

THE WEEK AHEAD

GreatHearts
Irving

Welcome to the Week of August 16, 2020

Dear Upper School Families,

This past week was an exciting one for our faculty at Great Hearts Irving as we continued preparing for the first day of school. Not only did we practice our technological savvy, but we re-centered ourselves on the Great Hearts mission, remembering our commitment to wisdom and virtue. The school was abuzz with teachers eagerly sharing materials and ideas among themselves, and all of us felt the happy anticipation of the school year with its promise of meeting our students, delving into our subject matter, and growing together in character.

Teachers also recorded their Meet the Teacher videos, which will arrive in Google Classroom Monday morning. I hope that viewing these videos will inspire you and your scholars as they did me - our faculty's expertise and joy shines through. Please see below for more information.

This past week you, our families, also prepared for the first day of school by picking up books and devices. Thanks to your time and patience, the event went smoothly, and it was a delight to meet some of you in person. A special thank you to Mr. Malone, his team, and our faculty volunteers, for all of their hard work (in the Texas heat, no less) in making this event a success.

This Friday, please check your inbox for my first "Letter from the Headmaster". This will be a regular feature every third Friday of the month.

Finally, below we have listed some resources to help you navigate distance learning in anticipation of the first day of school online. In addition, on Tuesday we will be sending out reminders of our policies and guidelines to help ensure a successful first day of distance learning.

Here's to a great first day!



Michael Cowan
Headmaster, Upper School
Great Hearts Irving

At a Glance

August 17 | Meet the Teacher on Google Classroom

August 19 | [First Day of School!](#)

August 20 | [Distance Learning Meal Pick-Up](#) (8:30-10:30am)

August 21 | [Full-Day Friday](#)

August 27 | [Distance Learning Meal Pick-Up](#) (8:30-10:30am)

September 3 | [Distance Learning Meal Pick-Up](#) (8:30-10:30am)

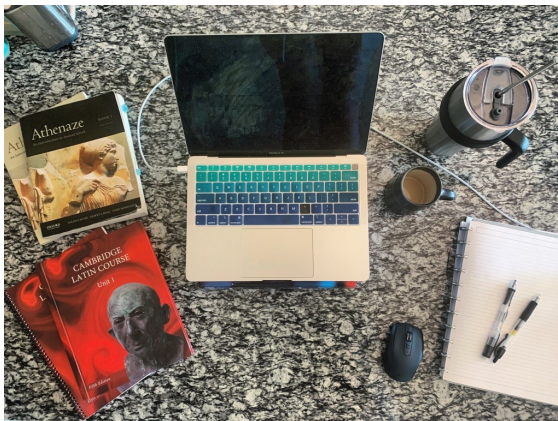
September 7 | [Labor Day Holiday](#)

A Closer Look



Meet the Teacher

To keep our teachers and community safe and healthy, Meet the Teacher is moving online this year. Each of our teachers will record a welcome message so students can get to know their new teachers for the school year. **These videos will be made available in Google Classroom on Monday, August 17 at 8 am.**



First Day of School

Our first day of school is only a few days away! As we will all be online for the first day of school, please be sure to sign into Google Classroom before Wednesday and visit each of your classrooms.

On the stream of each classroom you will find information on when you will be expected to be in Zoom meetings for the first week.



Distance Learning Meals

We are committed to providing meals to all families who would like them. Throughout Distance Learning, families can order meal boxes containing 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches per student per week. **The order for the first 3 weeks of school is due Monday 8/17.**

[Order a Distance Learning Meal Box](#)



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Upper School Week Ahead

This year we are asking families to *opt in* to receive our weekly newsletter, *The Week Ahead*. Beginning September 6, the Upper School *Week Ahead* will only be sent to families who have signed up to receive it.

Opt in to Receive the Week Ahead

Distance Learning Aids

Google Classroom Usernames & Passwords

Google Classroom usernames and passwords were emailed to families on Wednesday, 8/12 at approximately 4pm. For security reasons, this email was only sent to the primary parent/guardian on each student's record. If you did not receive login information for your students, please check your spam/junk folder. Please note that emails may be stacked in your inbox for multiple students.

Tech Help

Great Hearts has a dedicated IT team tasked with helping families with computer and Google Classroom troubles. For help, complete the [Great Hearts Family Help Form](#) or call the Family Help Line at 480-781-4267.

Submit a Ticket for Device or Google Classroom Help

Guide to Changing Your Zoom Name

For safety reasons, students will only be admitted into a Zoom meetings if the name shown is on the teacher's roster. Here's a guide on [How to Change Your Zoom Name](#).

How To Change Your Zoom Name

Schedules, Computers, & Devices

If you missed our schedule, computer, and device distribution last week, please come to the Upper School campus **Monday, August 17 between 8am and noon** to pick up school supplies for your student(s). If you requested a device from the school, a parent must be present to sign the device out.

Ways You Can Help

Substitute Teachers

Due to the current state of affairs, we anticipate an increased need for:

1. [Short and long-term substitutes](#)
2. [Athenaeum teachers and assistants](#)
3. [Teachers available to fill mid-year openings](#)

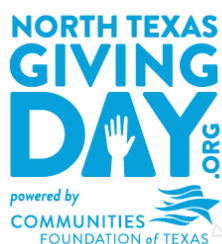
If you or someone you know has interest in applying, please use the links above to complete an online application today!

Substitute Teacher Flyer

Opportunities to Give

People like you help us do what we do best! During these uncertain times, we would like to thank all our parents, grandparents, and friends for their support of the [Community Investment Campaign](#). Your continued generosity ensures our teachers and staff have everything they need to offer this amazing education. Your dollars fill financial gaps. Give what you can for your child. *Every dollar makes a difference.*

We also invite our entire community to participate in this year's North Texas Giving Day. Mark your calendar, give what you can, and make a lasting impact on your child's education. 1 day, 18 hours, an outpouring of support for our wonderful school. Be part of the excitement!



Save The Date!
9.17.20



For more information on Community Investment or North Texas Giving Day, please visit greatheartsirving.org/give or contact our Director of Academy Giving at Keo.Strull@greatheartsirving.org.



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