



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

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Students enjoyed delicious Halloween treats at our annual Ghostly Goodies sweets buffet yesterday in Wilder Dining Hall. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who made it happen! See all the photos at brooksschoolphotos.com.

Thank You For Spending The Weekend With Us!

It was wonderful to see so many of you last weekend for receptions, classes, programming and games. We value your feedback: Please take this [very short survey to help with future planning](#). Thanks!

Brooks Together

Thank you to so many families who made an effort to come to school -- despite last-minute changes and less than

ideal weather -- to celebrate our students in the classroom, on the fields, and in the new Center for the Arts. It was wonderful to see Brooks so full and vibrant. Your support of the school during [Brooks Together](#) means a tremendous amount to all members of our community, and we are grateful for your consideration and care.

Coming in the mail is our appeal to those who have not already made a gift or pledge (pledges are payable up to June 30, 2019). Parent volunteers will be reaching out in the next 10 days. That contact is a great opportunity to hear firsthand the importance of *Brooks Together* and the impact your gift can make on the school.



Update From the Director of Athletics

- Tomorrow, Nov. 2, is a modified academic schedule, with games being played in the afternoon. Please visit Brooks' website for [game times and locations](#).
- Last regular season games will be played Nov. 10.
- We will know of any teams selected for post-season tournament play on Nov. 11.
- All fall equipment and uniforms must be returned to the equipment room before Thanksgiving Break.
- Winter sports begin on Nov. 14 with team meetings. Practices and tryouts will officially begin on Nov. 15.
- Students have been emailed asking them to confirm their winter sport selection. Students who would like to make a change should see Director of Athletics [Bobbie Crump-Burbank](#).

Blood Drive

Brooks is hosting a blood drive on Nov. 5 from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Frick Dining Hall. All donors and volunteers should enter campus through the South Entrance and park in the Admissions/Faculty lot. To sign up to donate, please contact Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Community Service [Ashley Johnston](#) at (978) 725-6282.

Thanksgiving Transportation Reminder

Students commuting this Thanksgiving break must sign up for the chaperoned bus [schedule](#) to Connecticut and New York City, as well as transportation to Logan and Manchester airports, 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, his or her account will still be charged.

Winter Term Calendar of Important Events

- Nov. 12: Course offerings and descriptions will be circulated
- Nov. 17: Student course preferences should be selected (Please note: Third-form students have unique classes).
- Dec. 5: Students will receive their course placement
- Jan. 3: Winter Term classes begin!
- Jan. 18: Winter Term Symposium: All are welcome to the campus event at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 19: Winter Term Holiday begins after each student's last obligation.
- Jan. 19-21: Winter Term Holiday
- Jan. 24: Winter Term grades and comments will be available.

Details to follow from Associate Head for Academic Affairs [Lance Latham](#).

Food Drive

The 2018-2019 Chapel Prefects have volunteered to lead Brooks' annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The proceeds will go toward supporting families affiliated with [Lazarus House Ministries](#), in nearby Lawrence, Mass. Both boarding and day students, as well as the adult community at Brooks, are encouraged to contribute to the drive during the next two weeks, with a particular focus on donating the items listed below. Thank you!

- Canned vegetables
- Stuffing

- Canned gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Brownie mix or cake mix with frosting
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Pasta
- White rice (1 lb. bag or box)
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned ravioli and spaghetti
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter
- Boxed cereal
- Ground coffee

Calling All Exchange Program Applicants!

For those students interested in Brooks' [Exchange Program](#), applications are now being accepted. Application information and forms are accessible to families and students through the group Exchange Program Information in [OnBrooks](#). Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-form students may apply. The application deadline is Nov. 7. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Exchange Programs [Andrew McLean](#), Assistant Director of Exchange Programs [Lisa Saunders](#), or students who have previously participated in the Exchange Program.

Lehman Art Center Opening Tonight

Join us in the Lehman at 6:30 p.m. this evening for the opening of Marco Palli's sculpture exhibit. Churros and cider will be served! See an example of his work and [learn more about Palli](#) on the [Lehman web page](#).

Caring Schools Network Family Survey

The Caring Schools survey deadline has been extended to next week. Please [complete the survey](#) if you have not already done so. Thanks!

Student Activities This Weekend

Check out the [schedule](#). Highlights include Trivia Night and a black light dance in the new black box theater in The Center for the Arts!

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



Now that your child has received grades and comments, it's a good time to turn his or her attention to becoming a more efficient learner. Can your student take feedback from teachers and implement positive changes?

Students often ask [Learning Center](#) staff, "How can I study harder?" We like to think of it as studying "smarter not harder," and are going to offer weekly suggestions for students that will help them continue developing study skills. Many teacher comments mentioned that students should reach out for extra help. Below are some tips we have provided to help get the most out of teacher extra help, peer study groups and Learning Center time:

- Try to understand the concept or work out the problem first
- Come prepared to ask questions when seeking extra help
- Explain the material to a teacher or peer in order to ensure understanding

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1: Chicago Reception
- Nov. 1: Marco Palli Exhibit Opening in the Lehman Art Center
- Nov. 5: New York Reception
- Nov. 13: Choral and Chamber Music concert

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

