



# BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

**MARCH 28, 2019**

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*We at Brooks School can't thank our parents enough for treating us all to wonderful food and fantastic raffles at the Parents Committee's Community Appreciation Lunch on Monday (shown above). This is an event we look forward to all year and are so grateful. To the chairs of this fabulous event: Sheila Serrao P'15, P'20, Stephanie George P'19 and Jeannie Sullivan P'22, we offer a special thank you!*

## **College Work and Readiness Assessment**

On the evening of April 1, a sample of four-year sixth-formers (both day and boarding) is expected to take the College Work and Readiness Assessment (CWRA). The students involved will be notified this week. They should meet at the Luce Library at 7 p.m. The test is about 90 minutes long and is conducted online with school computers. The CWRA measures problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Students are not expected to prepare for the test, but should bring a pen or pencil. Please direct questions to Associate Head for Academic Affairs [Lance Latham](#): (978) 725-6252.

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## Upcoming Evening Requirements for Students

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

- **April 1** at 6:15 p.m.: All-school dinner, followed by a speaker for third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-formers not taking the CWRA. Students will hear Monica Livingston of the Positive Coaching Alliance, a national non-profit organization working to help young athletes develop leadership skills. Recently held in many New England schools, this workshop is centered on positive, productive communication, as well as critical-thinking.
  - **April 16** at 6:15 p.m.: All-school dinner, followed by a talk from motivational speaker, Travis Roy.
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## Center for the Arts Opening Celebration

We hope you can join us on April 26 at the official opening of our Center for the Arts! For more information and to RSVP, please click [here](#).

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## Would You Like to Buy a Yearbook Ad?

Express pride, love and congratulations to soon-to-be Brooks School graduates with a personal ad in the yearbook. A quarter-page, half-page or full-page message/photo(s) are available for sale on a first-come, first-served basis. Payments are due by May 10. Click [here](#) for all the information and contact Faculty Yearbook Advisor [Andrew McLean](#) with any questions.

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## Spring Arts Dates

Mark your calendar with these [upcoming arts events!](#)

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## Grandparents/Special Friends Day is April 20

Invitations have been sent! Program highlights include: a tour of our Maker Space, classes with grandchildren, family portraits, a reception and performance in our new Center for the Arts, as well as athletic contests. [Visit our page for the event to RSVP](#) and see the full schedule of activities. If you have questions, contact Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Programs [Nicole Jackson](#) '95: (978) 725-6258.

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## Brooks Prom 2019

- The prom will be held this year at ICON (100 Warrenton Street in Boston).
- The prom is for fifth- and sixth-form students and their invited guests.
- Tickets are \$80. Tickets were sold before break and more tickets will be sold on April 1 and April 2 during lunch. Students can purchase tickets using cash or credit card at the school store, but they must show their receipt to a prom committee member in the dining hall in order to reserve their spot. Checks made out to "Brooks School" can also be accepted by a prom committee member during lunch.
- Gibley's Tuxedos will be on campus April 9 and April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for tuxedo fittings. The price is \$135 and includes everything a student will need for prom. Gibley's will deliver tuxedos prior to the prom, and then pick them up from campus. Students can pay for the rental with cash, check or credit cards.
- Click to [view more Prom Information](#), including an itinerary.

Food will be available at the prom but it is not a sit-down event. There is also a parent-sponsored, pre-prom snack for students in the Frick Dining Hall and there will be pizza at the end of the evening, when the students return to campus. Please contact [Nicole Jackson](#): (978) 725-6258 if you'd like to contribute.

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## Parents of Latino Students

Please join us for dinner at Café Azteca on April 15 at 5:30 p.m.! To RSVP, or ask any questions about the event, contact [Nicole Jackson](#): (978) 725-6258.

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## Sixth-Form Parents

We would love for you to join us at the annual Sixth-Form Parent Dinner and Slideshow on May 10 at 6 p.m. An invitation will be in the mail next week, but if you would like to RSVP now, please email [Nicole Jackson](#).

Graduation is also on the horizon! Visit our [Commencement Weekend page](#) for the full schedule and details.

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### Join Us For The "Run For The Troops"

Brooks School is rallying a team for the Run for the Troops 5K in Andover on April 28 at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the walk/run help build homes for wounded veterans and aid combat veterans with PTSD issues. Click [here](#) to register (select "Join a Team" and "Brooks School").

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### Missing an Afternoon Activity?

Please remember that the process for being excused from an afternoon activity is similar to missing an academic commitment. If the absence is for medical reasons, a parent/guardian must call the Health & Wellness Center: (978) 725-6206 to make arrangements for the student to be dismissed early. For all other reasons, the student must complete an Elective Absence Form (found in the Dean's Den). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Director of Athletics [Bobbie Crump-Burbank](#).

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### Student Activities This Weekend

Click [here](#) to see all the activities, including our annual Winterfest rock-and-roll concert and a basketball fundraiser in the gym.

## Upcoming Events

- 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 20: Grandparents/Special Friends Day, 8 a.m.
- April 26: Center for the Arts Opening Celebration, 6 p.m.
- May 10: Sixth-Form Parent Dinner and Slideshow, 6 p.m.

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