



Winter is just around the corner, but you wouldn't know it by the warm weather at Brooks on the first day of December.

Mark Your Calendars for Carols

You are cordially invited to our annual Lessons & 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.

Last Call for Toys for Tots Donations!

Saturday is our last day collecting new, unwrapped toys. Gifts can be dropped off in Wilder Dining Hall during the day or students can bring them to the Ugly Sweater Dance on Dec. 2. In the past, seven boxes of toys were collected--we are hoping to make it even more this year!



Brooks Together: A Terrific Finish!

The numbers are in for Brooks Together, and we are so grateful. A great big "Thank you" to the members of our dedicated Parents Committee who gave so much of their time to make this year's campaign a success. We have raised \$721,571 to date. More importantly, we achieved 79 percent overall participation.

Participation by Class:

Class of 2018: 70%
Class of 2019: 79%
Class of 2020: 84%
Class of 2021: 88%

Thank you!

Parents Committee's Nutcracker Sweets

Like baking? On Dec. 14, we treat our students, teachers and staff to holiday goodies! We're in need of volunteers who can bake or buy a treat and drop it off in the Wilder Dining Hall. If you can help, please contact [Claudia Kluchnik](#) P'15, P'18. If you are a boarding parent or cannot make it in person, you can help us fill up a raffle basket. Gift cards to local businesses are always appreciated, or, if you'd like to sponsor a basket, one can be made up by a local parent volunteer. To help with these, please contact [Tara O'Shea](#) P'18, P'21.

Winter Break Transportation and Logistics

[Sign up in the Deans' Office for transportation to Logan Airport or CT/NYC for Winter Break.](#) Please finalize all plans by Dec. 8.

Attention Fifth-Form Parents

Fifth-form students can now apply to our Students on the Forefront of Science (SFS) program, which takes place in the summer prior to sixth-form year. [Click](#)

[here](#) to learn more about the program; applications are due Dec. 15. [Click here](#) to watch a recent presentation by last year's participants and to learn more about the program.

Students' Exams Schedules

[Click here for students' schedules for the next two weeks.](#)

Student Activities This Weekend

'Tis the season! So many fun holiday activities happening on campus this weekend--[click here for the full schedule of events.](#)

Get the All-School Photo

If you have not yet ordered the all-school or sixth-form photos, there is still time to do so to receive your order before December 24 (domestically). [Click here to order.](#)

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>.

Upcoming Parent Events

Dec. 10: Lessons & Carols for parents and alums, 4 p.m., reception to follow
Dec. 14: Parents Committee's Nutcracker Sweets event
Dec. 15: Winter Break begins
Jan. 2: Winter Break ends
Jan. 19: Winter Term Symposium
Jan 20: Fifth-Form College Counseling Workshop for parents and students, 8 a.m.

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