

GreatHearts

Irving



Open Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is November 1 through November 30. Visit GreatHeartsAmerica.org/Enroll to apply!

Current GHI parents - you do not need to re-apply for your currently enrolled GHI students at this time -- re-enrollment will take place in the spring. All students new to GHI in the 2019-2020 school year, including rising Kindergartners and other siblings not attending GHI, need to apply during Open Enrollment. Please share this information with friends interested in attending GHI!

Upcoming Events to Remember

- Wednesday, November 28th - Window into Wonder Tour

- Wednesday, November 28th - Coffee with the College Counselor for 9th and 10th Grade Parents. More details below.
- Tuesday, December 4th - Middle School soccer meeting at 3:15pm in Courtyard.
- Thursday, December 6th at 8:00am - PSO Workshop
- Thursday, December 6th - Great Hearts Winter Concert. More details below.
- Monday, December 10th 6:30-7:30 Parent Presentation: "Aim for Success" Christ Church (1750 E Airport Fwy, Irving TX) 5th-10th grade parents only, no children (sensitive material)



Counselor's Coffee Series

Dear 9th and 10th Grade Parents,

You are invited to join Dr. Kathryn Smith for coffee to engage in discussions related to college admissions and post-secondary plans. This meeting will center on PSAT Follow Up: Next Steps, but there will be ample time set aside for questions.



The Counselor's Coffee Series will be held in the Commons unless otherwise noted, from 8:00-9:00 am.

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, **November 28th**.

Upper School tour will be hosted from **1:20 - 2:00pm** sign up [here](#).

Lower School tour is **FULL** but we will be hosting another tour soon!

Parents are welcome to attend both tours. If you would like to be apart of both,

we ask that you please RSVP for each event. Thank you.

Great Hearts Irving Winter Concert

Mark your calendars! Great Hearts Winter concert will be held on Thursday, December 6th from 5:15pm - 7:30pm



- 4:45 arrival time for Kindergarten -2nd Grade, their concert begins at 5:15pm.
- Intermission from 6:15-6:30
- 3rd - 5th grade +10th grade arrive at 6:00. The concert begins at 6:30pm.

Our concert will be held at Irving Bible Church. 2435 Kinwest Parkway in Irving. For more information on student dress code, click [here](#). We hope to see you there!

Coffee with College Counselor



Counselor's Coffee Series

Middle and upper school parents are invited to join me for coffee to engage in discussions related to college admissions and post-secondary plans. Every meeting will center on a topic or set of topics, but there will be ample time set aside for questions. Some meetings will be restricted to specific grades as indicated below.

The Counselor's Coffee Series will be held in the Commons unless otherwise noted, from 8:00-9:00 am on the following dates:

Date	Parents Invited	Topic(s)
November 28, 2018	9th & 10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSAT Follow up: Next Steps
December 5, 2019	7th & 8th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing for college during Middle School
January 30, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Programs• The State of College Admissions
February 13, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total Cost of College: What will College cost you?

February 27, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Great Hearts Education: How are Great Hearts schools viewed by colleges?
March 27, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas' Automatic Admissions Policy
April 10, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Hearts Graduates: Results for our TX graduates
May 1, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing Options and Standardized Test Prep
May 29, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning your college campus visits • Making the most of summer

Aim for Success Parent Presentation

In coming weeks, **Aim for Success** will come to speak to **5th-10th grade parents** and to **7th-10th grade students** on the subject of positive and negative aspects of healthy technology and social media practices and the corresponding dangers our youth face.

Parent Presentation

Parents of grades 5-10 invited, no children may attend
 December 10th 6:30 PM
 Christ Church (1750 E Airport Fwy, Irving TX)

Students in grades **7-10** will receive a similar presentation during the day on **January 14th**. The parent talk precedes the student talk by a month in order to:

- Allow for school administrators to meet with each grade (6-10) to discuss principles of friendship and civility in general (and how to identify bullying)
- Encourage families to engage in initial conversations at home over sensitive subjects pertaining to relationships and intimate interactions.

Students in grades 5 and 6 **will not be present** for the student presentation on January 14th, but we encourage parents to attend the presentation above nevertheless.

An outline of the program may be found [here](#). Some of the information reflected in the outline will not be presented to all students. Look for a communication providing additional details regarding the student presentation in the coming weeks, along with opt-out instructions for families who would prefer their 7th-10th grade students not attend.

Great Hearts Athletics

Please see the website [here](#) for upcoming basketball games.

Any middle school soccer players interested in playing this

season need to come to the middle school soccer meeting on Tuesday, December 4th at 3:15 in the courtyard.

A dark blue poster with white snowflake illustrations in the corners. The text is centered and reads:

Make it SNOW!

Snowflake Fund

During this season of holiday warmth and cheer, we would like to remember our amazing faculty by gifting each of them with a winter wonderland cash bonus!

In lieu of individual gifts, we encourage you to contribute **at least \$5 per each teacher/staff member** who serves your student(s)

CLICK HERE TO CONTRIBUTE!

Cash or check can be given to the Front Desk.*

**Made out to Great Hearts Irving PSO*

PSO Information

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our Upper School Students who came out in full force and helped make our Fall Festival a huge success. The **6th-10th graders** collectively volunteered **over**

130 hours of their time. The 8th and 10th grade classes will be getting a party soon as their reward for having the highest participation in the event. This is just another beautiful reminder of the amazing community we have here in parents and scholars alike!



Upcoming dates:

- PSO Workshop December 6th - 8:00am

PLEASE NOTE: There was a mistake in the last newsletter concerning the PSO workshop. December's workshop is **December 6th at 8:00 (NOT Dec 13th)**. So sorry for the mixup! We hope to see many of you on the 6th!

The PSO is excited about the [2018 SnowFlake fund!](#) Please see information above and be sure to shower our wonderful teachers with holiday cheer! More information on this can be found on the PSO website [here](#).

There is still time to place Spirit Store orders for Christmas! Get GHI hoodies, hats, scarves and more. Be sure to check out the new House Shirts too! Find the Spirit Store on the GHI website under the PSO tab.

As always, feel free to email PSO anytime at pso@greatheartsirving.org.

Athenaeum

Registration for Athenaeum (K-5th) and Homework Club (6-10th) is now open . You can register for Athenaeum and Homework Club [here](#).



As a reminder, this year for Athenaeum, Homework Club, and any late pick-ups after 4pm, parents will need to park and come in to the South entrance to sign out their student(s).

If you believe you may qualify for financial assistance for the 2018-2019 school year, please email the Co-Curriculars Campus Coordinator, Avery Whitehorn, for more details at Athenaeum.Irving@GreatHeartsTX.org

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