



# BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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*Sixth-formers had an especially fun time dressing up on Monday for their annual photo during Brooks' Community Photo Day. See other outtakes from the shoot, that included all students and employees, in [this album](#).*

## Community Outreach

As many of you are aware, there were numerous gas explosions and fires in North Andover and surrounding towns last week. Students are engaged in the region's recovery efforts by collecting and delivering food and clothing for those in need. Brooks' Community Service activity group recently dropped off supplies with our partner organizations [Bread and Roses](#) and [Lazarus House](#), to whom we would encourage sending donations, along with the [Lawrence Emergency Fund](#), if you want to help as well. Thank you to all who contributed!



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## Nametag Party for New Students and Student Leaders

Head of School John Packard is hosting his annual Nametag Party this Tuesday! Students new to Brooks, and student leaders, are invited to get to know him (and one another) better while enjoying some snacks in his home on campus. Festivities begin at 9 p.m. and day student parents should plan on picking up their student(s) before 10 p.m.

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## Hike for Hope

For the fourth year, our [campus club Alianza Latina](#) is spearheading Brooks' participation in the Hike for Hope, a three-mile walk in Andover, Mass., which raises funds for [Lazarus House](#) (an organization that provides food, shelter and clothing to the local community).

This year the event is on Sept. 30. Register to walk or donate to the "Brooks School" team [here](#). Students, parents, friends and family of Brooks are all welcome!

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## Substance Abuse Prevention Workshop

[FCD Prevention Works](#), a non-profit that provides substance abuse prevention education, is coming to campus Oct. 10 through Oct. 15 to work with fourth-formers during their Self in Community classes. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Psychological Counseling [Judy Werner](#).

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## Reminder to Sixth-Form Families

On Oct. 1, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available to send to colleges. If you haven't already, we encourage you to start this process as soon as possible. To begin registration, visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. If you have any questions, please be in touch with members of Brooks' [College Counseling Office](#): Dean of College Counseling [Andy Campbell](#), Associate Director of College Counseling [Wendy Brennan](#), Associate Director of College Counseling [Kristin Moody](#) and Assistant College Counselor [Christine Jackson](#).

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## Questions for John?

Join us on Sept. 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the [Lehman Art Center](#) for the first [Parents Committee](#) meeting of the year. Catch up with friends and hear from Head of School John Packard!

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## Student Activities This Weekend

Check out the full schedule [here](#). Highlights include a trip to Richardson's for mini golf and ice cream, plus a trip to Newburyport!

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## We Need Your Treats!

We would love your help in baking or bringing goodies for our Game Day Hospitality tent during [Alumni Homecoming](#) on Sept. 29. Please email Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Programs [Nicole Jackson](#) to contribute.

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## Show Opening in the Lehman Art Center

The first show in the Lehman, "[Friends and Family](#)," has its formal opening on Sept. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to come enjoy some refreshments and view some amazing art!

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## Flu Shot Clinics

Brooks' flu vaccines have arrived. If you're unsure about whether you consented to your student receiving the vaccine, log into your Magnus account through [OnBrooks](#) and check your summer forms. If you did not sign up but would like your student to receive the vaccine, you can edit your consent in Magnus.

The [Health & Wellness Center](#) will be administering the vaccine on the following days during specific times:

- Sept. 30 from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Health & Wellness Center (Pizza will be offered)
- Oct. 4 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Keating Room (within Wilder Dining Hall)

It is your student's responsibility to come during these listed times. If they are unable to make it, it will be their responsibility to reschedule. Please contact the Health & Wellness Center with any questions: (978) 725-6206 or [health@brooksschool.org](mailto:health@brooksschool.org). Remember to visit the Health & Wellness section of OnBrooks (go to Groups > Health & Wellness) for helpful health information, including concussion guidelines. Resources are posted in the Bulletin Board and Topics tabs.

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## Moon Festival

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 them be a part of the celebration.

## The P.A.C.: Parents' Academic Corner



Audiobooks provide another mode of processing information for students. While many adults are familiar with listening to audiobooks for pleasure reading, students can also use audio versions of some textbooks or classroom novels to learn information.

If your child has used audiobooks in the past or may benefit from one, please have them reach out to the [Learning Center](#) for more information. Please click [here](#) to find out why audiobooks work, and why kids who read with audiobooks have better comprehension.

## Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 28: Parents Committee Meeting, Reception for "Friends and Family" exhibit in the Lehman Art Center**
- **Sept. 29: Alumni Homecoming, Admission Fall Visit Day**
- **Oct. 25: Third- and Fourth-Form Parent Reception**

- Oct. 26 & 27: Family Weekend
- Nov. 1: Chicago Reception
- Nov. 5: New York Reception

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