



Sixth-form students went white water rafting on the Deerfield River in Western Mass. for their class trip Sept. 15.

Moon Festival Celebration Tonight

The Asian-American Association is celebrating the traditional Asian Mid-Autumn Harvest Festival, or Moon Festival, tonight. Activities include Chinese poetry, legends of the festival stories, and enjoying tea and mooncakes from Korea, China and Vietnam. For other fun weekend activities check the [schedule](#).

Where Will You Be Next Friday?

At the *Brooks Together* launch, of course! Cocktails and bites in the Frick from 6 to 8 p.m. R.S.V.P.: lzopatti@brooksschool.org.

Don't Miss a PackChat

The first Parents Committee meeting of the year will be held on September 23, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Dalsemer Room. Join us to hear from Head of School John Packard.

Hungry?

The Student Center's Snack Shop opened this week with regular weekday hours: 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., operated by our new dining service. See the menu [here](#).

Tell Us What You Think

We're all ears and would love to have your feedback on the opening of school. Please email Associate Head of Student Affairs Andrea Heinze (aheinze@brooksschool.org) with your thoughts about how opening of school went for your family. Your impressions and ideas are important to us.

Heads Up!

Concussion guidelines: You can help lower your child's chances of getting a traumatic brain injury and spot the symptoms if he or she experiences a serious bump. Get education on concussions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [here](#). For information on how Brooks manages the injury, check out our [Parent Concussion Guideline](#).

Brooks Community Action Program (BCAP)

To foster Brooks School's core values of empathy and engagement, we have initiated a new program, "BCAP." All students will be assigned to an area that meets the needs of the school community as part of our mission. Areas include: dining hall (dish crew, seated dinner servers, table clean-up), peer tutoring, IT, science lab set-up and the Health and Wellness Center, among others.

Christian Confirmation

Reverend Julie Mavity Maddalena is exploring options for any student wishing to take a Christian confirmation class, including a program that she will teach (meeting six to eight times over dinner) culminating in a ceremony with an Episcopal bishop this spring, or enrolling in the two-year classes at the North Andover Catholic church, St. Michael's Parish. (Phillips Academy's Catholic chaplain may offer a weekly Catholic confirmation class at Brooks for a fee if there is enough interest). Contact Reverend Maddalena in the next week to pursue any of these options: jmavmad@brooksschool.org.

Homecoming is Saturday, Oct. 8th

Join us for a day of home games culminating in an 8 p.m. soccer game under the lights against Middlesex. Parents are welcome to join us for raffle drawings, rally towel and other giveaways, plus chili, hot dogs and hot cocoa under the tent! There will be a game day hospitality tent set up near the turf field, and Brooks Hospitality means that we invite ALL fans, athletes, coaches and bus drivers to have a drink there and enjoy some yummy treats. This is a great way for parents to get involved in a small but meaningful way. Would you consider baking (or buying) some treats and taking a turn helping in the tent? Email Erica Callahan, director of parent programs, if you'd like to help: ecallahan@brooksschool.org.

Learning Center 101

The Learning Center is open from 7 to 10 p.m., four nights a week, no appointment necessary. The first hour will be subject-specific support according to the following schedule:

Mondays: Math

Tuesdays: Language

Wednesdays: Humanities/Writing

Thursdays: Math/Science

Please contact Moira Goodman, director of the Learning Center (mgoodman@brooksschool.org) with questions.

School Store Special

Is it your child's birthday? Did she score a game-winning goal? Or maybe you just want to surprise him with a treat. Click [here](#) for the Gifts from Home program.

Write On!

Did you know wordsmiths unite at the Writing Center, one floor above the Learning Center in the Academic Building? The space, where students and faculty can talk about writing, whether it be a specific assignment or simply to brainstorm, is also used for Poetry Club meetings. Future plans include expanding the staffed hours of the center and training a group of peer writers who can work with fellow students.