



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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The Henry Luce III Library is eerily quiet these days as we prepare to welcome students. Learn about all the ways in which the facility, and our campus librarians, support our scholars by checking out the [Library page of our website](#).

Less Than Two Weeks to Opening Days

We are excited to welcome you and your students to Brooks on Sept. 4! Don't forget the Parent Reception at the residence of Head of School John Packard at 4 p.m. See the [Student Orientation & Registration packet](#) for registration times and locations as well as day-specific schedules through Sept. 9.

See You on Monday, New Families!

We're looking forward to the New Family Reception on Aug. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Leslie and Belisario Rosas P'15, P'21 (9 Manning Way in Andover, Mass.) If you haven't already, please [RSVP here](#).

View Class Schedules in OnBrooks

Classes can be viewed in OnBrooks starting tomorrow (The OnBrooks access link is: <https://brooksschool.myschoolapp.com>). Students and parents can browse through classes, teachers and schedule blocks.

To see this as a student: Sign into OnBrooks and look under Progress and on your My Day landing page. Scroll

through to see classes, teachers and blocks.

To see this as a parent: Sign into OnBrooks and click on the name of your student. Then click the Progress button and scroll through to see classes, teachers and blocks.

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 [Lisa Saunders](#) if you need assistance. If you have questions about your student's schedule, please log your entry into our [Course Questions Form](#).

Fall Textbooks Sale Reminder

[Follett's](#) flash sale for Brooks students and families begins tomorrow and runs through Aug. 27. Enter the code TEXT10 at check out to get 10 percent off all used and rental books.

New Student Swim Test on Sept. 5

New students are asked to take a swim test, administered on campus, when they first enter Brooks. This is required for all new students. Students will not be allowed to participate in the sailing or crew programs unless they have passed the swim test. Students who are not proficient swimmers should indicate so and will not be asked to participate in the swim test. The swim test will be administered Sept. 5 as part of orientation. Students should bring a bathing suit and towel.

Join Us for the First Parents Committee Meeting

The first Parents Committee meeting of the year will be on Sept. 28, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Come and hear from Head of School John Packard P'18, P'21! To learn more about the committee, visit our website's [Parents Committee page](#).

Calling All Student Drivers...

Brooks will be offering a free "Distractology" [workshop](#) for teen drivers who hold a U.S. Learner's Permit, or who have had a license for less than three years, by appointment from Sept. 4 - 8. Participants will use [a mobile simulator](#) designed to show new drivers how dangerous it is to text and drive. To make an appointment, sign up during registration on campus or visit OnBrooks > Groups > "Summer Registration" or "Community" > Topics > Distractology.

Stay Connected!

Please join our new [Brooks Parents Facebook page](#). We hope it will be a great resource that is active with questions, advice and information-sharing.

School Store Hours

While you're on campus, come visit the school store! The hours for Brooks' first week of school are listed below:

- Monday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



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? Attention span.

In Dr. Restak's book, *The New Brain: How the Modern Age Is Rewiring Your Mind*, his research found that we are all capable of reaching a breaking point where we lose our ability to focus due to overstimulation. This is what could be happening to many of our students. Students may be unable to keep up with the demands of a stimulus-filled environment. Given fast-paced technology and social media, adults and children are unable to focus their attention easily. Between smartphones, iPods, email, TV, the internet, social media and more, it is a wonder that we can process any information based on our desire to keep multitasking. The amount of stimulation we are exposed to daily, and how much it impacts our world, makes our brain's neurons fire on all cylinders all day long.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation's 2010 study, it found that of students ages 8 to 18, half of them watch TV, surf the internet or use some other form of media while doing their homework. Feel free to [read the article](#) to have a better understanding of technology distractions.

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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