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GreatHearts

Irving

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

Upcoming Events to Remember

- Wednesday, March 27th, 8-9 am -
Counsellor's Coffee Series: Texas' Automatic Admissions Policy
- Friday, March 29th - Re-Enrollment Ends
- Friday, April 5th, 4:30pm - HS Soccer vs. GHI Faculty
- Saturday, April 27th - Floresco
- Thursday, May 2nd - Lower School Concert



Re-Enrollment

Re-Enrollment end this **Friday, March 29th**.

Please complete the Re-Enrollment process for your student by accessing [Parent Portal](#), download the registration packet, print and sign pages 1 and 3, then turn the forms into the front desk. All packets need to be turned in to the Front Office no later than **THIS** Friday.

Parent Mentorship

As we prepare to welcome new families into our community, we hope to enlist the energy, knowledge, and goodwill of our current parents in the effort. Great Hearts Irving is currently developing the plans of a "Parent Mentorship" arrangement underway at both campuses (more details on this soon).

If you would like to be involved in the effort of welcoming new families at specific events and contributing your knowledge and experience with the

school to help these new families, please sign up at the following link. Depending upon the ratio of current to new families, we hope to include as many families as express an interest. Once we have an account of your interest, we will follow up with you specifically to discuss the next steps.

The commitment will not be an onerous one- we will ask for a few hours of your time each semester and possibly late Summer.

Please consider joining together to welcome our newest families next year!

[Parent Mentorship Signup](#)

Parent Survey

Dear Great Hearts Families,

Please take 7-10 minutes to help us make a good thing better! This survey is a key tool to help us understand what is important to each of you and where we can improve Great Hearts. Your responses are anonymous. Everything you write will be read by your headmaster and regional executive team to help identify and prioritize areas for improvement in the coming year.

Please take one survey for each school where you have a child enrolled and note that Archway and Prep are different schools.

[Here is the link to the survey.](#)

The survey will remain available until 11:59 PM PST on March 31. Please contact Katie Carmer at kcarmer@greatheartsamerica.org with questions or if you have difficulties completing the survey.

Additionally, if you would like to speak with your headmaster or someone at your child's school about a specific issue or concern, you are always welcome to contact the school directly.

Sincerely,
Robert Wagner
Chief Administrative Officer
Great Hearts America

Faculty Recruitment

Dear Great Hearts Families,

As I'm sure you'll agree, finding the right teachers to join our academic communities - faculty who are virtuous and have rich intellectual lives, who are subject-matter experts, committed to life-long-learning and the true, good, and beautiful - is quite simply the most essential element of our academies' success.

Our recruiting efforts are tremendously strengthened by the "word-of-mouth" promotion of Great Hearts teaching opportunities to the broader local community through our own academy families. You were so gracious to share information about our Career Fair last month, and several of you asked if we could give you general materials regarding our recruitment/hiring to share with colleagues, friends, family members, and/or neighbors whom you'd love to encourage to work for Great Hearts. We would very much appreciate your help in this regard, and have included two attachments here which could be used to communicate to that end (a [Word document with informational text](#) which may be copied/pasted/forwarded, as well as a [colorful flyer](#)). Please feel free to use these materials in any way you'd like - via email, social media, etc.

Also, please always feel free to reach out to us directly at careers@greatheartsamerica.org.

Thank you much,

Kiann Mapes, and the Faculty Talent Team

US Field Day Victors

It was a delight to watch our students strive in valor upon the fields of play during Upper School Field Day. At the end of the day, House Darius took the prize with the most victories in each individual game. In celebration of their victory, all students of the House of Darius may wear their house shirts (unmodified) with their ordinary uniform pants, shorts, or skirt on Friday, March 29th.

"I am a friend of the right; of the wrong I am no friend"
- Darius

Yearbook Reminders

It's not too late...

... **to purchase a yearbook!** Just go to ybpay.lifetouch.com. Our school Yearbook ID Code is 12791519. The order deadline is Friday, March 29th.

... **to advertise in the yearbook!** Please email Pam Bergez (pamela.bergez@greatheartsirving.org) & Catherine Brandolini (catherine.brandolini@greatheartsirving.org) for more information.

... **to submit community pictures!** Email your pictures to Catherine Brandolini (catherine.brandolini@greatheartsirving.org).

HS Students vs. Faculty Soccer Game

Come one, come all! The High School soccer team will play the GHI Faculty team on Friday, April 5th, at 4:30pm (weather permitting). Location: Cottonwood Creek Park (just down Story Rd.).

You won't want to miss this epic contest between GHI's finest soccer stars!

Family Directory

Please find the 2018-19 Family Directory [here](#). This document contains updated contact information for all families who did not opt-out during registration or re-enrollment.

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](#).

A Message from Director of Academy Giving, Keo Strull

Community Investment

What is CI? The financial support needed by GHI and generously donated by our parents. With CI, we can ensure the very best quality education ever for your child!

Did you know...GHI has about 910 students in the upper and lower schools.

Did you know...GHI has 85 brilliant teachers committed to shaping the intellectual and moral culture on campus.

Did you know...140 unabridged works of literature, philosophy, and history are read throughout the GHI education.

Until the end of the school year, we are striving for **100% parent participation** in the form of a small or large financial donation to Community Investment. Why? Your investment is a gift that helps us recruit only the best

teachers because we can offer a competitive salary, helps with needed supplies for classrooms, and helps with the operating budget for a school Kindergarten - 10th grade and growing. Can you help us reach this goal? Can you take one minute of your time to invest in your child's education?

We appreciate you!

To the first 5 parents that can answer the following question, you will receive a fabulous gift chosen just for you from GHI. Be sure to send your answer to keo.strull@greatheartssirving.org.

What phrase is on the 2019 field day t-shirt? What is its translation? On your mark, get set, go!

Floresco

April 27, 2019 at Noah's Event Venue

F: Friends having fun with friends

L: Laughing, eating, and dancing

O: Out of the house and fabulously dressed

R: Reading every description of every item in the auction

E: Easy auction checkout because of wonderful, efficient volunteers

S: Singing with our talented staff when they entertain us!

C: Contact Keo, Amanda, Terry, Amy, Desiree, Sabina, Mary, Emily if you have questions about FLORESCO

O: Obviously, it's a time to connect with our community from GHI and be thankful we attend a school that teaches truth, goodness & beauty

Join us, celebrate us, support us! You should have received an invitation in the mail. RSVP's accepted NOW either by mail, or online [here](#).

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, April 17th**
Upper School tour will be hosted from 9 - 9:40 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.

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)
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

Great Hearts Athletics

Please see the athletic calendar [here](#) for upcoming home games!

Middle and High School Soccer, Track, and Baseball photos are tomorrow (3/26) at North Lake College during the regular practice time.

There will be a basketball open gym every other Wednesday at Drive Nation from 4:00-5:30. This begins Wednesday, March 27th, and will be every other week until May 29th. Any students grade 6 and up who already plays or may be interested in playing basketball in the future. There is no cost and no experience is necessary.

PSO Information

Upcoming Dates:

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



Athenaeum



Exploration Station

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: greateheartsirving.configio.com/go/summer

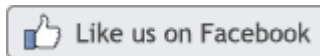
Student Pick-Up Reminder

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.

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