



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Students participated in the first annual Black History Month celebration at Buttonwoods Museum in Haverhill last Friday with history teacher Eddie Carson.

We Need Help From ALL Parents, Near and Far!

Help us make this year's Community Appreciation Luncheon on March 27 a fitting tribute to all those who enrich our kids' Brooks experience. They all deserve our thanks. How can you help? Sign up [here](#) to bring food.

Live too far or not back from break yet? Call and order food from Whole Foods in Andover (978-749-6664) and we'll pick up the order for you. Donate something to the raffle: restaurant gift certificates, themed gift baskets, sporting event tickets, electronic gadgets - anything is appreciated. Contact Susan Barry P'13, P'16, P'18 (slbarr@comcast.net), Margaret Cifuni P'17 (mmcifuni@yahoo.com) or Sheila Serrao P'15, P'20 (sheilaserrao@aol.com). We need your help!

Raffle items can be dropped off when you pick up your student for break March 8, in the dining hall: 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Last Chance for March Break Transportation

Spring Break begins Wednesday. Transportation to Logan Airport, Manchester Airport or CT/NYC is available - if students sign up in the Deans' Office by the end of today. Fees will be charged to students' accounts: \$90 each way for the CT/NYC bus; \$40 for the airport busses (departure only). All busses depart campus at 12 p.m. For CT/NYC bus stop information, click [here](#). Questions? Contact Vicky Matheson: 978-725-6299 or vmatheson@brooksschool.org.

Tonight: College Work and Readiness Assessment

This evening, a sample of four-year sixth-formers (both day and boarding) are expected to take the College Work and Readiness Assessment (CWRA), which measures problem-solving and critical thinking skills. The students involved have been notified. They should meet at the Luce Library at 6:50 p.m. The test is two hours long and is conducted online with school computers. Students are not expected to prepare for the CWRA but should bring a pen or pencil. Contact Associate Head for Academic Affairs Lance Latham: (978) 725-6252 or llatham@brooksschool.org with any questions.

Student Activities This Weekend

Click [here](#) for the schedule, including our Winterfest rock bands concert and a faculty versus students three-on-three basketball tournament.

Spring Midterm Grades

Grades and comments will be available in each student's "Spring Midterm Grades and Comments" report card via [OnBrooks](#) beginning March 14 at 12 p.m. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to access report cards. Questions? Contact Registrar Lisa Saunders: 978-725-6255 or lsaunders@brooksschool.org.

After the Acceptance, Financial Aid

On March 28 at 7 p.m., Phillips Academy is hosting their annual "Paying the College Bill Seminar" in the 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. The College Counseling office will be taking interested Brooks students over in busettes, and encourages local families to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the College Counseling Office: (978) 725-6277.

Re-enrollment for Returning Students

Re-enrollment for returning students will begin in coordination with the Business Office and InfoSnap. Emails will be sent from the Brooks School Business Office with the link to your student's re-enrollment account. Signed electronic enrollment agreements and deposits are due no later than April 1. If you have questions or need assistance with this process, contact Marie Ranfos: (978) 725-6322 or mranfos@brooksschool.org or Jo-Ann Almaraz: (978) 725-6321 or jalmaraz@brooksschool.org.

Gallery Opening

Last night, we celebrated the opening of Mike Congleton's "colorscapes" exhibit in the Lehman Art Center. The Asheville, North Carolina-based artist has been on campus doing landscape batik pieces with students this week. His works will remain on display for public viewing in the Lehman through April 7.

April 15: Grandparents Day

A formal invitation will be mailed to grandparents, but only if we have their contact information! Click [here](#) to submit/update grandparent contact information - we are missing info for many grandparents. Highlights of the day include:

- Classes with grandchild
- Family photos
- Discussion with our on-campus farmer
- Lunch in Wilder Dining Hall
- Spotlight on Winter Term Courses
- Reception in the Head of School's home

Brooks Prom 2017

- The Prom will be held this year at the [Andover Country Club](#), 60 Canterbury St., Andover, MA 01810 on Sunday, April 23.
- The Prom is for fifth- and sixth-form students and their invited guests.
- Prom tickets are \$80.
- Tickets will be sold during lunch March 4-8 and March 29-31. Students may pay with cash or by check. Checks 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 to provide rentals after students return from Spring Break.
- There will be a corsage and boutonniere workshop offered as a Student Activities event.
- Click [here](#) for a Prom Day itinerary, including departure times.

Brooks in the News

Brooks School was recently featured in our local newspaper. The Eagle-Tribune highlighted the winter musical "Cabaret" and the school's plans for our new Center for the Arts. Click [here](#) to read the feature story.

Upcoming

- March 8: Community Appreciation Lunch raffle drop-off, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in Wilder Dining Hall; Spring Break begins, 12 p.m.

- March 27: Parents Committee's Community Appreciation Lunch; school resumes (boarders check in by 8 p.m.)
- April 4 & 7: Admission revisit days for accepted students
- April 15: Grandparents Day (invitation and schedule to come)
- April 17: School Holiday, no classes
- April 20: Sixth-Form Parent Dinner and Slideshow, 6-8 p.m. in the Frick
- April 23: Prom
- April 24: Parents of Latino Students Dinner, 5:30 p.m. at Cafe Azteca

School Store

The School Store is ready for spring. Stop in and see our new sweatshirts, t-shirts and joggers when you come on Wednesday!

