



# BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

**OCTOBER 25, 2018**

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*Students have been really getting into the dress-up themes of Spirit Week! See a photo album at [brooksschoolphotos.com](http://brooksschoolphotos.com).*

## **\*IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE FAMILY WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

Due to the forecast for inclement weather, all athletic contests this [Family Weekend](#) are now being held tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 26. There will be no Saturday games. (View the full [updated schedule](#)). We apologize for any confusion this rescheduling may cause. As emailed out earlier this morning, here are the new details for the match-ups:

- 4:30 p.m. Boys 1st soccer vs. Governor's Academy
- 4:30 p.m. Boys 3rd soccer vs. Pingree School
- 4:30 p.m. Girls 3rd soccer vs. Pingree School

- 4:30 p.m. Girls volleyball vs. Berwick Academy
- 4:45 p.m. Girls 1st soccer vs. Governor's Academy
- 4:45 p.m. Girls 2nd soccer vs. Governor's Academy
- 4:45 p.m. Boys 2nd soccer vs. Governor's Academy
- 4:45 p.m. Girls 1st field hockey vs. Governor's Academy
- 4:45 p.m. Girls 2nd field hockey vs. Governor's Academy
- 5:00 p.m. Boys 1st and 2nd cross country vs. Thayer Academy, St. Mark's School and Rivers School
- 5:15 p.m. Girls 1st cross country vs. Thayer Academy, St. Mark's School, Rivers School and Montrose School
- 6:30 p.m. Boys 1st football vs. St. Sebastian's School

Please also note: Check-in on Friday will be at 10 p.m. for all students. Students may be off campus with their families until 10 p.m. with proper permission. Students choosing to leave campus overnight for part, or all, of the weekend must complete a weekend slip and parents should email [weekendpermissions@brooksschool.org](mailto:weekendpermissions@brooksschool.org) to confirm their student's weekend plans. Boarders must return from the weekend by 7:50 p.m. on Oct. 29.

## The Hospitality Tent Is Still On!

Everyone is invited to enjoy treats and drinks under the tent tomorrow. If you were planning on bringing food and are still able to do so, we thank you! Items can be dropped off in the Keating Room just inside the doors of Wilder Dining Hall anytime before 2 p.m. Food may be brought directly to the tent on the field after 2 p.m. Let's win those games, while also showing our visitors some hospitality!

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## Brooks Together

We look forward to seeing many of you at Family Weekend. On Friday, you received an email announcing the launch of our eight-week parent effort, [Brooks Together](#). You will continue to hear and learn more about it each week. This Saturday in the Chapel, you will learn more about the initiative and the importance of participation. It is our hope that the parent community will come together in support of our children's shared experience.

The Brooks Fund provides much needed annual operating support for the school, this year comprising 12 percent of our budget. Your gift to *Brooks Together* gets us close to bridging the gap in the budget that is not covered by tuition and our endowment investments. Your gift matters and is crucial to the school fulfilling its mission for all students.

Once you [make your gift](#), we will give you a *Brooks Together* pin to wear. This pin honors your gift and shows your support for the school.




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## Afternoon Activities Reminder

Please remember: All Flex Option and Independent Activity student application forms are due to the athletic department by *today*.

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## Midterm Reports

Midterm grades and comments were available in [OnBrooks](#) yesterday. To access report cards, sign into OnBrooks with your parent account, click on your student and select "Progress." Report cards will be visible in the Performance area of the Progress section. To set up your OnBrooks account, click for [instructions](#). For support or questions about OnBrooks or report cards, please contact registrar [Lisa Saunders](#): (978) 725-6255.

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## Europe Trip Reminder

The deposit deadline for this summer's European trip is Nov. 1. To learn more about the trip, [view the flyer](#). If you have any questions, please contact History Teacher [Amanda Nasser](#) or History Teacher and Academic Dean [Susanna Waters](#).

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## Thanksgiving Transportation

Reminder for students commuting to Connecticut and New York City this Thanksgiving break: The chaperoned bus [schedule](#) is set, and students must sign up for it in the Deans' Office by Nov. 9. Please note: If a student signs up for the bus and does not end up taking the transportation, their account will still be charged.

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## "Wake Up, My Spirit" Fall Concert: Date Correction

Join us on Wednesday, November 13, in the chapel for this fall's Choral and Chamber Music concert! The Brooks School Chamber Music Ensemble, Concert Chorale and Festival Chorus will celebrate music from across time and genre, from esteemed composers such as Brahms and Bizet to more familiar pieces from popular culture. We look forward to seeing you for our celebration of music!

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## Have You Taken The Harvard Caring Schools Network Survey?

On Tuesday, you received an email about Brooks and the [Caring Schools Network](#). We invite families to [complete the parent survey](#) by Oct. 31. Thank you for helping us better understand how you experience our school community so that we can help Brooks to become even more caring and welcoming.

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## Final Round of Flu Shots

We have had two successful flu clinics, but there are some students signed up to get the vaccine who did not attend. Please check in with your student. If they did not receive the flu shot and you would like them to, send them to the Health and Wellness Center so a nurse can administer it.

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## Parents of Fifth- and Sixth-Formers

The Dec. 1 S.A.T. will *not* be offered at Brooks, but will be available at Haverhill High School, Phillips Academy Andover and other local schools. Should you choose to register, our preference is that you opt for the Phillips Academy location. Please contact Test Coordinator [Mari Powell](#) with any questions.

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## Parents Committee's Ghostly Goodies

On Oct. 31, we treat our students, faculty and staff to Halloween treats and the chance to win some raffles. If you would like to help with the raffle baskets (gift cards, etc.), please contact [Jennifer Quinn](#) P'20, P'21. Please contact [Joan Ziady](#) P'18, P'20, P'22 if you're interested in contributing food (either homemade or store-bought) and/or helping work the table. Thank you!

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## Student Activities This Weekend

Check out the [schedule](#). Highlights include a pep rally, World Series party and trips to Faneuil Hall in Boston or Haunted Happenings in Salem!

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



Do you have questions about academic accommodations? Curious about the services that the [Learning Center](#) offers? Visit us on the 2nd floor of the Academic Building on Friday from 12 to 3 p.m. to learn more!

### Upcoming Events

- Oct. 25: Third- and Fourth-Form Parent Reception
- Oct. 26 & 27: Family Weekend
- Nov. 1: Chicago Reception
- Nov. 5: New York Reception
- Nov. 13: Choral and Chamber Music concert

Follow Brooks on [social media](#) for news, photos and more!

