

GreatHearts

Irving

Upcoming Events to Remember

- December 4th - 14th Great Hearts Holiday Toy Drive - More details below
- Tuesday, December 4th - Middle School soccer meeting at 3:15pm in Courtyard.
- Wednesday, December 5th - Coffee with the Counselor for grades 7 and 8
- Thursday, December 6th at 8:00am - PSO Workshop
- Thursday, December 6th - Great Hearts Winter Concert. More details below.
- Friday, December 7th - High School Theometha (Film Night)
- 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)
- 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**



Holiday Toy Drive

'Tis the season of giving, and what better way to teach our children the virtue of charity than by taking an opportunity to give to those in need!



Great Hearts Irving is proud to announce a school-wide HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE to begin this week in collaboration with the [Toys for Tots](#) program. The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is to bring the joy of the season to and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children.

Please bring in a new unwrapped toy (for a child age 0-12) to the school between the dates of Dec 4 - Dec 14.

Distribution boxes will be located at each entrance to the building, and we will be asking students to drop off the toys immediately upon entering the building. Please do not send your children with video games or toy weapons.

We are looking forward to joining as a community to bring joy to children in need- thank you as always for your support.

Make it SNOW!!

During this season of holiday warmth and cheer we would like to remember our amazing faculty by gifting each of them with a little something extra to take home with them for the holidays.

In Lieu of individual gifts we encourage you to give at least \$5 for each teacher who serves your scholar(s).

CLICK [HERE](#) TO CONTRIBUTE!

Cash or check* can be given at the Front Desk

*Checks should be made out to Great Hearts Irving PSO

Counselor's Coffee Series

Dear 7th and 8th 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 Preparing for College during Middle School, 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.

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,	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total Cost of College: What will College

2019		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!

High School Theometha (Film Night)



Dear parents,

Please RSVP your high school student for our next Theometha (film night) featuring "White Christmas" this Friday (Dec. 7th). Click [here](#) for the invitation!

We look forward to sharing this film with your scholars.

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.

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 will be hosted from 9:40am - 10:20pm sign up [here](#).

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

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.



PSO Information

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 6: PSO Workshop 8:00 am (or right after drop-off)

December 11: (3:30pm - Close) 2nd Quarter Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A (635 and MacArthur)

December 13: Deadline for the Snowflake Fund



The Snowflake Fund is in full swing and we still have a ways to go to meet our goal! This our chance to show our teachers how grateful we are for all of their hard work and dedication to our scholars. Every bit counts so head over [HERE](#) and give whatever you can. Also, be sure to have your student send up a note of appreciation on a paper snowflake so we can hang them all around the school.

SAVE THE DATE! Our second quarter Spirit Night will be December 11 from 3:30 - Close at the Chick-Fil-A off of MacArthur and 635 (7850 N MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75063). Go in or get it To-go and be sure to say you are with Great Hearts Irving!

As always, feel free to email PSO anytime at psa@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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