



Construction on the new [Center for the Arts](#) has been coming along beautifully. Watch live feed of the project [here](#) and visit [The Campaign for Brooks site](#) to read [a story about the progress on the facility](#) to date.

See you on Sunday!

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

Opening Day Reminders

The countdown is on for the start of school on Sept. 5! Click [here](#) to see the Opening Days schedule, and 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).

Have questions? Contact [Vicky Matheson](#) in the Deans' Office.

Important Campus Traffic Information

The center of campus is busy with [construction](#) on the [Center for the Arts](#), and parking and travel through campus will be a bit tricky on arrival days. Some guidelines to help make things easier:

- Please enter campus through the middle "Service" entrance.
- Note that traffic on campus' Main Street will be one-way from the four corners at Wilder Dining Hall toward the Luce Library. Only cars headed to Thorne, Whitney or Merriman houses should use Main Street. (Students living in Thorne House will be able to pull up to Thorne for unloading).
- For access to Gardner House, please use the access road behind the Chapel, or enter campus via the "South" entrance on Great Pond Road.
- Travel to PBA, Chace, the Hettingers and Peabody houses will also be one-way, with an exit path near Peabody and onto Russell Drive.

Once you are unloaded, please park in a designated parking lot. Parking on campus' main street (other than during unloading times) will *not* be possible. Thank you for your help and attention to this request.

Don't Forget the Sept. 5 New Parent Reception

New parents are welcome to the Parent Reception at the residence of Head of School John Packard on Sept. 5 at 4 p.m. Mingle and meet other parents as well as faculty members, who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Light snacks will be served. Please join us!

New Student Swim Test on Sept. 6

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. 6 as part of orientation. Students should bring a bathing suit and towel.

Students: Save the Date for a Party!

Brooks' opening weekend event for all students is on Sept. 9. We will begin the evening with a BBQ dinner, followed by games and activities on the field. The night will end with a dance in the Frick Dining Hall, DJ-ed by our Senior Prefect Jason Gold '18! The theme this year is "Brooks Tailgate," so students may wear jerseys or sports-themed attire, if they'd like. We are asking students to consider bringing gently used or new sports equipment to donate to local charities as a part of the opening event. Please contact Student Activities Coordinator [Laura Hajdukiewicz](#) with any questions.

Join Us for the First Parents Committee Meeting

The first Parents Committee meeting of the year will be on Sept. 22, from 4 - 5 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](#).

Brooks Together Launch Event

The [Brooks Together](#) campaign will kick off with a Sept. 22 launch event in the Frick Dining Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. Please mark your calendars for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and watch for your email invite - everyone will be there!

Dress Code for the 2017-2018 School Year

Please familiarize yourself with the school's expectations for how students dress during the academic day. Click [here](#) for details.

Packing List for Boarders

Preparing to move in might seem a little overwhelming. Click [here](#) for a helpful list of packing suggestions - and information about what *not* to bring.

School Supplies

Click [here](#) for a handy lineup of suggested materials students will want for class.

View Class Schedules in OnBrooks

Classes can now be viewed in OnBrooks (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](#).

Moon Festival Treats

Brooks School's Asian-American Association will be celebrating the traditional Asian mid-autumn Harvest Festival, or Moon Festival - this year on Oct. 4 - during the first week of October, along with much of the East Asian world. Please feel free to send Moon cakes, and other traditional treats that have a long shelf life, back with your kids to help be part of the celebration.

Upcoming Parent Events

Aug. 27: New Family Reception

Sept. 5: New Parent Orientation and Reception on campus

Sept. 22: Parents Committee Meeting

Sept. 22: Launch of Brooks Together Parent Effort

Oct. 14: Homecoming Hospitality Tent

Oct. 19: Third- and Fourth-Form Parent Reception

Oct. 20-21: Parents Weekend

Oct. 21: Game Day Hospitality Tent

Extended Hours At The School Store

The School Store is open all summer (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) and will have extended hours for the first week of school: Labor Day Monday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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