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GreatHearts Irving

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

Upcoming Events to Remember

- Wednesday, January 30th - Coffee with College Counselor - covering Summer Programs and the State of College Admissions
- Wednesday, January 30th - Window into Wonder tour from 1:20pm - 2:40pm.
- Monday, February 18th - Presidents' Day, severe weather make-up day or no school
- Friday, February 22nd - Full day
- Monday, February 25th and Thursday, February 28th - Middle School Open Houses, 6:30-7:30 PM
- Friday, March 1st - Lower School Field Day
- Friday, March 8th - Upper School Field Day
- Thursday, May 2nd - Lower School Concert



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 30th**.
Upper School tour will be hosted from 1:20 - 2:00pm sign up [here](#).
Lower School tour will be hosted from 2:00 - 2:40pm sign up [here](#).

Parents are welcome to attend both tours. If you would like to be a part of both, we ask that you please RSVP for each event. Thank you.

Myths vs. Facts of Public Charter School Funding

Myth: *Public charter schools receive more funding than ISDs.*

Fact: Public charter school students **only** receive state funding, while ISD students receive money from both state and local sources.

Fact: Public charter schools **only** receive 4.5 percent of the state's \$42.3 billion education budget, despite educating 5.1 percent of Texas students.

Fact: For Fiscal 2019, ISD students will receive an average of \$559 **more** (M&O revenue plus I&S revenue) on average than public charter school students, according to new TEA data.

Campus Construction



We are excited about the progress being made at the new site. The foundation has been laid, and the walls are beginning to rise. Here we see what will most likely constitute 7th and 8th grade classroom spaces.

A Message from Director of Academy Giving, Keo Strull

I want to thank everyone for welcoming me into the Great Hearts Irving community. I am working diligently to meet each of you. Be patient while I learn names and classrooms. If I look lost in the school, I probably am! Please come by my office and introduce yourself so we can be friends!

With great excitement I want to announce that plans for **Floresco** are in full swing! Yes, it is happening!! The date is April 27th. Look for a Save the Date to be sent out soon. It will be new and fun and a party! Moms have already started working on the details. Amanda Nicolls has agreed to be my big Chief, while I work closely beside her with the planning. Thank you, Terry Travis for all your guidance and direction. We need lots of help and will be looking for volunteers, moms and dads, to be part of this great community event!

Best,
 Keo Strull
 Director of Academy Giving
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Student Pick-Up Reminder

All students must be picked up by 3:40 PM unless they are enrolled in an after-school activity. After this time, students are monitored by Athenaeum/Homework Club.



If a student is **not enrolled** in Athenaeum/Homework Club and is picked up **late**, a **charge may be incurred**. Parents arriving at or after 4:00 must park at the Athenaeum/Homework Club parking location and walk inside the **south entrance** to sign out their student.

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)
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
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Prospective Family Open House

We will be hosting prospective families in February for two Middle School Open House events. If you know of any families outside of the Great Hearts Irving community who are interested in learning more about the Middle School, please encourage them to RSVP by calling **469-759-3030** or visiting [here](#) and to join us for either event:

- Feb. 25, 6:30-7:30 PM (Location: Great Hearts Irving)
- Feb. 28, 6:30-7:30 PM (Location: Great Hearts Irving)

Great Hearts Athletics

Upper School Athletics

Monday, January 28th

Middle School Girls Basketball vs Founders Flower Mound
5:30pm at Drive Nation
 Middle School Boys Basketball vs Founders Flower Mound
6:30pm at Drive Nation
 High School Soccer vs Cristo Rey
6:45 pm at Cottonwood Park



Wednesday, January 30th

Student Track and Field Interest Meeting
3:15-3:30 in the courtyard

Thursday, January 31st

Baseball Try-Outs
4:00-5:30 at North Lake College

Lower School Athletics

K-5th Grade Spring YMCA Soccer

Great Hearts teams are now forming for K-5 Spring soccer in the YMCA recreational league. The teams are coed, and there are three different age groups: 5/6YO (K&1st), 7/8YO (2nd&3rd), and 9/10YO (4th&5th), often referred to respectively as 6U, 8U, and 10U.

The sign-up deadline is mid-February (exact date to be confirmed) to give sufficient time to order team shirts before the start of games on March 2. Cost is \$60 for members of the YMCA, \$75 for non-members.

The season is scheduled to go from March 2 to April 20. There are 8 games in the season, all games will be played Saturdays at North Lake College. Practice times will be determined with your coach, although traditionally GH teams have practices at North Lake on Thursday evenings. Practices usually start a week or two before the games start.

You can sign up online and pay by credit card [HERE](#).

Alternatively, you can go in person to the YMCA, fill out the registration form and pay with cash, check, or credit card.

When registering, take **PARTICULAR CARE** to specify the school as **GREAT HEARTS**, and to specify the **CORRECT** shirt size.

Brad Bell has volunteered to serve as a liaison between the Great Hearts community and the YMCA to help in organizing the soccer teams and to help ensure the best possible experience. We had quite a good season in the fall, and look forward to another good season this spring. We do expect increased participation over the 5 teams we had in the fall, so we will likely be looking for more volunteer coaches.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Bell for any questions. He can be reached by phone/text at 972-655-4123 or by email at b_radford1@yahoo.com

PSO Information

CALLING ALL FEARLESS LEADERS. Have you wanted to be more involved with PSO? Do you have great ideas and the desire to serve the school in a new way? You are in luck; we need a new **PSO President** and a new **Secretary** for the 2019-2020 school year! If you are interested or just want to hear more about what it entails please reach out to Annie Muller at pso@greatheartsirving.org



We also need a new volunteer as soon as possible to take over the Spirit Store. All this requires is picking up the orders across the street once a month and leaving them at the front desk. If you are interested please contact Annie Muller at pso@greatheartsirving.org

Upcoming Important Dates:

Teacher Lunches

February 8
March 22
April 5

PSO Workshop

February 7

Spirit Nights

February at Lamberti's (date TBD)
April 23 at Spring Creek BBQ

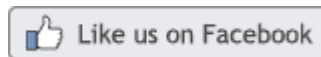
Athenaeum

Registration for Athenaeum (K-5th) and Homework Club (6-10th) is 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).



We are also very excited to announce that we will be hosting our first ever Summer Camp during the week of June 10th-14th at the GHI Campus. Registration will open February 11th. More details to come soon!

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