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# GreatHearts

## Irving

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

### Upcoming Events to Remember

- Wednesday, January 9th - Window into Wonder Tour. More details below.
- Friday, January 11th - Lost and Found Clean Out
- Friday, January 11th - Coffee with the Headmasters for 4th and 8th grade parents. More details below.
- Friday, January 11th - Deadline to sign up for National Latin and Spanish Exams. More details below.
- Monday, January 14th - Aim for Success Student Presentation
- Friday, January 18th - Coffee with the Headmasters for 5th and 7th grade parents.
- Monday January 21- Tuesday January 22nd - **No School**
  - Winter projects for High School Students
- Thursday, January 24th - Charter Schools 101 Presentation 6:00 - 7:00pm. More details below.
- Friday, January 25th - **FULL DAY**



- 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.

## **Lost and Found Clean Out**

Please pick up any lost and found items prior to the 11th, as the lost and found will be cleaned out on the 11th.



## **Coffee with the Headmasters**

Dear 4th and 8th Grade 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 Friday 1/11 at 8:00 AM. The 4th Grade parents will meet with Ms. Perkins, and the 8th 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

## **Aim for Success**

On January 14th, Aim for Success will come to speak to 7th-10th grade students on the subject of technology and social media with respect to our culture's relation to sexuality. The presentation, which has been delivered to several other Classical schools in the area, is consistent with the values we seek to uphold as a school fundamentally dedicated to safeguarding the dignity of the human person.

We consider parent involvement in this realm to be of great importance, for which reason we invited you to attend the Parent Preview on 12/10. We hope that parents, having seen the presentation or having reviewed the [outline](#), will have had conversations at home with children during this time in anticipation of the 1/14 student presentation.

A few important details to note about the 1/14 student presentation:

- Students below grade 7 will not be present for the presentation.
- Male and female students will be separated.
- Boys in grades 9 and 10 will receive a talk identical to the parent presentation (as described in the outline above; all other students will receive a talk that

omits material particularly applicable for HS boys (the difference of about 5 minutes worth of sensitive topics).

An Opt-Out form may be found [HERE](#). Please complete this form and return it to the front desk by Thursday January 10th if you do not want your 7th-10th grade child(ren) to attend.

## **National Latin Exam**

This year, GHI Latin students will take the National Latin Exam the week of March 4th (the exact day and time to be determined). The cost is \$5.00 per student. Students who are interested in taking the exam must register and submit payment to the school by Friday, January 11th. Parents may register their students in one of two ways: [online here](#) or by completing the bottom portion of this [form](#) and submitting it to the front desk along with \$5.00 cash or check made out to Great Hearts Irving.



Please contact Mariel Mueller ([Mariel.Mueller@GreatHeartsIrving.org](mailto:Mariel.Mueller@GreatHeartsIrving.org)) with any questions. We are excited to offer our students this opportunity again and look forward to another successful year.

## **National Spanish Exam**

This year, GHI Spanish students will take the National Spanish Exam (the exact day and time to be determined). The cost is \$6.00 per student. Students who are interested in taking the exam must register and submit payment to the school by Friday, January 11th. Parents may register their students in one of two ways: [online here](#) or by completing the bottom portion of this [form](#) and submitting it to the front desk along with \$6.00 cash or check made out to Great Hearts Irving.



Please contact Celina Martinez ([Celina.Madero@GreatHeartsIrving.org](mailto:Celina.Madero@GreatHeartsIrving.org)) with any questions. We are excited to offer our students this opportunity again and look forward to another successful year.

## **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"> <li>PSAT Follow up: Next Steps</li> </ul>
December 5, 2019	7th & 8th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing for college during Middle School</li> </ul>
January 30, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Programs</li> <li>The State of College Admissions</li> </ul>
February 13, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Cost of College: What will College cost you?</li> </ul>
February 27, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Great Hearts Education: How are Great Hearts schools viewed by colleges?</li> </ul>
March 27, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Texas' Automatic Admissions Policy</li> </ul>
April 10, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Hearts Graduates: Results for our TX graduates</li> </ul>
May 1, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing Options and Standardized Test Prep</li> </ul>
May 29, 2019	7-10th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning your college campus visits</li> <li>Making the most of summer</li> </ul>

## **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 later this month.

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

## **Charter School 101**

Please join us on January 14th for our Charter School 101 presentation from 6:00 - 7:00pm at Great Hearts. Come and learn:

- Basic facts about charter schools and why they are under attack
- How charter schools and ISDs are funded
- 2019 Legislative Session - How YOU can help

## **Great Hearts Athletics**

### **Basketball**

Our High School boys have home games on Tuesday and Friday, while our Middle School girls and boys have a home game on Monday the 14th at 5:30 and 6:30 respectively. All home games are at Drive Nation. All upcoming events can be found [here](#).



### **Soccer**

Soccer this season is beginning in January! High School try-outs are January 7th, and Middle School try-outs are January 10th at North Lake College. More soccer information can be found [here](#).

Basketball athletes are welcome to join soccer after the Basketball season ends

## **PSO Information**

PSO is looking forward to a great 2019! We are back in full-swing with a workshop this Thursday and a Teacher's Luncheon on Friday. In the new semester PSO will be helping with Lower and Upper School Field day, and we will have two more Spirit Nights to look forward to. Please find below all the important dates!



### **Teacher Luncheon's**

January 11 Sign up to help [here](#)  
 February 8  
 March 22  
 April 5

### **PSO Workshops**

January 10  
 February 7

### **Spirit Nights**

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

## **Athenaeum**

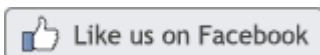
Registration for Athenaeum (K-5th) and Homework Club (6-10th) is now open . You can register for Athenaeum and Homework Club [here](#).



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](mailto:Athenaeum.Irving@GreatHeartsTX.org)

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