



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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[Girls 1st field hockey](#) bested Pomfret School 2-1 in the [quarterfinals of the NEPSAC tournament](#) yesterday. See pictures of the exciting game -- and the dedicated fans cheering them on in the cold -- at [brooksschoolphotos.com!](#)

Brooks Together -- We Are Truly Grateful For Your Support

As you give thanks this holiday, please know how grateful we are for your support of [Brooks Together](#). We grow as a community from a position of strength. The Brooks Fund provides that strength and touches every part of your student's Brooks experience. Help us make the school as strong as possible by making your gift or pledge. [Please click here to make a gift today](#), or email Director of Institutional Advancement [Gage Dobbins](#) to make a pledge of support (payable up to June 2019). Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving.



Fifth-Form Parent Reception/College Counseling Workshop

Save the date: Please join us for a College Counseling Kickoff weekend! Mingle with fellow parents and [college counseling](#) staff members at Head of School John Packard's home on Jan. 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. The program continues on Jan. 26, from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., featuring panel discussions with college admissions officers ([see the list here](#)), a presentation of Brooks School's program and a Q & A session. If you have any questions, contact Assistant College Counselor [Christine Jackson](#).

A Message From Athletics

Please remind your students that lockers need to be completely cleared out before Thanksgiving Break, as the locker room needs to be thoroughly cleaned before the winter season. Any items left in the locker room will be collected and held in the equipment room.

Congratulations to the girls 1st field hockey team on their overtime win over Pomfret School yesterday! They now move on to play St. Mark's School in the semi-finals of the NEPSAC tournament this Saturday at 2 p.m. here at Brooks.

Other noteworthy news: Alex Costantino '21 placed 18th at the NEPSAC Division III Cross Country Championships last Saturday in a time of 21:52. She will be running at the NEPSTA All-Star Meet this Saturday at St. Mark's School.

Winter Term Update

- The [2019 Winter Term Course Catalog](#) has been made available to students and course selection sheets are due by Saturday at noon. Our hope is that your student 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 student worked on throughout the three weeks!
 - All students will start Winter Term on Jan. 3 in the Chapel at 8 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Associate Head for Academic Affairs [Lance Latham](#).
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Toys for Tots Drive

The Community Activities Board (CAB) is sponsoring a Toys for Tots drive. Please consider purchasing a toy over Thanksgiving Break to send back with your student. On Dec. 1, an Ugly-Sweater Dance will be held, to which students can bring their donations.

Save the Date!

Grandparents/Special Friends Day will be on April 20. More details to follow but, for now, mark your calendar!



Thanksgiving break is a time for students to spend time with family and friends, to catch up on sleep, and to enjoy some rest and relaxation away from school. It's also a great time to get ready for exams! While your student will likely have some schoolwork in preparation for returning to school, we also encourage you to speak with your child about exam prep, and to get a sense of how ready your student is for the upcoming December assessments.

The Learning Center section of OnBrooks provides resources that students can use as they prepare for exams. In [OnBrooks](#), go to: Groups → Learning Center → Topics to find calendars, organizational templates, study tips and more.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 17: Thanksgiving break begins
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Break ends
- Dec. 14: Winter Break begins
- Jan. 1 - 18: Winter Term
- Jan. 18: Winter Term Symposium, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25: Fifth-Form Parent Reception, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 26: Fifth-Form Parent College Counseling Workshop, 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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