



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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The countdown is on for the Center for the Arts' opening next month! Check out [new photos from inside the building in our construction album](#), and see the evolution of the impressive project by viewing [images from start to finish](#).

Join Us This Sunday at the Hike for Hope

Campus club Alianza Latina is spearheading Brooks' participation in the Sept. 30 Hike for Hope, a three-mile walk in Andover, Mass., that raises funds for [Lazarus House](#) (an organization that provides food, shelter and clothing to the local community). Register to [walk or donate to the "Brooks School" team](#). Students, parents, friends and family of Brooks: Everyone is welcome.

See You Tomorrow?

We would love for you to join us 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!

Family Weekend 2018

There's just one month until Family Weekend! We are so looking forward to having you on campus Oct. 25-27.

There is a [full schedule of events](#) (with small details subject to change). Please [RSVP by Oct. 24](#), as it is important for our planning. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Programs [Nicole Jackson](#).

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](#).

Student Activities This Weekend

Check out the [schedule](#). Highlights include the popular Paint Dance, plus trips to the arcade Dave & Buster's and Smolak Farms, where students can go apple picking and eat delicious cider donuts!

Important Message Regarding Flu Shots

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our flu clinics due to a delay in the arrival of our vaccine shipment. We are hopeful we will be able to reschedule within the next few weeks.

We Need Your Treats!

We would love your help in baking or bringing goodies for our Game Day Hospitality tent this Saturday during [Alumni Homecoming](#). If you're dropping off food before 1 p.m., please leave items in the Keating Room, just inside the doors of Wilder Dining Hall. After 1 p.m., you may deliver food directly to the tent by the turf field. Please email Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Programs [Nicole Jackson](#) to contribute or if you have any questions. Thank you.

CWRA Testing

On the evening of Oct. 9, a random sample of third-form students (day and boarding) is expected to take the College Work and Readiness Assessment (CWRA). Associate Head for Academic Affairs Lance Latham will notify the students involved. Students should meet in the Luce Library at 6:50 p.m. Testing will be complete by 9 p.m. The CWRA measures problem-solving and critical-thinking skills — skills that the school is interested in developing. Students are not expected to prepare for the CWRA, which is conducted entirely online with school computers. Contact [Lance Latham](#) with any questions.

Show Opening in The Lehman Art Center

The first show in the Lehman, "[Friends and Family](#)," has its formal opening tomorrow from 7 - 9 p.m. Come enjoy the refreshments and view some amazing art!

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



Learning Center faculty members are teaching nine Self in Community classes this week, with a focus on organization of materials (physical and digital). They are highlighting four "C's" (clean, customize, categorize, continue) as a way of making sure that documents, personal items, textbooks, files, and other academic supplies are kept organized so they can be easily located and used.

Part of the first day's class involved a "Backpack Relay" (view [time-lapse video](#) of one!) in which students were grouped into teams and given 10 minutes to organize materials within a very disheveled backpack. The teachers lined up the organized backpacks, and asked the students to line up against the opposite wall. Teachers then gave a directive such as, "Find a quiz on triangles!" or "Find a red pen." A member of each student team had to run and find the item as quickly as possible. The fun activity was a good reminder to students about how efficient you can be if you take the time to keep materials organized.

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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