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Irving

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

Upcoming Events to Remember

- **Thursday, February 7th - Superintendent's Town Hall 8-8:45 am**
- 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
- 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



Important Expansion Updates

If you did not have a chance to see the important announcement last week concerning our expansion updates, please find that message [here](#).

We recognize that this news will be met with questions and reflections. Toward that end, we invite families to join us in the Art Room on **Thursday February 7th from 8:00-8:45am for a talk with our Superintendent** and other Great Hearts leadership. The event will also be broadcast via Facebook Live. In-person and online questions will be heard at the conclusion of the overview. Please await a follow-up communication with directions concerning parking and online participation.

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

Last Week



This Week



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.

Myths vs. Facts of Public Charter School Funding

Myth: *Public charter schools are taking money away from ISDs.*

Fact: When a student enrolls in a public charter school, the funding from the resident ISD essentially follows the student. This is no different for an ISD than when a student moves away or transfers to a neighboring school district.

Fact: Public funding exists to support students, not school systems.

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



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

Lower School Athletics

Spring Registration for Irving Softball League ages is now open. Please click [here](#) to register for a team.

For additional information or help with your registration you can contact Terri McMorris at igslwebmaster2017@gmail.com



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.

Note: 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; contact Brad Bell (below) for more info.

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.

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.

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

Upper School Athletics

Please see the athletic calendar [here](#) for upcoming athletic events.

Track and Field Try-outs take place at North Lake College on Thursday from 4:00-5:30.

Please contact Coach Long if you have any questions. His email is robert.long@greatheartssirving.org

PSO Information

Please note: Due to the Superintendent visit, PSO Workshop will be **RESCHEDULED** for **February 14 at 8:00 a.m.**

3rd quarter Spirit Night coming up soon! February 19th 5:00-9:00 at Lamberti's!

The next Teacher Luncheon is **THIS Friday!** If you want to help please sign up [here](#).

Sign ups for Lower and Upper School Field Day will be coming out soon as well as information about this years Field Fay T-Shirt.



****We are still looking for our next fearless leader in the PSO! If you are interested in being President or Secretary please contact Annie Muller at psa@greatheartssirving.org.**

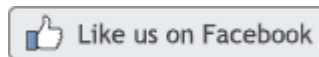
Athenaeum

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 4 pm, 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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