



For the last 17 months, students, faculty and staff at Brooks School have had a front-row seat to the amazing transformation happening in the center of our campus. We watched as the mountains of soil were turned into concrete foundations, and we were excited to witness the installation of the first steel beams. Over the last six months or so, the pace of the work and the progress made day-to-day picked up significantly. The building was near completion when school opened in September and the landscaping of the courtyard began in earnest.

Just last week, the campus community had their first opportunity to tour the new Center for the Arts together. We celebrated you, the donors, who made this project possible, and then let the students explore the new spaces contained in the building on their own. The finished product is truly outstanding. There is something for everyone in the new Center for the Arts.

Immediately following [Family Weekend](#), students began attending their first classes in the new building, much to their delight. The faculty who teach in the building are similarly enchanted by the new building and are setting about finding ways to make the best use of the light-filled rooms. The windows on either side of the building give passers-by a glimpse into the classes as they are underway. Facing the courtyard are the ceramics and painting studios. From Main Street you can see students practicing on the piano. The classrooms facing the Admissions building and Head of School's Office are home to the main theater, choirs and musicians.

Today, November 9, we gathered for our first all-school meeting in the new theater. John Packard reiterated how transformative this space will be today and for generations to come, and expressed his thanks for the donors, like you, who supported this project in various ways.

The entire project has been documented in photos. You can view the galleries [here](#).

Finally, I want to invite you to save the evening of Friday, April 26, 2019 on your calendars. We will gather as a community to celebrate the donors whose philanthropy was so instrumental in helping us finish the Center for the Arts and the Campaign for Brooks successfully.

With deep appreciation,

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Director of Institutional Advancement

