



# BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



We tried a new way of beginning Chapel on Thursday, with students gathering outside in advisory groups (see above) before walking inside together quietly.

## *Brooks Together is Live!*

*Brooks Together* successfully launched last Friday evening. Everyone in attendance enjoyed hearing from Head of School John Packard and *Brooks Together* co-chair Sean Reilly P'20, P'21 on why *Brooks Together* deserves your support. You will be able to read Mr. Packard's remarks in our *Brooks Together* letter, which is on its way to you as we speak and should be in your mailbox early next week. Please look for it!

Many thanks to our parents who have already given their gift and received their pins. Your contribution has started us off well on the path to our 82 percent parent participation goal. You will also be hearing from the school's terrific *Brooks Together* committee members, who are lending their time to answer questions and keep you connected throughout the next seven weeks.

Our parent volunteers will be named in an email next Wednesday, so stay tuned!

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## Student Activities This Weekend

Check out the full schedule [here](#). Highlights include bingo, a trip to the mall, and a screening of The Conjuring followed by pizza in the Student Center.

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## Athletics Team Gear Sale Ends Sunday

The Brooks online store partnership with BSN Sports is open through the weekend -- but will close Sunday at 11:59 p.m. If you'd like to view and buy sport-specific Brooks athletic team gear for your student or for your family, click on the following links: [cross-country](#), [field hockey](#), [football](#), [soccer](#). We expect delivery of all items by the week of October 16.

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## Join Us Sunday at the Hike for Hope!

Campus club Alianza Latina is spearheading Brooks' participation in the Oct. 1 [Hike for Hope](#), a three-mile walk in Andover, Mass., which raises funds for the Lazarus House (an organization that provides food, shelter and clothing to the local community). Students, parents, friends and family of Brooks: Everyone is welcome! Register to walk or donate to the Brooks team [here](#).

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## Reminder to Sixth-Form Parents

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>. Should you have any questions, please be in touch with members of the [Brooks College Counseling Office](#).

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## Substance Abuse Prevention Workshop

[FCD Prevention Works](#), a non-profit that provides alcohol, tobacco and drug education, is coming to campus the weeks of Oct. 2 and Oct. 9 to work with fourth-formers during their Self in Community classes.

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## Moon Festival Celebration is Oct. 4

The Asian-American Association is celebrating the traditional Asian Mid-Autumn Harvest Festival, or Moon Festival, on Wednesday. Activities for students include Chinese poetry, legends of the festival stories, and enjoying tea, snacks and mooncakes from Korea, China and Vietnam.

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## Upcoming Special Schedule

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, in place of classes, students will be participating in required grade-level activities:

- Third-formers: Anti-harassment workshop
- Fourth-formers: PSATs

- Fifth-formers: PSATs
- Sixth-formers: College workshop

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## Hosting a Team Dinner?

We always appreciate when families host a team dinner. However, we do request when doing so that you take into consideration any special dietary needs or allergies. Please connect with the team's coach to ensure all needs are being addressed. Thank you!

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## Volunteers Needed

We want to support any student who would like to attend religious services while they're at Brooks. To that end, Rev. Julie A. Mavity Maddalena is looking to connect families who attend local religious services (of any kind) with students interested in attending religious services. If you would be willing to take a student with you, regularly, semi-regularly, or for special services and holidays, please email [jmavmad@brooksschool.org](mailto:jmavmad@brooksschool.org), or call (978) 725-6328.

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## Planning Ahead for Thanksgiving Break?

Click [here](#) to view transportation options offered by Brooks.

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## Upcoming Parent Events

Oct. 1: Hike for Hope

Oct. 4: Asian-American Association's Moon Festival

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

Nov. 8-10: Fall play "Radium Girls" will be performed on campus

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