



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Students were excited to cheer on Brooks boys 1st basketball (above) and girls 1st ice hockey in their NEPSAC tournament games on campus yesterday. Both teams won and will be competing again Saturday!

Spring Break Transportation Plans Due

Please click to view all pertinent [spring break transportation information](#) and logistics. Plans must be finalized with the Deans' Office **tomorrow**.

Special Schedule

Wednesday, March 6, will be a special schedule: The academic day will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 10:40 a.m.

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 **tomorrow**. 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.

Final Call For Community Appreciation Lunch

Is there anyone we have not heard from who might like to cook for or donate to the March 25 event? We are still in need of both food (particularly sides/desserts) and raffle items. Show your love for the Brooks community: [sign up here!](#) Raffle items can be dropped off at the alumni office when you are picking up your student on March 6 or on March 24 between 1 and 3 p.m. in Wilder Dining Hall. If you need ideas, please feel free to contact [Sheila Serrao](#) P'15, P'20 or [Jeannie Sullivan](#) P'22.

You don't need to be a master chef or live around the corner to help, either. Just ask us how you can contribute! Ideas for raffle items: themed baskets, AMEX/Visa gift cards, sporting event or theater tickets . . . No gift is too small and all are appreciated. Thank you!

Notes from the Director of Athletics

Congratulations to both our girls ice hockey and boys basketball teams for advancing to the semi-final of the NEPSAC tournament. The next round of games is scheduled for Saturday, with girls ice hockey playing #4 seed Worcester Academy at home at 3 p.m., and boys basketball playing #2 seed Hamden Hall School away at 4:30 p.m.

- Spring sports have started. If students are still looking for an activity, please see the athletic department.
 - Locker rooms must be completely emptied before spring break.
 - Hockey players should make plans to take home their equipment over spring break. If this is not possible, please contact Director of Athletics [Bobbie Crump-Burbank](#): (978) 725-6210 to make other arrangements.
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Spring Midterm Grades

Spring midterm grades and comments will be available in each student's "Spring Midterm Progress Report" report card via [OnBrooks](#) by March 13 at 12 p.m. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to access report cards. Questions? Contact Registrar [Lisa Saunders](#): (978) 725-6255.

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 and to RSVP. Events will be held March 9 in Lawrence, Mass., Boston, New York City, and Washington, D.C., and March 10 in Chicago.

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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Brooks Prom 2019

- The Prom will be held this year at ICON (100 Warrenton Street, Boston, Mass.).
 - The Prom is for fifth- and sixth-form students and their invited guests.
 - Prom tickets are \$80 and each student will be responsible for purchasing his or her own ticket to the prom.
 - Tickets will be sold during lunch Feb. 27-March 5. Students may pay at the school store with cash, from school account funds, or using a credit card. They may also buy a ticket with a check, which should be made payable to Brooks School with "prom" in the memo line.
 - Formal dress is expected: suits, tuxedos, dresses or pantsuits. A representative from a local tuxedo company will be on campus after students return from March break to provide rentals. There will be a corsage and boutonniere workshop offered as a student activities event.
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Estimados Padres de Familia Latina

Parents of Latino students, please watch your email in the next few weeks for an invitation to our event at Café Azteca April 19 at 5:30 p.m. / Por favor revise su correo en las próximas semanas. Pronto recibirá una invitación a nuestro evento en Café Azteca el 19 de abril a las 5:30 p.m.

Important Information from the Health & Wellness Center

Magnus has made some changes: When logging into your child's account to view treatment notes, you now have to hover over your name in the upper left hand corner and click on communication to view the treatment notes. Please contact the [Health & Wellness Center](#): (978) 725-6206 with any issues accessing your child's account.

After the Acceptance, Financial Aid

On March 27 at 7 p.m., Phillips Academy is hosting their annual "Paying the College Bill Seminar" in their Kemper Auditorium. Students and families with recent acceptances will learn how to compare financial aid awards, calculate the balance due, and develop a plan to pay the bill. A representative from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) will present. Brooks' College Counseling office will be taking interested students over in busettes and encourages local families to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Brooks' College Counseling office: (978) 725-6277.

Student Activities This Weekend

Click [here](#) to see all the activities, including a free rollerskating trip to Skateland. *Update to note: Brooks' annual Winterfest student rock concert has been rescheduled for March 30.

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

[Confidence in the classroom](#) is closely connected to academic progress and is key to a student's success. Along with self-awareness, confidence in the classroom supports students taking risks, making mistakes and becoming stronger students. Students can practice the following strategies to improve self-confidence in the classroom:

- Practice self-acceptance
- Focus on achievements
- Identify specific goals and make personal changes
- Seek positive experiences and people
- Reward yourself as you practice building your self-esteem

Upcoming Events

- **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.**
- **April 15: Parents of Latino Students Dinner, 5:30 p.m.**
- **April 26: Center for the Arts Opening Celebration, 6 p.m.**

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