



# BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Following a [successful weekend at the Boston Model United Nations](#) event, a few Brooks students participated in another conference last weekend: DartMUN XIV, Dartmouth College's Model U.N.

## Final Call For Grandparents/Special Friends Day!

We look forward to welcoming so many guests to campus next Saturday, April 20! [Follow this link to RSVP](#) by Monday, April 15. Questions? Email Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Programs [Nicole Jackson](#) '95, or call (978) 725-6258.

## Travis Roy to Speak on Tuesday

All students will attend a required seated dinner on April 16 at 6:15 p.m., followed by a presentation from motivational speaker Travis Roy.

## Course Selection Process Has Begun

The course selection process for Brooks' 2019-2020 school year has begun for returning students. Students will work with their advisors to complete the process of selecting classes for next year by April 29. For more information about your student's selections, please contact your student's advisor. For more information about the process in

general, please contact Registrar [Lisa Saunders](#).

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## Fourth-Form Parent College Counseling Open House

On April 22 at 7 p.m., the College Counseling Office will hold an informal Fourth-Form Parent Information Session in the chapel. While this is not a mandatory event, please come for a brief overview on the college process if you are available. For those who cannot attend, we will be recording our presentation and Q&A segment.

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## Upcoming College Fairs

On April 28 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., representatives from more than 100 colleges will be at Merrimack College in North Andover for the annual Boston Independent School College Counselors Association ([BISCCA's college fair](#)). Similarly, on April 29 from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be another [college fair at Phillips Academy](#) in Andover. Unfortunately, the BISCCA fair falls on the same day as Brooks' prom. While neither fair is a required event, we encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities. We will provide transportation to/from the events for our boarding students. These are always worthwhile events, particularly for fifth-formers as they work to complete their summer list in meetings with their college counselor. If your student is interested and needs transportation, please have them contact Assistant College Counselor [Christine Jackson](#) or stop by the College Office to sign up.

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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. on campus. To RSVP, please email [Nicole Jackson](#). (Please note: this is a adult-only event).

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## Prom Treats: Parent Help Needed!

There will be a pre-prom, parent-sponsored snack for students on April 28. We would love your help to make sure pictures aren't taken on an empty stomach! Please email [Nicole Jackson](#) if you would like to contribute a food or beverage item. Thank you!

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## Speaking of Prom . . .

The prom is quickly approaching! Please read our [Prom & Weekend Information](#) for all pertinent details.

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## Gifts for Your Graduate & Grandparents Day Sale

The school store has lots of memorabilia available for graduation gifts. Stop in soon! Take advantage of the extended hours for Grandparents/Special Friends Day, when it will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Student Activities This Weekend

Click [here](#) to see all the activities, including a fire pit with s'mores hangout and "Field Day at Night" event!

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



As the second half of spring semester begins, many students are starting to work on long-term research papers.

While the Learning Center (shown above) helps students use templates for brainstorming and outlining as parts of the writing process, we also help students understand that there is no shortcut for writing a thoughtful and thorough research paper. We encourage students to select topics that are of interest, and to gather and review as many sources as possible to gain a deep understanding of the topic and to develop a strong thesis statement. When students devote time to organization, planning, careful research and analysis, they are able to efficiently write high-quality papers. Writing a research paper can be lengthy and challenging for many students, but creating an organized system with a support network will help students reach the final product. Click for a [nine-step writing guide](#) that the Learning Center recommends.

## Upcoming Events

- **April 15: Parents of Latino Students Dinner, 5:30 p.m.**
- **April 20: Grandparents/Special Friends Day, 8 a.m.**
- **April 22: School Holiday**
- **April 22: Fourth-Form Parent Information Session, 7 p.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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