



Brooks

Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Students,

As we enter the last term of the year, we would like to share the plan for our year end awards, once again. We received a great deal of feedback from our school community last year and have endeavoured to implement many of the suggestions brought forward by parents, students, and teachers. Our goal is to recognise student achievement in all credited school courses with our Academic block, while non-credited, volunteer service to the school will be recognised by our Service and Athletic blocks.

Our Brooks Awards and Scholarships Committee is composed of teachers, counsellors, and school principals. This volunteer committee strives to recognise Brooks' students in a positive, inclusive, and comprehensive manner. As curriculum drives change within our school system, we continue to support and recognise learning and student successes in a complimentary way.

For our Grade 12 students we will award Academic, Athletic and Service blocks to students; as well, we will continue the tradition of awarding three major awards to our Gr. 12 students including: the Herb Marion Award, the Max Cameron Award, and the Pauline Galinski Award. These major awards will continue to include a \$500 bursary for recipients.

Our Grade 12 Awards and Scholarship celebration will take place on June 29th during the grad ceremony. Scholarship presenters from our community partners will also be invited. Last year our students received just over \$140,000 in scholarship and bursary monies. This year we anticipate a similar amount will be awarded to successful Grade 12 recipients.

For our Gr 8-11 Block award recipients we will be hosting a awards assembly in the Max Theatre during the school day on June 27th. The award celebrations will be at 11am for the Gr 8 and 9 recipients, and at 1:15pm for the Gr 10-11 recipients. Invitations will be sent out to the students and parents who will be receiving these Block awards approximately two weeks in advance, more details will be provided at that time.

All Brooks students who are on the traditional honor roll will receive a certificate with their final report card and be recognized through the community in local papers and through public announcements.

Sincerely,

Bill Rounis, Tanya Larkin, Matthew Hull, and Michelle Doyle

Brooks Principal and Vice-Principals

Gr. 8 – 11 Awards Overview and Criteria 2021-2022

Academic Block Award:

To be awarded an Academic block in Grade 8-11:

- ➔ Students need to have completed minimum 3 courses per semester at Brooks.
- ➔ **All** credited Brooks courses apply.
- ➔ Students will have a 4.00 GPA (No final marks will be included in this calculation).
- ➔ All credited classes will be used to calculate the students' GPA, including courses outside the timetable, such as Community Band, Chamber Choir, Jazz Bands, Theatre production courses, and all Independent Directed Study courses.
- ➔ For Grade 8 students, the Xplore rotation marks will be excluded from the GPA calculation, as each class is approximately 6 weeks in length.

Service Block and Certificate:

- Students will need to **self-report** on performed volunteer service activities. Forms available in the office after May 1, 2022. These are due back to the main office no later than June 3rd.
- Students who have demonstrated 30 hours of service throughout the school year will be eligible to receive a Service Block.
- Students could perform service in a number of ways and will self-report their service to the school using a service log form.
- Students will be asked to have their Service log verified by a teacher-sponsor.
- Only Brooks and SD47 volunteer service applies.
- Any for-credit service does not apply, such as a Community Service class.
- Any volunteer work with the following service club existing within the school could qualify, for example, but not limited to:
 - ➔ Interact Club
 - ➔ Students for Change
 - ➔ Student Council
 - ➔ Link Crew
 - ➔ Environment Club
 - ➔ SOGI
 - ➔ GSA
 - ➔ Grad Committee
 - ➔ Any volunteer service to teachers in the aid of music or drama productions (must be non-credited work)
- Volunteer service is completed outside class hours
- Service work represents the work that clubs do, rather than weekly meetings.

Athletic Block and Certificate:

- Students will need to **self-report** on athletic non-credited activities. Forms available in the office after May 1, 2022. These are due back to the main office no later than June 3rd.
- In consultation with PE department, our recommendation is that students who participate on 2 or more Brooks' teams for the duration of the season will be recognized with a Brooks Athletics block OR participates in one Provincial Championship.

- All athletic activities are completely voluntary, represent Brooks, and are non-credited in nature.
- Students will be required to fill out an Athletics Participation log form and then verified by a Teacher Coach or an Athletics director on behalf of a community coach.
- Coaches will be ensuring that students participated fully on a declared team for the entire season – start to finish.

Gr. 12 Awards Criteria 2021-2022

Academic Block and Certificate:

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Major Awards:

After May 13, 2022 nomination forms will be made available for students and staff through the main office at Brooks. These are due back to the main office no later than June 3rd.

Max Cameron Award – This award recognises a student that shows exceptional school spirit through service through at least two areas, demonstrates positive outstanding school spirit and is a positive role model. This award comes with a trophy, keeper (plaque) and a cheque for \$500.

Herb Marion Award – This award is based on leadership, sportsmanship OR citizenship; demonstrating commitment and cooperation, contributing to school life through service, dedicating at least 30 hours or more in at least one area. This award comes with a trophy, keeper (plaque) and a cheque for \$500.

The Pauline Galinski Award – is presented with the following criteria: the student must have achieved and maintained an Honour Roll status throughout the year, participated on a school team, service club, or have been very active in the performing arts. They must have committed to at least 30 hours to school through volunteer service, and shown upstanding citizenship and have been an exemplary role model for other students. This award comes with a trophy, keeper (plaque) and a cheque for \$500.

* Please note that where the award is given to two recipients, the cash award will be split between the two winners.