



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Students have been busy putting the final touches on Brooks' first musical in our new Center for the Arts, "Hairspray!" The show opens tonight and runs through Saturday. See below for ticket information.

Spring Break Transportation

Please click to view all pertinent [spring break transportation information](#) and logistics.

Food/Raffle Items Needed: Community Appreciation Lunch

Thank you to those parents who have signed up thus far -- however, we are in need of more help! Please sign-up [here](#) for food and/or volunteer hours. If you can't make it to campus that day, you can [order from Whole Foods](#) and a fellow parent will be sure it is delivered to the lunch. *If using that option, please mark it as "Brooks School, 9 a.m. pickup," then indicate on [the sign-up link](#) that you have done so, noting what item you ordered.

We are also in need of raffle items! Some suggestions: themed baskets (wine and/or craft beer, "day at the beach," kitchen gadgets/food items, etc.), AMEX/Visa/Amazon gift cards, outings/experiences, restaurant gift cards. The possibilities are endless and no gift is too small!

Contact [Sheila Serrao](#) P'15, P'20 or [Jeannie Sullivan](#) P'22 with any questions, if you have an item to donate, or if you would like to contribute and have a local parent pick something up in your name. THANK YOU!

Notes From the Director of Athletics

- The last regular winter season games will be held Feb. 23. Tournament games will be held the following

- Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - There will be a meeting regarding spring afternoon activities Feb 27.
 - Practices begin Feb. 28.
 - Locker rooms must be cleaned out and empty before spring break (which begins at noon on March 6).
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Brooks Gives Back

Please join alumni, fellow parents, students and Brooks friends March 9 or 10 for a community service event in your area! It's a great opportunity to give back during spring break. Visit our [Brooks Gives Back event page](#) for more information, to RSVP and see who's coming. Events will be held on March 9 in Lawrence, Mass., Boston, New York City, and Washington D.C., and on March 10 in Chicago.

Get Your Tickets for "Hairspray!"

"Hairspray" will be on stage in Brooks' Center for the Arts Feb. 21-23 at 7:30 pm. A limited number of tickets are still available for the Saturday performance. Please email or call Registrar [Lisa Saunders](#): (978) 725-6255 to get your tickets, available on a first-come, first served basis. Enjoy the show!

Upcoming Evening Requirements for Students

All students must attend the following events. Please put them in your calendar:

- **March 4** at 6:15 p.m.: Seated dinner followed by the Wilder Speaking Contest Finals. This is expected to end by 8 or 8:30 p.m.
 - **April 16** at 6:15 p.m.: Seated dinner followed by guest speaker, Travis Roy
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April 20: Grandparents/Special Friends Day

Save the date: A formal invitation will be mailed to grandparents for Brooks' annual Grandparents/Special Friends Day -- but only if we have their contact information! Please click to [submit/update grandparent contact information](#). We are missing information for some and want to be sure to include them. Stay tuned for details of the day!

Lehman Art Center Opening

Join us for a reception celebrating the opening of our new exhibit in the [Lehman Art Center](#): "Ice Color," by mixed media artist [Kristi Kohut](#) Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Named one of seven "next-big-thing artists" by *Elle Decor* magazine, her bold vibrant art and textiles are sought after by top interior designers, collectors and brands. Kohut's process is inspired by color and pattern found in nature, often using a variety of media including watercolor, pastels, ink, acrylic and glass beads. We would love to see you at the event!

Re-Enrollment for Current Students

Emails have been sent from the Business Office with the link to your student's re-enrollment account. Completed agreements and deposits are due by March 1. If you have questions or need assistance with this process, contact Student Accounts' [Marie Ranfos](#): (978) 725-6322 or Controller [Jo-Ann Almaraz](#): (978) 725-6321.

Student Activities This Weekend

Click [here](#) to see all the activities, including productions of our student musical "Hairspray" and movie runs.

The P.A.C.: Parents' Academic Corner

In order to successfully navigate the academic and social landscape of high school, students must develop a level of self-awareness that enables them to advocate for what they need. The Can Learn Society identifies three steps to becoming a successful self-advocate:

1. Know yourself as a learner
2. Know what supports you need to be successful
3. Communicate your needs appropriately

The Learning Center works with students to identify their own areas of strength and challenge and encourages reflection on how students can communicate with their teachers and coaches in productive ways to ensure their needs are met. Goal-setting and periodic review of those goals is helpful as students work to utilize their strengths and improve their areas of weakness. Read more on the subject [here](#).

Upcoming Events

- Feb 21-23: Winter Musical: "Hairspray," 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25: San Francisco Alumni and Parent Reception, 6-8 p.m.
- Feb. 27: Los Angeles Alumni and Parent Reception, 6-8 p.m.
- March 9-10: Brooks Gives Back multi-city volunteer event
- March 11: Seoul Parent and Prospective Family Reception, 6-8 p.m.
- March 13: Hong Kong Parent and Prospective Family Reception, 6-8 p.m.
- March 25: Community Appreciation Lunch, 11:30 a.m.
- April 9: Washington, D.C. Alumni and Parent Reception, 6:30 p.m.

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