scholarship Program - another way to support BFA!

Did you know that you can support Ben Franklin Academy by directing a portion of your state tax liability in support of the school? Pre-register today to support BFA through the Georgia Private School Tax Credit Program by visiting www.apogee123.org. Applications to the Department of Revenue will be submitted beginning January 1, 2018, in the order in which they were received, so act now to ensure your support. Please contact BFA if you have questions or need additional details.

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