



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to all who joined us on Monday for our New Family Reception in Andover! We're looking forward to seeing you, as well as returning families, again at the Parent Reception on campus Tuesday at 4 p.m.

See You on Tuesday at Opening Day!

The Sept. 4 start of school is almost upon us. Don't forget to check out the [opening days schedule](#), and remember that arrival procedure differs for each student:

- **New families:** Go to the gym when you arrive for registration.
- **Returning boarding students:** Go directly to the dorm for registration.
- **Returning day students:** Only attend registration at the gym if online summer forms are incomplete.

Campus Traffic Rules Upon Arrival

The center of campus is busy with construction on the Center for the Arts, making parking and travel through campus a bit tricky with the start of school. Please help make things easier by following our [guidelines and marked routes](#) for the opening days. Thank you!

Packing? Not Sure What to Buy?

[Here](#) is the school's expectation for how students dress during the academic day. Please note: This Tuesday, dress is casual all day. Students will be participating in games and a scavenger hunt outside, so we recommend that they wear comfortable clothing. There is no need to change for the advisor-advisee dinner.

Has Your Student Driver Signed Up?

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 Tuesday through Saturday. 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 > "Community Information" > Topics > Distractology.

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

Don't Forget: Medications Go to the Health and Wellness Center

During check-in, please remember to bring all medication — including vitamins, protein powders, supplements and over-the-counter medicines — to the Health and Wellness Center.

Join Us at The Parent Reception on Tuesday

All parents are invited to the Parent Reception at the residence of Head of School John Packard and Kim O'Neill Packard '87 on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. Mingle with parents and faculty members, who will be on hand to answer questions.

Email and OnBrooks Login Reminder

Parents, please make sure that your student has signed into his or her Brooks email account and OnBrooks account before the start of school. Email: <https://mail.google.com>; OnBrooks: <https://brooksschool.myschoolapp.com>. For issues with email, contact Director of Technology [Ryan Dobbins](#). For issues with OnBrooks, contact Registrar and OnBrooks Site Manager [Lisa Saunders](#).

Mark Your Calendar 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! To learn more about the committee, visit our website's [Parents Committee page](#).

View Class Schedules in OnBrooks

Students and parents can browse through classes, teachers- and schedule-blocks in [OnBrooks](#).

- **To view as a student:** Sign in and look under Progress and on your My Day landing page.
 - **To view as a parent:** Sign in and click on the name of your student. Then, click the Progress button.
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Course Add/Drop Period Deadline

Speaking of classes: The add/drop period for student courses extends through the first two weeks of school, and will

close on Sept. 20. All students considering a course change should contact Academic Dean [Susanna Waters](#).

Opening Weekend Student Party!

Brooks' opening-weekend event for all students is on Sept. 8. 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 Prefects Jadie DeLeon '19 and Connor Silva '19! The theme this year is "Brooks Back Road BBQ," so students may wear country or western attire if they'd like. Please contact Student Activities Coordinator [Laura Hajdukiewicz](#) with any questions.

Information About Class Trips

On Sept. 13, all students will participate in class trips. Rain or shine, the activities planned for each form are designed to challenge students by giving them an opportunity to work cooperatively with classmates and faculty, to build trusting and ongoing relationships and for the group to have fun! Click [here for the specifics](#) about what each class will be doing.

Notes from the College Counseling Office

[Fifth-form parents](#) and [sixth-form parents](#), please read the linked letters from Dean of College Counseling, Andy Campbell about upcoming communications and workshops.

Moon Festival Treats

Our Asian-American Association will celebrate the traditional Asian mid-autumn Harvest Festival, or Moon Festival, on Sept. 23. Feel free to send moon cakes (or other traditional treats that have a long shelf-life) to campus with your student to help him or her be a part of the celebration.

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.

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? Technology.

Please check out this [article about the best time-management apps](#) for students. The piece offers some useful recommendations that will be supported by the Learning Center this year.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 4: Arrival and Registration, Parent Reception
- Sept. 5: Classes Begin
- Sept. 13: Class Trips 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

Follow Brooks on [social media](#) for news, photos and more!

