



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Thorne House is getting a new walkway and front yard this summer. Students and their families will see the updates when they arrive for Opening Day — in less than three weeks!

When You Arrive on Opening Day ...

We are excited to welcome you and your students to Brooks on Sept. 4! (Student leaders and football players arrive a day prior). Click to view the [schedule for Opening Days](#), and please note that arrival procedure differs for each student:

- **New families** should stop at the gym when they arrive for registration.
- **Returning boarding students** should go directly to the dorm for registration.
- **Returning day students** will only need to attend registration in the gym if online summer forms are incomplete (IDs and other information will be available at seated dinner).

* All parents are invited to the Parent Reception at the residence of Head of School John Packard on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. If you have any questions about arrival day, contact [Vicky Matheson](#) in the Deans' Office: (978) 725-6299.

Are Your Registration Forms Completed?

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.

New Family Reception Reminder

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. Head of School John Packard P'18, P'21 will greet families and address the group. Please [RSVP](#) by Monday.

Packing List for Boarders

Preparing to move in might seem a little overwhelming. Our list of [packing suggestions](#) — and information about what *not* to bring — can help!

Dress Code for the 2018-2019 School Year

Please familiarize yourself with the school's expectations for how students dress during the academic day. View the [guide to dressing for school](#) for details.

Put OnBrooks on Your Phone

An easy way to access OnBrooks on your mobile device: On your device's web browser, visit [OnBrooks](#) and let the log-in screen load. Then, find the command on your device to send the link to your homescreen. On Apple devices it is usually a square and arrow image that is called "Send to," and on an Android, it is "send to homescreen." Then, you can simply click the OnBrooks icon on your homescreen, log in and access OnBrooks from your device.

Contact Registrar [Lisa Saunders](#) if you need assistance.

Fall Textbooks Sale

Students and families can purchase books for fall courses now via [Follett](#), the online textbook provider for Brooks. Please note: Follett is holding a flash sale Aug. 24 through Aug. 27, offering 10 percent off all used and rental books with the code TEXT10 at check out.

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



In each newsletter, the [Learning Center](#) will provide educational information, helpful tips, events, and technology tools to help with academic work. This week's focus? Organization.

In September, the L.C. will offer **mini-workshops on strategies for organizing digital and paper files**. The workshops will be held during the academic day, and from 7- 8 p.m., throughout the first two weeks of school.

The Importance of Organization

Being organized contributes to academic success and improves self-esteem. It also prepares students for college and the working world. In school, information comes at increasingly faster speeds and thus there is potential for disorganized students to struggle. In

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

many cases, disorganization can lead to lower grades and frustration.

The Learning Center can help your student focus on organization and planning. When students can start practicing effective organizational skills, they'll be more successful with coursework. (See five tips [here](#)).

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. 25: Third- and Fourth-Form Parent Reception**
- **Oct. 26 & 27: Family Weekend**

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