



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Casino Night last Saturday was a huge hit. To see photos from the event, please visit www.brooksschoolphotos.com.

Mark your Calendars for Carols

You are cordially invited to our annual Lessons and Carols event, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Frank D. Ashburn Chapel. The service, which originated in the King's College Chapel, symbolizes humanity's universal longing for peace. Reception at the Head of School's house to follow. Please RSVP by contacting Jennifer Chiampa: jchiampa@brooksschool.org or 978-725-6300 x3212.

End of Fall Sports -- Final Reminder

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.

Advisor Reports Out Soon

Fall Midterm Advisor Reports will be available in OnBrooks on Saturday, November 18, at noon. Reports are under your student's Progress/Performance area when signed in as a parent. Contact Registrar Lisa Saunders if you have any questions or need help: 978-725-6255 or



Brooks Together -- We Have Great Expectations!

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 [Lisa Zopatti](mailto:Lisa.Zopatti) to make a pledge of support (payable up to June 2018). Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

Needed: New Toys & Ugly Sweaters!

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. 2, an Ugly Sweater Dance will be held where students can bring their donations.

Interested in taking Drivers' Education?

If there is enough interest, Andover Auto School will be offering a class this winter on Sundays. The course includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and a two-hour parent class. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2 Dundee Park in Andover on the following Sundays: Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, Feb. 11. Please see the requirements for eligibility at Andover Auto School's webpage. If you are interested, please sign up directly with Andover Auto School. A second course will be offered in the spring starting in April if there is interest. Please direct all questions to them at <http://www.andoverauto.com>.

Art, Words and More: A Special Event & Community Conversation

On November 30, social engagement artist and curator [Peter Bruun](#) will

facilitate a community event in the Robert Lehman Art Center to open his two-week exhibition, "Spider's Soliloquy." Using the All-Community Read "Never Let Me Go" as a jumping-off point, Peter has worked this fall with a variety of classes and with the new Students for Mental Health Awareness club to explore issues of youthful vulnerability -- isolation, alienation, feelings of difference -- raised in the novel and relevant in any community of young people. A focus of conversations has been what it's like to feel different or "not normal," how common it actually is, and how students who feel like this cope (the healthy and the unhealthy ways). A goal: To normalize conversation around topics that are usually taboo with the hope of creating a healthier community.

The November 30 event will feature Brooks students and faculty using prose, poetry, music, dance, performance art and video to share their own experiences and observations related to these topics. Following their presentations, Peter will facilitate a community conversation on the lead question: How can we strive as a community to support those feeling separated from us? You are welcome to attend; your voice is important.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the exhibition and November 30 event.

Upcoming Parent Events

Nov. 18: Thanksgiving Break begins, 12 p.m.

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Break ends, 8 p.m.

Dec. 10: Lessons & Carols for parents and alums, 4 p.m., reception to follow

Dec. 15: Winter Break begins

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