



BROOKS SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



You are cordially invited to our 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 after in the Dalsemer Room. RSVP to Jennifer Chiampa: jchiampa@brooksschool.org.



We are tallying all your generous gifts; thank you again for your support of *Brooks Together!*

Electric Concert Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss the Bishops Bells, Jazz Band, Brookstones, MDM and District Maylo!

Last Call for Toys for Tots Donations

Saturday is the last day of our collection of 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 in the evening. Please help us spread holiday cheer!

Student Activities This Weekend

Click [here](#) for the full schedule, including the tree lighting celebration and dance.

Winter Term Prep

Winter Term course assignments will be published next week. Note that several factors are considered in the assignments, including indicated interest, available space and the student's form.

Mark Jan. 20 on your calendar for our annual Symposium, the culminating event of Winter Term, when you can see what your child has been working on as well as the other classes that are offered.

Third-form parents will receive a communication this week from Associate Head for Academic Affairs Lance Latham with details about the Jan. 4 trip to [Camp Becket](#). A packing list can be found [here](#).

Reminder: Third-form parents must sign permission slips in advance of the trip. Log into [OnBrooks](#), click "Resources" and select the "Magnus" button. Inside Magnus, complete the "Camp Becket Participant Health and Liability Waiver Form" and "Brooks School Overnight Trip Permission and Release Form."

Get the All-School Photo

This photograph may be purchased [online](#) and shipped directly to your home.

Parents Committee's Nutcracker Sweets

Like baking? On Dec. 15, we treat our students, teachers and staff to holiday treats. We're in need of volunteers who can bake or buy a goodie and drop it off. Contact Claudia Kluchnik: ckluchnik@mac.com. There will also be raffle baskets. Would you like to help with these? Contact Tara O'Shea: taraloshea@verizon.net.

Partners in Prevention Parent Workshop

For those of you who were not able to join us and hear from Prevention Specialist John Trummon, [here](#) is the presentation that the [FCD Prevention Works](#) expert shared on Monday evening. If this information raises questions for you, or you would simply like more information or guidance, please reach out to Director of Counseling Judy Werner: jwerner@brooksschool.org.

Attention Fifth-Form Parents

Fifth-form students can apply to our [Students on the Forefront \(SFS\)](#) program, which takes place in the summer prior to sixth-form year. SFS provides students with summer internships offering hands-on experience in labs, research facilities and field settings where they will perform *real* science. For the application, due Jan. 4, click [here](#).

Students' Exams Schedule

Click [here](#) for students' exam-period schedule, Dec. 11 - Dec. 15.

Winter Sports Practices

Basketball, hockey and squash schedules are posted under Community Information in [OnBrooks](#). Schedules are subject to change.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 2: Electric Concert in the auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
 - Dec. 11: Lessons & Carols for parents & alums, reception to follow
 - Dec. 15: Parents Committee's Nutcracker Sweets event
 - Dec. 16: Winter Break begins
 - Jan. 3: Winter Break ends, 8 p.m.
 - Jan 20: Winter Term Symposium
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Holiday Shopping at the School Store

Looking for the perfect holiday gift? Look no further than the Brooks School Store. If you can't get here, just call us at 978-725-6300 x3126, and we'll ship directly to you. We have great gift items from Nike, Patagonia and Under Armour. We also have Brooks banners, blankets, glassware, ties, hats and scarves, a pendant necklace and lots more. A Brooks School Store gift certificate is always a perfect gift!

Store hours are 11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Monday - Friday. There will be extended shopping hours on Saturdays Dec. 5 and Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
