

GreatHearts Irving

Cultivating minds and hearts through the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

Upcoming Events to Remember

- Tuesday, December 18th - **Last school day of 2018** - NO Clubs or Tutoring
- Wednesday December 19th - Wednesday
January 2nd - Winter Break
- Thursday, January 3rd - School back in Session
- Friday, January 4th - **Full Day**
- Wednesday, January 9th - Window into Wonder Tour. More details below
- Monday, January 21 - Tuesday January 22nd - Student Holiday, **No School**



A Message from the Headmasters

Dear Great Hearts Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already almost halfway through the year. With all the excitement that accompanies our school's steady growth, we are encouraged to find that a dutiful staff and a dedicated student body have all worked together to support an atmosphere of peace and comfort.

And yet our activity continues- we look back on a semester full of joyful events and activities, and ahead to one of more exciting opportunities for our young folks. Above all else, we look toward more opportunities for your children to embrace and grow in wisdom and nobility.

We are delighted to share in this work with such a marvelous community; parents, students, and faculty all united around the best things- the timeless harbor of truth, the solid anchor of virtue- these are the means by which we prepare our young people to journey confidently ahead into a world that needs them dearly. We find great joy in knowing that we share this highest priority with you all.

We wish all of our families a delightful holiday break and happy new year.

Philip Althage and Tami Perkins

Academic Advisory Committee

We are happy to announce that the application for service on the Academy Advisory Committees of Great Hearts Texas is now open. If you feel called to serve our schools in this capacity, please review the [guidelines](#) and complete the [application](#) and return it on or before December 28, 2018 to submissions@GreatHeartsTX.org.

We look forward to taking this step forward with you to improve our schools and to strengthen the community around them.

Together,

Aaron Kindel

President and Superintendent - Great Hearts Texas

Upper School Tutoring Update

Dear Great Hearts Parents,

With the advent of winter break upon us, Upper School afternoon **tutoring** is **canceled** on **Tuesday, 12/18**, after school. Enjoy your winter break!

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

Winter RHAPSODE Submission Reminder (Grades 6-10)

Dear parents,

Thank for encouraging your student to submit their creative work for our Winter Rhapsode literary and arts journal. We are still taking submissions and will do so until **December 21st**. We would love to have a variety of work from our students. Please continue to encourage your scholar to submit something to Mr. McKowen via email (robert.mckowen@greatheartsirving.org)!

Thank you!

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, January 9th**. **Upper School** tour will be hosted from 9:00am - 9:40am sign up [here](#). **Lower School** tour is **FULL**, however we will be hosting another one after the winter holiday.

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 Athletics

Best of luck to our Middle School Girls and Boys basketball teams today!

We look forward to continuing an excellent season after the winter break.



PSO Information

A BIG BIG Thank you to all of the wonderful families who contributed to our 2018 Snowflake Fund!! It was our most successful one to date and we will be able to give each of our wonderful, dedicated teachers \$170 to take home for the holidays. Way to go GHI Parent community!



We also want to thank you for showing up to our 2nd quarter Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A! It was a great turnout and the proceeds will go directly to PSO and our efforts to serve the teachers and the school.

A few things to put on your calendar as we head into new year!

Teacher Luncheons for 2019

January 11
February 8
March 22
April 5

PSO Workshops for 2019

January 10
February

Spring Projects:

LS Field Day: March 1
US Field Day: March 8
Teacher Appreciation Week TBD

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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