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Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 5th, 4:30pm - HS Soccer vs. GHI Faculty
- Friday, April 5th, US and LS Spirit Wear Day (A GHI shirt with uniform. More details [below](#))
- Saturday, April 27th - Floresco
- Thursday, May 2nd - Lower School Concert



19-20 Calendar Highlights

- First day of school 8/21
- Upper School Conference Week 10/14-16

- Thanksgiving Break 11/25-11/29
- Winter Break 12/23-1/3
- Spring Break 3/16-3/20
- Last Day of Classes 5/29

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

Lower School Spring Concert

To download the form below, [click here](#).

Great Hearts Irving

The Spring Choir Concert: Picnic in the Park (ing Lot)

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019
WHERE: 3350 STORY RD W, IRVING, TX 75038

CONCERT TIMES:

KINDERGARTEN-SECOND GRADE: 5:30-6:15 PM
(STUDENTS ARRIVE AT 5:15 PM)

THIRD-FIFTH GRADE: 6:30-7:15 PM
(STUDENTS ARRIVE AT 6:15 PM)

*PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A PICNIC BASKET, BLANKETS, LAWN CHAIRS, ETC.

*STUDENTS PLEASE WEAR **PROPER UNIFORMS**

*RSVP **DUE BY APRIL 25TH** TO YOUR CHILD'S MUSIC TEACHER

Student RSVP: (Please return this section to school)

DUE: April 25th

Student name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____ Section(s): _____

Please **check:**

Will attend: _____ Will not attend: _____

Each student must return one RSVP slip to school

6th Grade Information Night

The Upper School at Great Hearts Irving is excited to welcome parents to campus from 6:00-7:30 pm on April 10th for a discussion on 6th grade at GHI.

During this meeting- exclusively for parents of students entering 6th grade- we will discuss culture, academics, athletics, the new building, and other essential aspects of the 6th grade experience. We hope that you can join us for this event.

The meeting will be held in the Commons at the current campus. We ask that childcare arrangements be made, as this meeting is open to parents and

guardians only.

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](#)

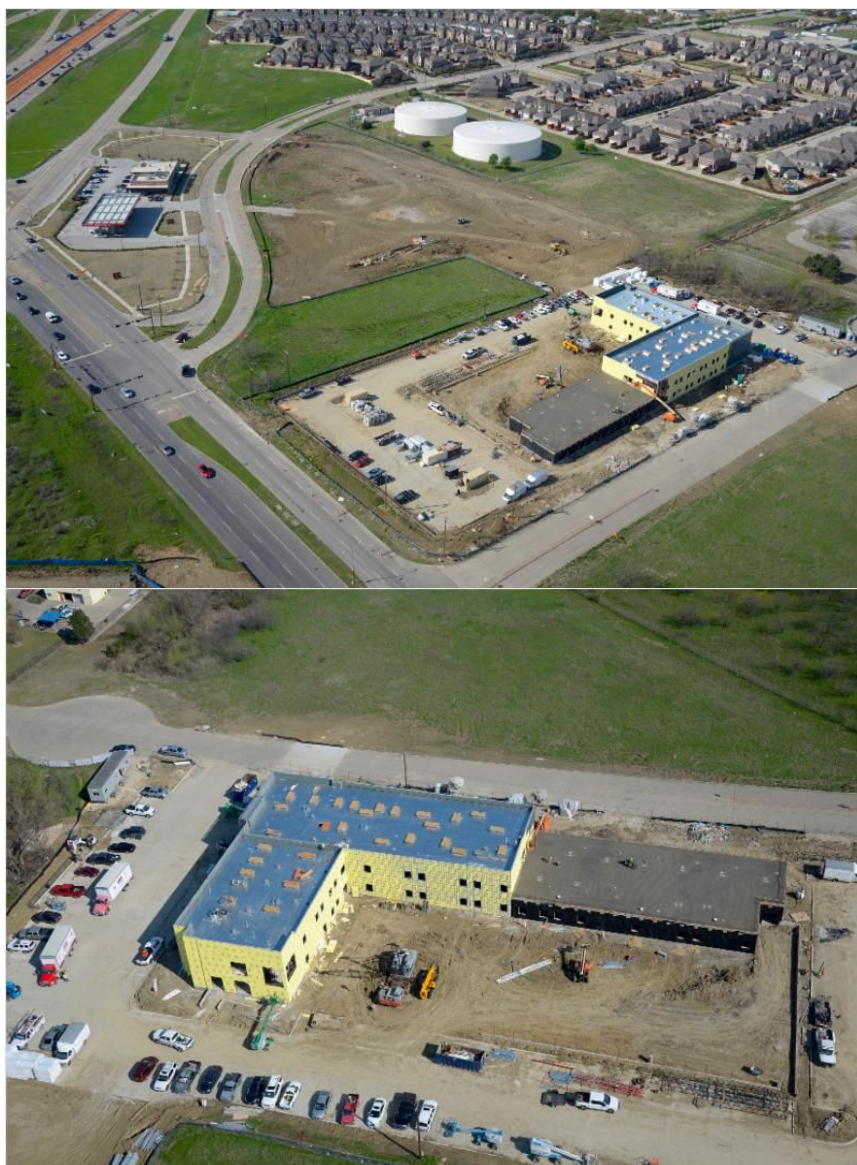
Yearbook Reminders

It's not too late...

... **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).

Construction Update



Dropping off Lunches

Please remember to drop off any student lunches prior to 10:30 so that they can get to the appropriate places before lunches start.

HS Students vs. Faculty Soccer Game

Come one, come all! The High School soccer team will play the GHI Faculty team on THIS 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! The Headmasters have deemed **Friday, April 5th**, as **US and LS Spirit Wear Day**. Your students may wear any GHI shirt (field day shirt, house shirt, homecoming, etc.). All other parts of the uniform (pants/shorts/skirts, shoes, etc.) must still be according to standard dress code policies. Let the shirts and

colors florescent on this day as we prepare for Floresco at the end of the month!

(Side-note from a Latin teacher: "floresco" is a frequentative verb, meaning that it ["blossoming"] continues to happen and unfold over a period of time. Surely education is also frequentative.)

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](#).

Community Investment

The Texas Rangers and Great Hearts Irving have many similarities. Each is dedicated to building a strong team of players and teachers that will provide the best talent money can buy! The Texas Rangers depend on their players to be strong, agile, and fast. Great Hearts Irving depends on its teachers to be passionate, academically gifted, and visionaries as they provide the best education possible for the future leaders in our world. The Texas Rangers know that recruiting the best players possible depends on their ticket sales and a winning strategy. Great Hearts Irving knows that when our parents donate to Community Investment, not only can we recruit the best teachers possible, but it ensures we are able to provide a great work environment for our current staff of teachers.

To do this, GHI must be able to offer a salary that is competitive and rewarding. Your participation in Community Investment does just that! We want 100% parent participation in our final drive of the year to fill the gap,

raise our teacher salaries, provide school supplies, and help with operations. Please be part of the answer...one more gift for the end of year! We make it easy...[follow the link to sign up!](#)

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Floresco

Can you believe it's already April? As the school year winds down, our parents are working hard to complete, finalize, create, secure donations, shop, view, stamp, print, and so much more for Floresco! It takes a village to have a spectacular event...the state of Texas has shown up to help! Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased online or by submitting your RSVP card with a check, cash, or credit card. Ask your friends and family to sit with you at your table. Entertainment provided by the most amazing musicians and artists the city of Irving has ever seen! These amazing people teach your children every day! You don't want to miss it.

Sneak peek at auction items at Floresco:

1. 3 hours of private soccer lessons by Coach Steven
2. Southwest Airlines tickets
3. Private tour of the Dallas Zoo for up to 8 people
4. Food, fun, and friendly faces

Please contact Keo Strull at keo.strull@greatheartsirving.org if you have any questions.

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)
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!

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

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make our Lower School Field Day such a huge success! It was a great day for everyone.



We have one more Teacher Luncheon **THIS** Friday, April 5! If you want to help with side items or drinks, please sign up [here](#).

If you are looking to get involved in Floresco there is still time! Contact Keo Strull at keo.strull@greatheartsirving.org or Amanda Nicholls at amanda@2amps.com.

OUR LAST Spirit Night is coming up this month!
Save the Date: **April 23rd at Spring Creek BBQ, 5-9 pm**

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 20-24. More information coming soon!

Athenaeum

Don't forget to register for our **Exploration Station Summer Camp (June 10th-14th)** on Configio prior to **May 1st** to receive an early bird discount!



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: greateheartsirving.configio.com/go/summer

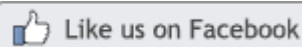
Student Pick-Up Reminder

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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