



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Students and parents alike had a great time at our New Family Reception on Sunday in Andover, Mass. We're looking forward to visiting with new parents, as well as those returning, at the Parents Reception on campus Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Packing? Click to Review Brooks' Dress Code

[Here](#) is the school's expectation for how students dress during the academic day.

See You on Tuesday at Opening Day!

The Sept. 5 start of school is almost upon us. Click [here](#) to see the Opening Days schedule. Please remember that arrival procedure differs for each student:

- **New families:** please stop at the gym when you arrive for registration.

- **Returning boarding students** go directly to the dorm for registration.
- **Returning day students** only need to attend registration in 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](#), and parking and travel through campus will be a bit tricky at the start of school. 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 will be able to pull up to Thorne to unload).
- 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.

Don't Forget: Medications Go To Health Center

During check-in, please remember to bring all medications - including vitamins 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, P'18, P'21 on Sept. 5 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 link: <https://mail.google.com>; OnBrooks link: <https://brooksschool.myschoolapp.com>. For issues with email, contact Ryan Dobbins: rdobbins@brooksschool.org. Issues with OnBrooks? Contact Lisa Saunders: lsaunders@brooksschool.org.

New Student Swim Test on Sept. 6

All new students are asked to take a swim test (administered on campus Sept. 6) when they first enter Brooks. 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 as such and will not be asked to participate in the swim test.

The First Parents Committee Meeting is Sept. 22

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! To learn more about the committee, visit the [Parents Committee page](#).

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways that all parents can help our community here at Brooks. A few that are school-wide include Brooks Game Day Hospitality, Admission Waiting Room volunteering and decorating for Parents Weekend. Click [here](#) to learn more about the opportunities and sign up to pitch in. Thank you!

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.)

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. 21. All students considering a course change should contact Academic Dean [Susanna Waters](#).

Information about Class Trips

On Sept. 14, all students will participate in class trips. Rain or shine, the activities planned for each form are designed to challenge students and the form, by giving them an opportunity to work cooperatively with classmates and faculty, to build trusting and on-going relationships and for the group to have fun! Click [here](#) to learn more about what each class will be doing.

Moon Festival Treats

Our Asian-American Association will celebrate the traditional Asian mid-autumn Harvest Festival, or Moon Festival - this year on Oct. 4 - during the first week of October. Feel free to send moon cakes (and other traditional treats that have a long shelf life) back with your student to help him or her be part of the celebration.

Brooks Together is Coming Soon!

[Brooks Together](#) is an eight-week campaign for current parents to support the annual fund. We promise to ask for your contribution to the fund only during those weeks. Learn all about the initiative at the launch party on Sept. 22 in the Frick Dining Hall from 6 to 8 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

College Counseling Letter

Dean of College Counseling Andy Campbell shares [a letter of welcome](#) to sixth-form families.

Upcoming Parent Events

Sept. 5: New Parent Orientation and All Parents Reception on campus

Sept. 22: Parents Committee Meeting

Sept. 22: Launch of *Brooks Together* Parent Effort

Oct. 14: Homecoming and Hospitality Tent

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

Oct. 20-21: Parents Weekend

Oct. 21: Game Day and Hospitality Tent

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