



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

The parent newsletter comes to you every Thursday to keep you updated on school happenings. You can find a copy of it, as well as other resources -- from the school's calendar to the dining hall menu -- on the parents' [Resources page](#) of Brooks' website.

Aug. 27: New Family Reception

All new families are invited to join us at a reception on Aug. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Leslie and Belisario Rosas P'15, P'21 at 9 Manning Way in Andover, Mass. This gathering is an opportunity for families (parents and students) new to Brooks to meet each other. Head of School John Packard P'18, P'21 will greet families and address the group, as well. Please [RSVP](#) by Aug. 20. Attire is dressy casual. We look forward to seeing you!

The Countdown Is On For Opening Days

Click to view the [schedule for Opening Days](#), complete with advisor meetings and orientation, including a question

and answer panel for new parents. * Please note: All parents are invited to the Parent Reception at the residence of Head of School John Packard on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.

Need Assistance With OnBrooks?

OnBrooks is our online student information and learning management system. Click to [read an introductory letter](#) explaining how to login and navigate the site. If you need assistance with OnBrooks, feel free to contact Registrar and Director of Administrative Computing Lisa Saunders P'18, P'20 at lsaunders@brooksschool.org or (978) 725-6255.

Reminder: Registration Forms

Summer registration forms, athletic selections, ImPACT testing and student health information were due on July 15. If these forms have not been completed, more information and links are available in [OnBrooks](#) > Groups > Summer Registration. Magnus, our student healthcare management system, can also be accessed from your parent account in OnBrooks. Click on "Resources" and select the orange colored Magnus logo to sign into this system.

See Your Student's School Schedule

Students' assigned courses with teachers and schedule blocks will be visible in [OnBrooks](#) on Aug. 24 by 5 p.m. An email notice will be sent once this information is officially released.

Has Your Child Been Busy Reading?

Reminder to students: Continue working on summer reading and assignments! Check in [OnBrooks](#) > Groups > Summer Reading & Assignments for details about the required readings and classwork, as well as a letter from Academic Dean Susanna Waters on summer reading and work expectations. Deadlines vary so please read the information carefully.

Don't Forget to Get Fall Textbooks!

Students and families can purchase books for fall courses now via [Follett](#), the online textbook provider for Brooks School. Search for the texts by academic department and course name. A link to the Follett Bookstore has also been added to the parents' [Resources page](#) on brooksschool.org for easy access.

Immunization Information

Brooks' [Health and Wellness Center](#) participates in the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS), a statewide, electronic record-keeping system that keeps track of your child's immunizations. Click [for more information](#). We are required by law to share the meningococcal requirements with you. Learn more via Massachusetts' [Department of Public Health's waiver](#). Contact the Health and Wellness Center at health@brooksschool.org or (978) 725-6206 with any questions.

Save the Date for Family Weekend!

Family Weekend is Oct. 26 and 27 on campus. (An invitation will follow via email). Highlights of this event include the third- and fourth-form parent reception, mini-classes, advisor meetings, athletic contests and more!

We Would Love Your Help!

Whether decorating for Family Weekend, baking goodies for our students or helping in the admission office, we can always use and welcome your help around campus. Please click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you!

Welcome to the P.A.C.: Parents' Academic Corner!



This is our first installment of a weekly academic resources news update in the newsletter. Each Thursday, the [Learning Center](#) will provide educational information, helpful hints and tips, events, and technology tools that can help with academic work. We want this newsletter to be valuable to you, so please [share your feedback and suggestions](#) to help us improve.

Back to School Time

Organization is key to preparing for the new school year. Check out this [helpful article](#) about getting ready, and see our list of recommended school supplies:

- 3-ring binders
- Loose leaf paper
- Dividers
- Pocket folders
- Planner
- Pencils, pens and highlighters
- TI 84 graphing calculator is the big purchase item

Require an Academic Accommodation?

Parents of new students, if you would like to have your child continue with his or her academic accommodations from a previous school, please provide the Learning Center with a copy of a neuropsychological evaluation completed within the last three years. Documentation may be emailed to Director of the Learning Center Moira Goodman P'15, P'17, P'18 at mgoodman@brooksschool.org.

Parents of returning students, if your child would like to request accommodations for the SAT or ACT, please contact [Moira Goodman](#) as soon as possible. This process takes six-to-eight weeks, and the testing cycle starts earlier for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 27: New Family Reception
- Sept. 4: Arrival and Registration, Parent Reception
- Sept. 5: Classes Begin
- Sept. 13: Students' Class Activity Day
- Sept. 28: Parents Committee Meeting, Reception for "Friends and Family" exhibit in the Lehman Art Center
- Sept. 29: Alumni Homecoming, Admission's Fall Visit Day
- Oct. 26 & 27: Family Weekend

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