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# GreatHearts

## Irving

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

### Upcoming Events to Remember

- 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
- Saturday, April 27th - Floresco
- Thursday, May 2nd - Lower School Concert



### 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.

## **Winter Formal 2019**

GHI Senate is proud to invite all 9th and 10th graders to...

### ***Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening***

February 23, 2019

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Great Hearts Irving | 3350 Story Rd. W Irving, TX, 75038

Tickets \$30 [online here](#) or at front desk

Semi-Formal Dress

9th and 10th grades are invited. Please join us for hors d'oeuvres, music, and dancing.

"The Woods are Lovely, Dark and Deep"

## **Deficiency Notices**

On Friday, families of students struggling in particular classes will receive notices indicating areas for improvement, and we want to clarify what these notices are and what they are not. Deficiency and Academic Notices are being sent through the Jupiter system this year. Please check your junk/spam folder in case any were put there.

- 1. Deficiency notices only define a starting point.** They are not blanket judgments, nor do they mean your child cannot succeed at our school. They do indicate that at a month into the year, we find your child struggling in these specific areas of knowledge, skills, or habits.
- 2. Deficiency notices are calls for focus, not calls for alarm.** We notify you of these deficiencies so you can begin working with us in addressing them.
- 3. It is our plan to address these deficiencies.** Although some methods of addressing these deficiencies are beyond our control (students actually reading and doing homework; parents encouraging diligence in their children and being supportive of the school's curriculum and the teacher's assignments), many ways to address student deficiencies are available to us as a school; and it is our intention to address the areas of knowledge, skills, and habits where we believe your children need work.
- 4. Your proper response is important.** First, please, steel yourself against the typical defenses, such as, "the teacher doesn't like me," or "he never teaches us anything," or "she always loses my homework," or "I know all this already, but I just don't test well." Encourage your child to look at the areas defined by the deficiency notice as an area for focused improvement--an area to be revisited again in short order. Ask them to do their work, follow the teacher's directions, and seek help.

With the growth of knowledge, the cultivation of skills in careful reading, as well as the development of good work and study habits, the children can make genuine progress. They will, moreover, be on the road to success not

merely in school, but in any field of responsibility to which life might ultimately lead them.

## **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 [annielizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:annielizabeth@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 am. 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!

## **Uniform Update**

With the weather becoming warmer, please recall that students are required to adhere to the following guidelines for shorts and skirts:

**Skirts:** The skirt hem may be no higher than just above the knee, both in front and in back. Skirts must be worn at the waist.

**Shorts:** Shorts should go to just above the knee but not below. Shorts should be worn at the waist.

If shorts/skirts do not conform to the above descriptions, students must wear other uniform-compliant attire until the adequate purchases or alterations can be made.

For the full uniform guidelines, see the [Upper School Family Handbook](#) and [Lower School Family Handbook](#).

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

## **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!

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 at the end of January. 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@greatheartsgiving.org](mailto:keo.strull@greatheartsgiving.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 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>

## 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*

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



## PSO Information

**3rd Quarter Spirit Night** is coming up TOMORROW, 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!

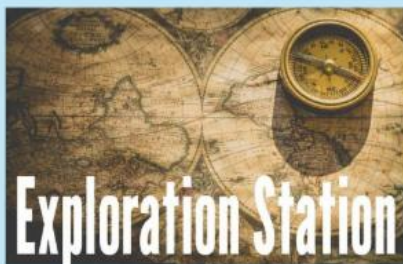
### **Upcoming Dates:**

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

## Athenaeum

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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

### **Pricing:**

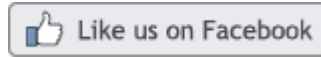
Registration fee: \$35.00 (includes a camp shirt)  
\$250.00 (- \$25.00 Early Bird Discount until May 1)

### **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: [greateartsirving.configio.com/go/summer](https://greateartsirving.configio.com/go/summer)**

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