



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Students will celebrate the Chipotle Challenge -- for which they took [photos of themselves on campus](#) (including this one) and proposed ideas about how Brooks could be a better environmental steward -- with dinner in the Frick on Monday!

Brooks Together

We want to share a heartfelt thank you to parents who have joined our [Brooks Together](#) initiative by making a gift or pledge. We are off to a great start! Those who have not yet made a gift will be contacted in the next couple of weeks by one of our parent volunteers. These volunteers welcome the chance to share why they are passionate in their support of Brooks, and to explain all the ways in which the Brooks Fund enriches and strengthens your child's experience.

If you are curious to see just what the Brooks Fund supports, please click to [see a sampling of all that is made possible by your participation](#) in *Brooks Together*.

You have our sincere thanks for your consideration. Gifts of all sizes matter and are appreciated.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

The 2018-2019 Chapel Prefects have volunteered to lead the 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, with a particular focus on donating the following:

- 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
- Box cereal
- Ground coffee

Drop-off boxes are located in the Student Center, Wilder Dining Hall, the Deans' Den and all dormitories.

Fall Play: "Stories From Afar"

You are cordially invited to join the children in our community in seeing the [fall show that the Afternoon Theater group has been touring to local schools and libraries for the past three weeks](#). The play, "Stories From Afar," is a collection of children's tales and fables. We will be presenting our final performance this Friday at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts black box theater. We'll be presenting the show just [as we have at the other schools and libraries](#), with the audience on the floor (and chairs in the back for any adults who wish to use one; the first few rows on the floor will be reserved for the younger children). This is an audience participation show targeted to grades K-4, so bring your sense of childlike wonder to the performance!

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 tomorrow, 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.

End of Fall Sports

Please remind your students that lockers must be completely cleaned out before Thanksgiving Break.

"Wake Up, My Spirit" Fall Concert

Join us on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts theater 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 with a reception to follow.

Winter Term Update

The 2019 [Winter Term](#) course catalog will be published by the end of the school day on Nov. 12. Course selection sheets are due before students leave on Thanksgiving Break. Our hope is that your child will consult with you regarding his or her Winter Term choices, especially about courses that require an extra fee. Course rosters will be finalized by the second week of Dec. Be sure to set aside the evening of Jan. 18 to attend the Winter Term Symposium, where you can see all that your child worked on throughout the three weeks! All students will start Winter Term on Jan. 2 in the Chapel at 8 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Associate Head for Academic Affairs [Lance Latham](#) at (978) 725-252.

A Note for Fifth-Form Parents

The [Students on the Forefront of Science](#) (SFS) program information night will take place on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Science Forum. All fifth-form students who are interested in learning more about the 2019 program are encouraged to attend. Click to [read an overview of the program](#).

Gifts From Home Program

Does your student have a birthday coming up? Just want to send a fun surprise? Click to learn more about the bookstore's [Gifts From Home Program](#).

Lehman Art Gallery Exhibit

Take a look at the [Marco Pali sculpture exhibit](#) in the [Lehman Art Center](#) if you haven't had a chance yet. The show includes some interesting outdoor pieces, too!

Student Activities This Weekend

Check out the [full schedule here](#). Highlights include the popular semi-formal Casino Night and an open house at the Packards.

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

Time Management - Getting Ready for End of Semester and Final Assessments



As we near Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks, the end of the semester is also approaching. [The Learning Center](#) is beginning to discuss time management with students, as the end of the semester can quickly become very busy as students manage exam preparation, winter sports schedules, holiday events and social commitments. Organizing time allows students to have a clear picture of upcoming days and weeks. What time is available for studying, recreation and other activities? The Learning Center not only looks at the week ahead but also the weeks leading up to the end of the semester so students can begin to plan accordingly.

Encourage your student to look at this week and the upcoming weeks to see what time is available. Use [this calendar](#) to begin mapping out commitments, study time and free time. A student with good time management and a clear understanding of the weeks ahead will be better prepared and ready to study smarter not harder.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 13: Choral and Chamber Music concert
- Nov. 17: Thanksgiving break begins
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Break ends
- Dec. 14: Winter Break begins

