

Brooks Parent Newsletter

Dear Brooks Community,

Happy Monday!!

As always, it is a pleasure to partner with you!

Below, you will find some important details for the upcoming school year.



SAT Tomorrow!

- Tomorrow, juniors will take the SAT!!
- Please make sure your student gets a full night of rest and breakfast in the morning.
- Please make sure your student is on-time tomorrow. Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m.
- This is a non-attendance day for 9th, 10th, and 12th graders.
- Our AC students will go on a field trip.

Schedule for this week:

- 4/10: SAT Test
- 4/11: Seminar Day (C Day)
- 4/12: B Day (End of Quarter)
- 4/13: No School for students

PSAT Testing:

- PSAT testing for 9th and 10th graders is April 17th.
- This is an attendance day for all grades.

- Following the test, there will be a restructured bell schedule for the remainder of the day.

Schedule for the week of 4/16:

- 4/16: A Day
- 4/17: D Day PSAT Test
- 4/18: B Day (Make Up PSAT Testing)
- 4/19 Parent Teacher Conference (12:00-6:15)
- 4/20: Seminar Day/C Day

Week of 4/23:

- Illinois Science Assessment Monday, April 23rd and Tuesday, April 24th during science classes.
- 4/24: Make up SAT Test

Parent Teacher Conferences:

- Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, April 19th from 12:00-6:15.
- AC Teachers will meet with specific parents from 10:00-12:00. AC teachers will notify those specific parents directly.

Teacher/Staff Locations and Schedules

Report Card Pick Up Time: 12:00 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.

Teacher/Staff	Department	Location
David	English	Main Gym
Plunkett	English	Main Gym
Hazzard	English/7th grade	Main Gym
Wilde	English	Main Gym
Campione	English/8th Grade	Main Gym
Wermeling	English	Main Gym
Souferis	English	Main Gym
Ciciora	STEM/7th Grade	Main Gym

Jamison-Koenig	STEM	Main Gym
Frye	STEM	Main Gym
Long	STEM/Computer Science	Main Gym
Kmicikewycz	STEM	Main Gym
Horsley	STEM	Main Gym
Zayed	STEM	Main Gym
Schmid	STEM/7th and 8th Grade Math and Science	Main Gym
Rogg	STEM	Main Gym
Reed	STEM	Main Gym
Peterek	STEM	Main Gym
Tyagi	STEM	Main Gym
Schroers	STEM	Main Gym
Carstensen	STEM	Main Gym
Mrozek	7th Grade/STEM	Main Gym
Sandhu (Absent)/ Winkler (Sub)	Computer Science/STEM	Main Gym
Nunez (Baeza)(Absent)/ Lora (Sub)	World Language	Auditorium Lobby
Cagney	World Language	Auditorium Lobby
Castro	World Language/8th Grade	Auditorium Lobby
Santoyo	World Language	Auditorium Lobby
Clark	History/8th Grade	Room 135
Warren	History	Room 139
Kosteris	History	Room 129
Mullooly	History	Room 133
Yackee	History	Room 131
Robbins	History	Room 137
Campos	History/7th grade	Room 109
Calderon	Fine Arts	Choir/Band Room

Youngblood	Band/Choir/AC	Choir/Band Room
Harding	Band/General Music/Orchestra/AC	Choir/Band Room
Mitchell	Fine Arts	Choir/Band Room
Famera	Fine Art/AC	Choir/Band Room
Barrett	Physical Education	Auditorium Lobby
Morgan	Physical Education	Auditorium Lobby
Magallanes	Physical Education/AC	Auditorium Lobby
Parks	Physical Education/AC	Auditorium Lobby
Brown	Diverse Learners	Room 113
Jones	Diverse Learners	Room 112
Doris Williams	Diverse Learners/Case Manager	Room 111
Simms-Dickerson	Diverse Learners	Room 115
Singleton	Diverse Learners	Room 107
Diaz	Counseling	Counseling Lab (CUBE)
Jackson	Counseling	Counseling Lab (CUBE)
Williams	Counseling	Counseling Lab (CUBE)
Mulderd	AC Counselor	Counseling Lab (CUBE)
Dyer	Attendance	Office 116B/Main Entrance
Bayon (Absent)	Student Fees	Main Office
Resh, McCoy, Ferme, and Jackson		Float/Greeters/Information Table

Evans, Rodgers, Security, ESP staff		Float and/or help to hand out report cards/Detentions
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Departmental Lunch Schedule

Departments	Lunch Time
Art, Music, and English	1:00-2:00
STEM and Counselors	2:00-3:00
History, Informational Technology, and World Language	3:00-4:00
Diverse Learners and PE	4:00-5:00

Course Selection Fair:

- Monday, April 16th during lunch periods

Student Programming Dates:

- Current 9th-May 9th
- Current 10th- April 25th
- Current 11th May 2nd

Advanced Placement Information:

- Mr. Bayon collects fees from 1:00-5:00 p.m. If you have not already, please see Mr. Bayon to pay your AP fees(s).

- AP Pre-Administration will be April 23rd-27th.

Senior and 8th Grade Activities Fees:

- Reminder: Senior and 8th Grade Activities Fees are due. You can submit your payments to Mr. Bayon.

Slashes and Competency Based Learning (CBL):

Please note, if your student received a slash on their first semester report card in Feb., that indicates your student still needs to achieve mastery of standards. CBL (Competency Based Learning) supports that some students may need to additional time to achieve mastery. In order to support students in achieving mastery, we will offer targeted intervention seminar classes for Freshmen and AC students.

- Freshmen and AC students who need additional targeted support/interventions will be programmed for one semester long intervention seminar with Mr. Mrozek (Math), Mr. Carstensen (Science), Ms. Jackson (AC Math/Science), and Mrs. Clark (AC History/English) .
- Freshmen and AC students who only need to complete a couple retakes to achieve mastery will be able to complete retakes during a flex seminar class. After students reach mastery, they will return to their regular seminar class.
- When mastery is achieved, a grade change will be made. **AC has until April 11th to achieve mastery.**
- Sophomores, juniors, and seniors students who received a slash will have to make arrangements with their teachers to complete retakes and/or turn in assignments.
- If you have any questions, please let me know.

Credit recovery/Aventa classes will also be available (if needed) for students to recover credits from their first semester. Students can sign up with their counselor. Students who need to recover an INS I credit from first semester will complete an eight week course with Ms. Peterek or Mr. Carstensen before or after school. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Targeted interventions will be put in place for students who need more support. Admin, counselors, and other support staff will meet at least every two weeks to help support students' success.

FAQ/Policy Document:

Here is the [link to our school wide Assessment policy, procedures, and FAQ.](#)

If you have any questions and/or concerns about the grading policy, please do not hesitate to email me. I will follow up with you to address your concerns and questions.

Tutoring:

After School Tutoring Schedule 2017-2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES DAY	THURSD AY	FRIDAY
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S. T. E. M.	STEM I INS Lab 400 STEM II INS Lab 319 Technology Lab 229 Ms Sandhu STEM IV Math Precal/Calculus Lab 309 AC/STEM I: 2A Rm 314 AC Math/ Math I/ Math II: Mrozek Rm 304	STEM III Math Rm 301/305 STEM IV Math Rm 309/Lab 307 STEM I Science Rm 308 STEM Capstone Lab 321 AC STEM Schmid 312 AC/STEM I: 3C Rm 314 STEM III Math/Science 307/305	STEM I Math Rm 304 Engineering 327	STEM IV Life Science Lab 325 STEM III Sci Rm 305 AC/STEM I: 6B Rm 314 STEM: Rm 300 STEM II INT Rm 323 STEM I Peterek Rm 308	STEM IV Math Precal/Calculus Rm 309 AC/STEM I: 7D Rm 314 STEM 3: 301 (JK)
Social Studies	Kosteris (129)	Campos (109)	Yackee (131)	Mullooly (133)	Clark (135)
English	Souferis/Wilde (223)	Souferis/Wilde (223)	Hazzard (229)	Plunkett (221)	David (221)
Fine Arts	Youngblood (157F)	Famera (326)		Calderon (324)	Harding (157A)

		Mitchell (404)			
World Language	Santoyo (209)	Castro (212) Cagney (214)		Santoyo (209)	

Attendance/Family Income Forms:

Our attendance is **92.36%**. Please keep helping to ensure your student is present and on-time for school! Also, remember, Seniors must have a **93% attendance** rate to participate in senior activities. Mr. Dyer distributed attendance contracts to seniors to help encourage seniors to attend school and be on time.

Feedback Loops and Instructional Rounds

The admin team are starting feedback loops with teachers that focus on specific aspects of teaching and learning. This year, the ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) will conduct instructional rounds once per quarter focusing on a specific area of teaching practice. We are excited as a school community to continue to improve our instructional practices.

AC Information:

The AC April Newsletter will be sent out on April 18th.

April 19th (Parent Teacher Conferences) VOB will be collecting fees for the trip. Please refer to the VOB newsletter for more information.

AC students will go on a field trip tomorrow to Shedd Aquarium.

AC Slashes:

- Students who ended the semester with a “/” will have until **April 11th** to show mastery!

- Science flex seminar will begin for all students on April 18th.
- Any student who masters content during this time will have a grade change and will avoid summer school!

Parent Teacher Conferences:

- AC Teachers will meet with specific parents from 10:00-12:00. AC teachers will notify those specific parents directly.

Yearbook Information:

Yearbooks on Sale NOW! Get yours before they are gone. Last year they sold out so make sure to secure your copy today. **Visit: www.yearbookforever.com to place your order.**

Service Learning Opportunity:

- Students can earn service learning hours by participating in the **9th Ward Chicago's Citywide Clean & Green Day of Service** on Saturday April 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Ward09.com/CleanandGreen** to sign up
- All participants must be registered by Monday April 16, 2018.

Counseling Department Updates:

Current Class of 2018 scholarship earnings: **\$32.6 million dollars!** Keep encouraging your senior student to check their emails for scholarships and to apply.

AP Information:

- Parents, sign up to receive college planning advice, deadlines, and reminders from the College Board by email and text message. Sign up here and get in the loop on key topics that will help you support your

child on their journey to college:



<https://pages.collegeboard.org/email-services-parents>

Colleges @ Brooks

- Colleges will be visiting Brooks on Tuesdays this semester. See Naviance for list of schools that students can meet with outside of the cafeteria!

Career Chats: Informational sessions where students can speak with professionals in various careers:

- The next Career Chat will be Friday, May 4th.

Brooks' Highlights:

- The **LTAB team** won the Championship and will compete nationally in Texas this summer.
- **Students of the Month for March:** 7th-Abigail Medina, 8th-Sean Littleton, 9th-Nasya Salahuddin, 10th-Adam Wawaroski, 11th-Rino Veljacic, and 12th- Stephanie Miranda-Salinas
- **Dr. Howard Staff Member of the Month for March:** Ms. Santoyo
- **National Spanish Honor Society Dance** will be Friday, April 13th from 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Congratulations to our **National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society** inductees!

- The Chess Team will be competing in the **National Chess Tournament** in April.

***Want more frequent updates and highlights? Follow me on twitter @BrooksMsJackson.**



School Calendar

The A, B, C, and D Days can sometimes get confusing. I highly encourage parents to utilize the Brooks website to understand the school calendar: brookscollegeprep.org.

Student Handbook

The student handbook can be found [here](#). This is an excellent resource for families interested in school-wide policy. Please note, if students are not participating in after school activities, they should be off campus by 6:00 p.m.

Athletics:

- **Water Polo Team**
 - 4/16 vs. Little Village (Away) @5:00
- **Boys Track Team**

- 4/10: Brooks vs. Lindblom
- **Girls Track and Field**
 - 4/10: Brooks vs. Lindblom
 - Weather permitting, there will be a meet on April 11th (Home)
- **Softball Team**
 - 4/12 vs. Simeon@Brooks
 - 4/15 vs. Kenwood@Brooks
- **Baseball Team**
 - 4/16 vs. CHAS (Away)@4:45
- **Boys Volleyball**
 - 4/10 vs. Ag. Science
 - 4/12 vs. Chi Military
- **Girls Soccer Team:**
 - 4/14@Brooks 4:30
 - 4/15@Brooks 4:30

● **Diverse Learners**

Basketball Team:

- Won the Special Olympics State Basketball Championship!



7th/8th grade Sports

- If any students are interested in participating in 7th or 8th grade sports, please contact Reggie Dawson (rdawson@cps.edu) for more information.
- Our AC Basketball Team plays on Fridays. Come out and support AC Athletics!
 - Next Game: Boys and Girls Basketball 4/16 vs. Gary Comer@4:30

Upcoming Events

- **SAT:** April 10th
- **Senior Prom:** May 25th
- **8th Grade Luncheon:** June 14th
- **Senior Luncheon:** June 1st
- **8th Grade Trip:** June 7th-9th
- **HS Graduation:** June 11th CSU
- **8th Grade Graduation:** June 15th (Brooks)

Local School Council (LSC)

The LSC meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the library. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. You can find the exact dates on the Brooks calendar. If you are interested in completing an application, please visit our website, www.brookscollegeprep.org and turn in your application to the Main Office.

LSC Elections will be April 19th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st at 6 p.m. Future meetings can be found on the Brooks calendar. Please see the attached meeting notice and agenda for the Annual Title I Parent meeting and the Annual Title I Parent Advisory Council Organizational meeting. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Village of Brooks (VOB)

Village of Brooks Parent Club invites all parents, grandparents, friends and anyone you consider part of your "village" to come join us for a meeting. Principal Jackson and a featured monthly Department will provide information on upcoming events and school happenings. The VOB meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. You can find the exact dates on the Brooks calendar.

Thank you VOB for everything you do!!!

PARKING AND DRIVING ON CAMPUS

All information below is grounded in our value for **student safety** over all other competing interests (e.g. convenience). If you are interested in volunteering to help with traffic flow before or after school please call 773-535-9930.

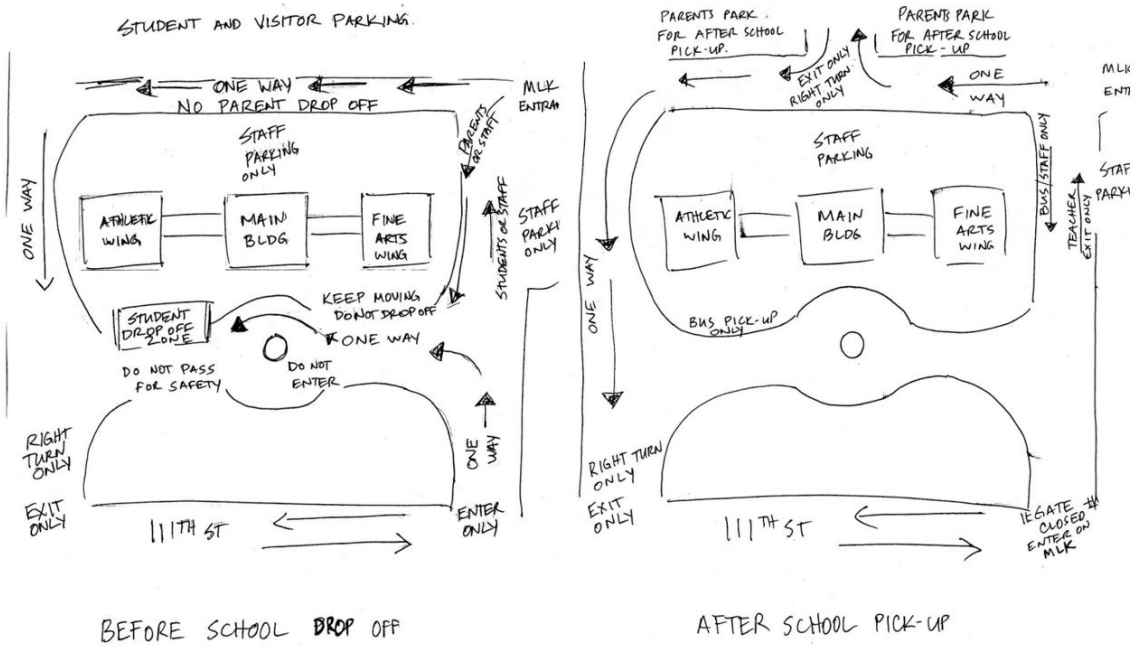
Drop-off info (7:15-8:00):

- **Arrive early. The earlier you drop-off the quicker you can get off campus and get to work.**
- **Most people drop-off between 7:50-8:00am. Expect longer wait times during this time.**
- **You can use both the North (behind the school) and South (in front of the school) lanes to drop off.**
- **School buses drop students off behind the school. YIELD to buses for student safety.**
- **Students park behind the school. YIELD to students as they cross the drive to get to school safely.**
- **In front of the school there are horses set up to control the flow of traffic. The horses are there for safety so cars cannot pass each other or drive too fast on campus. Please do not move the horses.**
- **Cars should make a single file lane both in front and behind the school. Passing is not allowed for student safety.**

- **Wake up earlier, leave your home earlier, and arrive to campus earlier and your time on campus dropping-off will be a better and quicker experience.**

Pick-up info (3:30-3:45):

- **No cars are allowed in front of the school (south drive) to pick-up at the end of the school day. The south drive is reserved for buses. In the past, buses could not move adequately because cars were blocking them.**
- **Please park in the large parking lot behind (north) the school. Park in the lot. Parking on the drive is not permitted as it restricts the flow of traffic. Parking in the staff lot is not permitted.**
- **Be patient! Everyone picking-up is trying to get home as quickly as possible. Everyone is in the same position.**
- **Traffic must flow west behind the school after 3:30. This means all cars will exit the campus on 111th. This is not an inconvenience. It is just 3 right turns and 2 minutes away from MLK Drive. This is for student safety.**



- **Our Mission:** To ensure each student learns at high levels.
- **Our Vision:** To be the school of choice in Chicago
- **Our Values:** Going the extra mile, being energetic and collaborative

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Sincerely,

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