

# GreatHearts

## Irving

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Families and Friends,

We are excited to share with you this year's Great Hearts Annual Report. What a great opportunity to tell our story as a Great Hearts family of scholars, parents and teachers.

As you know, Great Hearts is a relatively young non-profit organization, as it was founded in Arizona 15 years ago and has only been educating students in Texas for the last five of those years. We continue to be ardent in our quest to provide a better educational choice for families, a better place for teachers to practice their craft, and above all, provide a classical liberal arts education for your children.

Great Hearts' focus is, and will continue to be, on our scholars. We believe it is morally imperative for the adults in the education system to do right by kids and, therefore, we will continue to press forward with our mission and commitment to educate your children, our most valuable assets.

What better time than the present to explain how Great Hearts works, to delve into the facts and numbers, and show what an amazing public investment Great Hearts is. We exist because families and teachers choose us every day as a place to learn and inspire. Every day we strive to improve and to deliver on that trust.

Please find the Annual Report here: [2017/2018 Great Hearts Annual Report](#). If you have suggestions or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Wishing you all a great school year!

Aaron Kindel  
President, Great Hearts Texas

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Dear Great Hearts families,

The first quarter is behind us and this is a "pulse check" to see how our school communities are doing. Please answer this one-question survey [here](#)

and share any additional thoughts that you have in the space that follows. Please be candid.

The survey will remain open until Wednesday, October 31. Please complete it once for each Great Hearts school your children attend. Contact Katie Carmer (kcarmer@greatheartamerica.org) with questions or concerns.

Thank you for taking a moment to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Robert Wagner  
Chief Administrative Officer

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### **Upcoming Events to Remember**

- October 25-26 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
- **NO SCHOOL**
- Window into Wonder Tours
  - Wednesday, October 31st
- Friday, November 2nd - 8:00am - 9:00am - Coffee with the Headmaster  
please see details below
- November 4th at 5:00pm - RBR Orchestra Recital
- November 5th - 7th Grandparents Week
- Thursday, November 8th - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Upper School Evening with the Classics
- Saturday, November 10th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm - Fall Festival



Grandparent's  
Week

November 5th, 6th and 7th  
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

On November 5th, 6th and 7th, from 8:30am - 9:30am, Great Hearts will be hosting Grandparent's Week!

Grandparents, we welcome you to visit our campus and get a glimpse of your grandchild's school day. We are delighted to provide additional assistance you may need, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your visit more comfortable. We look forward to sharing our school experience with you.

To RSVP, click [here](#) by **November 1st**, and select the date you would like to attend. You may also call **(469) 759-3030 ext 132131** to **RSVP** for this event. As space is limited, we ask that you only attend one day.

If you would like a formal invitation sent to your child's grandparent(s), please email [mary.hanys@greatheartsirving.org](mailto:mary.hanys@greatheartsirving.org) with their names and addresses.

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## **Coffee with the Headmaster**

Dear Seventh Grade and Kindergarten Parents,

We hope that you will join us for Coffee with the Headmaster. There isn't a specific agenda for this event- more than anything else, it is an opportunity for us to connect about whatever is most important from your perspective. We feel deeply fortunate to enjoy the community around Great Hearts Irving, and hope that you can join your fellow parents Tuesday 11/2 at 8:00 AM. The Kindergarten parents will meet with Ms. Perkins, and the 7th Grade parents will meet with Mr. Althage. You're welcome to drop by for a cup of coffee and leave, or join us for a lengthier discussion as your schedules permit.



Warm regards,

Tami Perkins - Headmaster, Lower School

Philip Althage - Headmaster, Upper School

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## **Fall Festival**

Mark your calendars! Great Hearts Fall Festival

will be held on Saturday, November 10th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. We look forward to sharing this day of fun with our scholars and their families. More details to come as the date approaches.



If you are interested in helping, please email Eva Klassen at [psa@greatheartsirving.org](mailto:psa@greatheartsirving.org).

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## **PSO Information**

### **Upcoming dates:**

- November 10th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm - Fall Festival

Thank you to all the parents who have sent up snacks and coffee for the teachers! It is so greatly appreciated by all of them. Feel free to drop goodies off anytime!



The next PSO Workshop is November 1 at 8:00. And there will be an RPL check-in at 7:45 for any and all Room Parents who have questions, need support or just want to visit.

PSO needs 4-5 volunteers to help assemble yard signs on Monday, October 29th. Please email Annie at [psa@greatheartsirving.org](mailto:psa@greatheartsirving.org) if you can help.

Be sure to check out our passive fundraisers [here](#) and help PSO while you shop!

As always, feel free to email PSO anytime at [psa@greatheartsirving.org](mailto:psa@greatheartsirving.org).

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## **Help Market GHI - Get a Yard Sign!**

Did you know? 60% of new GH families heard about Great Hearts from one of you! With that in mind, would you be willing to place a marketing sign in the yard of your residence or business from November 1 - November 30? The yard signs will be available for pickup at the front desk beginning October 29 - November 2. We would like the signs to be placed in various neighborhoods and where there is high visibility. The limited quantity of signs will be available on a first come, first served basis. We ask that you please return the yard signs to the school during the first week of December, so we can reuse them for future enrollment events. For a glimpse at what the sign will look like, click [here](#)!

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## **Evaluations**

Parents,

Please expect an email from Jupiter on Wednesday morning regarding your student's quarterly evaluation (emails from Jupiter sometimes are diverted to the spam/junk folder). After logging onto Jupiter, please print the evaluation, if possible, to bring to parent-teacher conferences.

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## **Upper School Evening with the Classics**

Upper School parents:

Please join us on campus from 7:00-8:00pm on 11/8 for an *Evening with the Classics*. The discussion will center on the theme of **Student Culture: Peace and Joy**. You'll hear about the environment we strive to cultivate in the classroom, the ways we have for students to engage with each other, and some of the means that parents can employ to help strengthen this culture. This event is not designed for student attendance, so please coordinate childcare accordingly.

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## **Window into Wonder Tour**

Mr. Althage and Mrs. Perkins will host a Window Into Wonder Tour. This is a great opportunity to get a glimpse into the sense of wonder our scholars experience each day in our classrooms.



Our next tours will be hosted on Wednesday, **October 31st**

**Lower School** tour will be hosted from **1:00pm - 1:40pm** sign up [here](#).

**Upper School** tour will be hosted from **2:00pm - 2:40pm** sign up [here](#).

Parents are welcome to attend both Upper and Lower tours should they choose. Please RSVP for both if that is your intention.

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## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences begin on **Thursday 10/25** and conclude on **Friday 10/26**.

**Lower School Conference Sign Up:**

[2018 Kindergarten Parent Teacher Conference](#)

[Sign Up](#)



[2018 1st Grade Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

[2018 2nd Grade Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

[2018 3rd Grade Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

[2018 4th Grade Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

[2018 5th Grade Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

**Upper School Conference Sign Up:**

[2018 6th-10th Grade Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up](#)

We encourage parents to sign up for these slots early to ensure an optimal time. **Lower school** conferences will take place on **Thursday only**.

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## **Great Hearts Orchestra**

Please click [here](#) for details about the November 4th RBR Classical Strings Orchestra Recital at Carpenter Hall, featuring members of our very own scholars



## **Great Hearts Athletics**

### **Student Basketball Interest Meetings**

Basketball season begins on November 5th with try-outs.

If you are at all interested in playing basketball, you must go to the meeting for your respective team. Students only, please.



**High School Girls** - Tuesday, October 23rd 9:55-10:15, Courtyard

**High School Boys** - Wednesday, October 24th, 9:55-10:15, Courtyard

**Middle School Boys** - Tuesday, October 30th 3:15-3:30, Courtyard

**Middle School Girls** - Wednesday, October 31st 3:15-3:30, Courtyard

Click [here](#) for all upcoming games!

