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Irving

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Upcoming Events to Remember

- Thursday, February 14th - PSO Workshop
- Monday, February 18th - Presidents' Day, severe weather make-up day or no school
- Tuesday, February 19th - Lamberti's Spirit Night 5-9 pm
- Thursday, February 21st - Evening with the Classics: Friendship, Culture and Order 5:30-6:30 pm
- Friday, February 22nd - Full day
- Monday, February 25th and Thursday, February 28th - **Middle School Open Houses**, 6:30-7:30 pm (**Parents** of *prospective* GH students)
- Friday, March 1st - Lower School Field Day
- Friday, March 8th - Upper School Field Day
- Thursday, May 2nd - Lower School Concert



Emergency Communication System Test

On **Wednesday, February 13** we will be conducting a **test** of our school-wide emergency communication system. Text, email, and phone messages will be sent to parents through the contact information that the school currently has on file. The test messages will be sent **starting at noon** on February 13; if, by the end of the day, you believe that you did not receive some or all of the test messages, please follow up by email only with the front office--but not necessarily on the morning of the 14th--to update your contact information. If you receive an "opt-in" text message from our School Messenger alert system, please do remember to opt in to receive future alerts. Complete, timely, and clear communication with families is of paramount importance in

the event of an actual emergency, and we want to be ready. Thank you for helping us to remain vigilant.

Evening with the Classics

Lower and Upper School Parents:

Please join us on campus from 5:30-6:30 pm on 2/21 for an Evening with the Classics. The discussion will center on the theme of Friendship, Culture and Order. During this meeting, we'll discuss how we aim to foster a healthy and civil social environment for our students, how parents and staff can identify challenges to that environment, and how our approach to student behavior contributes to a positive atmosphere. This event is not designed for student attendance, so please coordinate childcare accordingly.

Lost and Found

Please claim any lost and found items by Thursday, February 14th, before lost and found is cleaned out.

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, February 13th**.
Upper School tour will be hosted from 9 - 9:40 am sign up [here](#).
Lower School tour will be hosted from 9:40 - 10:20 am 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.

Campus Construction



If you've driven by the new campus lately, you'll likely see the walls continuing to rise, and the long shadow of a crane against the fresh concrete of our new parking lot.

Myths vs. Facts of Public Charter School Funding

Myth: Public charters put the Permanent School Fund (PSF) bond guarantee in jeopardy.

Fact: As noted by Moody's, **no** Texas charter has ever defaulted under PSF.

Fact: The cost savings achieved by the fund has **returned** \$162 million to Texas classrooms.

A Message from Director of Academy Giving, Keo Strull

Floresco is happening!! Mark your calendars for April 27th. We want everyone to come and be part of the fun evening. Special entertainment provided by the **Scholars-in-Chief at GHI: The Pillars**. Our student's art work will once again be on display for our viewing pleasure. And there is so much more. Information will be arriving in your email soon!

Floresco is impossible to plan without the help of our wonderful parent volunteers. Please join us on Tuesday, February 12th at 8:00 am. and please be prompt because of a tight schedule. Interested volunteers will discuss all the details already planned and the areas that need additional help. We need you!

A **BIG thank-you** for your generous support of Community Investment in 2018! As you know, CI directly supports our operating budget and puts things like textbooks, microscopes, and club supplies in the hands of our students. With your commitment to a better education and CI, we are bridging the funding gap!

Tax receipts went out via email last week. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding your receipt.

Did you know your donation can be doubled if the company you work for is participating in our **matching grant program**? With your help, Keo Strull or Emily Glicksman can verify your company's participation and begin receiving double the money you have pledged!! We are happy to walk you through the steps. Thank you to all those who have already made the arrangements and GHI is currently receiving double the money! [Click here](#) for further donation information.

Best,
Keo Strull
Director of Academy Giving
keo.strull@greatheartsirving.org

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



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)
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

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. **This is a parent-only 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

Come support the soccer teams at our home triple header on Saturday!



Saturday, February 16th

Venue: North Lake College

9:00am - Middle School Girls

10:00am - Middle School Boys

11:00am - High School Co-ed

For other upcoming athletic events, please see our athletics calendar [here](#).

Lower School Athletics

K-5th Grade Spring YMCA Soccer - Signup Deadline Feb. 15

Great Hearts teams are now forming for K-5 Spring soccer in the YMCA recreational league.

The teams are coed, and there are three main age groups: 5/6YO (K&1st), 7/8YO (2nd&3rd), and 9/10YO (4th&5th), often referred to respectively as 6U, 8U, and 10U.

There is a fourth age group, 3/4YO (pre-K), also called "Small Fries". Some GH parents have expressed interest in forming a pre-K team for younger siblings not yet in GH; we have 3 kids so far, need 3 more for a 6 kid team. Practice & game times same as older kids.

The sign-up deadline is February 15 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 have increased participation over the 5 teams we had in the fall (almost 60 kids so far!), so **we are looking for more volunteer coaches**.

Note: While for K-5 Great Hearts supports & encourages sports participation in the YMCA leagues, in the end this is not a Great Hearts activity, but rather a YMCA activity. Since the kids like to play on teams with their friends, we set up "Great Hearts" teams, coached by volunteer Great Hearts parents, but that is not 100% guaranteed (unless you are a volunteer coach!).

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

Our February **PSO Workshop is THIS Thursday**, February 14 at 8 am. Please come join us as we help the teachers with any immediate needs and also discuss Field Day and Teacher Appreciation Week!



3rd Quarter Spirit Night is coming up NEXT Tuesday, February 19th at Lamberti's Ristorante from 5-9 pm.

We are still looking for our next **PSO President and Secretary!** If you are even thinking about it a little bit, please reach out and we can talk! I would love to start "training" and orienting whoever it might be as soon as possible!

FIELD DAY 2019!

It's that time of year again! Time for our 4th Annual Lower School Field Day! It will be March 1, from 8 am-12:30 pm and we cannot pull it off without the help of our wonderful parent community!

Please go here to sign up! Please note, you will need to be able to be at school at 7:30 and will need to stay until the end. If you have any questions please contact Annie Muller at annieizabeth@gmail.com.

FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS

The 2019 Field Day shirt is almost ready for the printers! Children will be allowed to wear the 2019 Field Day shirt OR any previous years' Field Day shirt.

To give everyone the best chance of getting a shirt, Field Day shirts will be **SOLD ON CAMPUS** this year from 7:20-8:15 a.m. outside on the turf the Monday, Tuesday and



Wednesday preceding Field Day (February 25th, 26th and 27th). They will also be available the morning of Field Day from 7:30-8:00 Sizes will be first come, first serve and they can be purchased using CASH or CHECK only.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day of camaraderie and sportsmanship!

Upcoming Dates:

Teacher Lunches: March 22 and April 5
4th Quarter Spirit Night: Spring Creek BBQ
April 23

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Summer Camp: K-5th



It was John Muir that said, "With every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." This week campers will receive more than their share of nature and all the fascinating wonders that it holds.

Our campers will get to walk among five different habitats of earth – the Arctic Circle, the Amazon Rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef, the Sahara Desert, and the Andes Mountains. Campers will explore brine shrimp, symbiotic relationships, extreme climates, the effect of altitude on our bodies, and more! On Friday there will be a presentation to showcase the vast explorations experienced through the week. Parents and guests are invited to attend!

Dates:

June 10 - June 14

Times:

Drop-off: 7:45am – 8:15am
Camp: 8:15am – 6:00pm
Pick-up 5:30pm – 6:00pm

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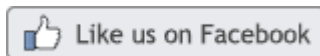
Registration fee: \$35.00 (includes a camp shirt)
\$250.00 (- \$25.00 Early Bird Discount until May 1)

Dress Code:

Uniforms NOT required! Any Great Hearts shirt or solid color shirt permitted. Sneakers and shorts highly encouraged (solid navy, khaki and black only, not form fitting or above thigh, athletic shorts allowed). NO flip-flops or sandals.

REGISTER: greatheartsirving.configio.com/go/summer

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