



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



Brooks boys 1st soccer took second place in the NEPSAC championship. Congratulations to all of our teams on their fall seasons.



Needed: 65 More Parent Gifts!

We are close to our goal of 85% parent participation in *Brooks Together* and are so grateful for those of you who have already pledged your support and commitment. Each gift, no matter the amount, counts.

Please click [here](#) to make your gift or pledge today. After all, we have so very much to be thankful for at Brooks. Happy Thanksgiving!

-- Lisa Zopatti, director of annual giving, lzopatti@brooksschool.org.

Brooks Food Drive: We Made a Difference

Brooks' annual food drive to benefit [Lazarus House Ministries](#) raised nearly \$1,000 and a feast of goods to donate. Students recently dropped off about 30

boxes of food to the Lawrence shelter's pantry. Thank you to all who contributed!

Third-Form Winter Term Permission Slips

The Class of 2020's [Winter Term](#) kicks off with a Jan. 4 [trip to Camp Becket](#) in the Berkshires -- which requires parental permission.

Please sign parental forms in advance of the excursion by logging into [OnBrooks](#). Click "Resources," select the orange "Magnus" button. Inside Magnus, complete two forms giving permission to attend Camp Becket: the "Camp Becket Participant Health and Liability Waiver Form" and the "Brooks School Overnight Trip Permission and Release Form." Questions? Contact Associate Head for Academic Affairs Lance Latham: llatham@brooksschool.org.

Parent Workshop This Monday at 5:30 p.m.

"School breaks create free time for students, and it can be a challenge for parents to be present and visible during these times," according to [FCD Prevention Works](#), which finds that if a student reported using substances in the past month, 65% were doing so at home or at a friend's house. Join us to learn how to help keep teens drug-free at this [parent education event](#) with prevention specialists in the Dalsemer Room.

Black Friday Shopping?

Don't forget to pick up a little something for The Community Activities Board (CAB)'s Toys for Tots drive and send it back to campus with your student. Donations will be collected Dec. 3 during Brooks' Ugly Sweater Dance. Last year, seven boxes of toys were collected, and we are hoping to make it even more this year. Will you help?

A Thanksgiving Blessing

As you gather with loved ones to give thanks this holiday, know that we are thankful for you! Enjoy this blessing from Brooks' school minister, Julie A. Mavity Maddalena, and have a 'Happy Thanksgiving!'

May we take joy in the abundance before us.

May we be mindful of the many-layered efforts that have created this abundance.

May we be mindful of those who have no access to such abundance.

Amen.

Mark Your Calendars for Carols

You are cordially invited to our annual Lessons and Carols event, Dec. 11 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 in the Dalsemer Room to follow. Please RSVP by contacting Jennifer Chiampa: jchiampa@brooksschool.org or 978-725-6300 x3212.



Vacation Bus Schedule for Monday, Nov. 28

Please contact Vicky Matheson with questions: vmatheson@brooksschool.org
Chaperone: Kihak Nam, 978-494-0126.

Students should arrive early; the bus cannot wait. All times are approximate:

- 7:30 a.m. Pick up Brooks School chaperone in North Andover
- 12 p.m. Proceed to Second Ave. between 86th St. and 85th St. (near GNC)
- 12:30 p.m. Bus Departs Penn Station (Front Entrance, Corner of 31st St., 8th Ave.)
- 2 p.m. Proceed to McDonald's, Darien, CT (Service Plaza between Exits 12 and 13 on Route 95N)
- 6 p.m. Arrive at Brooks