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Lakeside

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Dear Parents,

A very sincere thank you to all of the parents that attended our first drive-through parade last Saturday! We so much enjoyed getting to see so many of you who are excited to attend Great Hearts Lakeside and who also can't wait for school to begin!

I personally was thrilled to see the amount of Lion Pride demonstrated by the heavily-ballooned vehicles, as well as all of the posters, detailed drawings, T-shirts, and of course, the large stuffed lion! This event created for our staff and families an opportunity to finally build community and to celebrate the opening of Great Hearts Lakeside.

With a large dose of Lion Pride,
Mandi Cannon
Headmaster

Quick Links

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Spirit Shirts

Spirit Shirts

Spirit shirts are on sale! Click the link below to place your order and they will be ready for you at the Lakeside Lion Line-Up.

All proceeds go directly to the PSO fund.

[Buy Your Spirit Shirt!](#)



Orientation and Information

Module #3: Parent Partnerships

Our third orientation module is now available. It describes the partnership between parents and Great Hearts Lakeside. Please take the time to read these documents and then email any further questions to info@greatheartslakeside.org.

[Module #3: Parent Partnerships](#)

Teacher Spotlight



Katy Monwai

Assistant Headmaster

My name is Katy Monwai, and I will be the Assistant Headmaster at Lakeside. I have a BS in Mathematics from the University of Texas at Austin, and I am finishing my Master's in Classical Education at the University of Dallas. I have spent the last 6 years teaching various subjects to middle school students at a private classical school in Dallas, including Singapore math, Aristotelian logic, as well as humanities (integrated English and history). Before that, I homeschooled my 3 daughters who are now entering 10th, 8th, and 5th grades this fall. I have admired Great Hearts from a distance for years, having known many fantastic people who work at various academies. I am drawn to the clear vision of educating whole persons: heads, hands, and hearts. I

have always loved learning and have found that a classical education is a deep well from which to drink; and reading the Great Books in a community of learners is the greatest pleasure.

I am excited to cultivate that kind of community among the Lakeside faculty even as we invite students into learning with us. When the faculty's vision is set on the transcendent things, it truly transforms the kind of school environment and education that can be shared. I am deeply honored to be able to help build such a school, and the kind of life and hope it engenders in the souls of all involved in it, from the ground up.

Our family is in the process of moving to Fort Worth, and we are excited to discover all it has to offer. I can't wait to meet all of our founding families and start this adventure together!

Debbie Baptiste
Latin and Chess Teacher



My name Debbie Baptiste, and I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in the Classical Liberal Arts from The College of St. Thomas More in Fort Worth, Texas. I learned about Great Hearts several years ago when a few colleagues began teaching at Great Hearts Arizona. I had been teaching Latin for many years at a local classical school until last year, when I joined the faculty of Great Hearts Irving. I love that even though these are relatively large schools, each student is known, loved, and respected. I am also struck by the care and attention the school's administration takes in working for the best outcome for students.

I have been taken with classical education ever since friends dragged me to one conference after another in the late 90's. After more than fifteen years in the field, I am still excited to be a part of it. At Great Hearts Lakeside, I will be the Latin and Chess teacher. I love teaching Latin! I am also excited about teaching chess. It is an ancient game with the highest pedigree, but it is also a game for everyone.

My favorite things to do outside of school are walking and hiking, amateur bird watching, singing in choir, yoga, reading, and I am always working at playing the piano.

There is so much about this world that beautiful. I try to imbibe some of it each day--whether it is watching the woodpecker dart around the oak tree outside my window, or observing wildflowers blossoming on my commute--beauty is all around us. I see truth and goodness working in tandem as I teach. Teaching Latin also involves examining the lives and customs of the ancients. We get to examine the truths that are universal, and goodness that is transcendent of time or place.



Courtney McCartney
Third Grade Team Lead Teacher

My name is Courtney McCartney and I am the Third Grade Team Lead for Great Hearts Lakeside! I graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in Child Development. A couple of years ago, I moved from California to San Antonio with my family and shortly after I earned my Teaching Certification through Texas Teachers. Teaching has always been something I knew I would pursue and I feel so lucky to have learned about Great Hearts through my father's colleague.

I started with Great Hearts Monte Vista South as a Second Grade Lead during the second half of the 2017-2018 school year. The next year, I moved up to be a Third Grade Lead and was awarded 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year. I truly believe in the philosophy here at Great Hearts. Through the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty our students are preparing for their bright future as productive citizens.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, I also love hiking in the beautiful outdoors, painting abstract acrylic art, and going to sporting events. Making the move from San Antonio to the Dallas/

Jensine Caranto

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Music Teacher



My name is Jensine Caranto and I am a music teacher in my fourth year with Great Hearts Academies. I earned my Master's in Vocal Performance at the University of Texas at Austin and then began teaching at Great Hearts Northern Oaks in San Antonio, where I worked for three years before moving to Great Hearts Irving. I am very excited to be part of the founding faculty of Great Hearts Lakeside as the K-2 music teacher!

I first heard about Great Hearts through a friend from college who was teaching at the Northern Oaks campus. When I learned that the school upholds the pursuit of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness, I thought it was too good to be true. However, in my years of working at different Great Hearts campuses, I've seen that this is indeed the case! What I love about teaching music at Great Hearts is that, not only do we believe that students learn best by experiencing the "things" themselves - in my case, music through singing, movement, and performance - but we also have the opportunity to teach them how to be great-hearted people with virtues such as honesty, responsibility, and integrity, just to name a few!

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, learning languages, running and playing sports, and most recently, knitting! I am also working towards certification in the Kodaly approach of teaching music.

Uniforms

Sample Items for Sizing

Sample skorts and skirts from Flynn O'Hara are available at our temporary office. If you would like to use these items for sizing, please come by on Wednesday or Friday from 1-4 p.m. We will have these items for two weeks only.

School Supplies



1st Day School Supplies

Grade level school supply lists are now available!

You may purchase a supply bundle from our partnered vendor [1st Day School Supplies](#) or you may purchase comparable items at a store of your choice.

Note: Backpacks and lunch boxes are not included in the supply list. These and other personal items **must be free of any themes or references from licensed characters.**

If shopping on your own, you can find the [supply lists here](#).

Classics to Keep

It is the tradition of Great Hearts academies to inspire students to develop a personal library of literary classics they can keep, annotate and return to throughout their academic careers. Therefore we encourage you to purchase these "[Classics to Keep](#)" so that your student may graduate with an impressive library of literary masterpieces.

So that all students use the text aligned with the class and curriculum parents **must** purchase texts with the **exact** ISBN provided. If you do not purchase the texts, your student will receive a school copy of the book as a part of their curriculum. Students may not mark in these books and must return them in good condition when the class has finished studying it. See [Classics to Keep](#) for more information.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Please contact the [Director of Campus Operation](#), Mrs. Jennifer Sande for more information.

Parent Service Organization

Mission Statement

We are a **community** of parent volunteers that provides a support system to **enrich** students' academic experience. We volunteer our time **in service**, sponsor and promote **social activities**, and provide **programs** to benefit and **support the faculty and administration** who are working to fulfill the Great Hearts mission to cultivate the hearts and minds of students in the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

Purpose and Objectives

1. Support Great Hearts mission
2. Express appreciation for teachers and school administrators
3. Organize social events to unite the community
4. Organize school events
5. Develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement
6. Enhance the educational experience by supporting academic and enrichment activities

Signups for those that are interested in supporting particular events and for those that want to provide general assistance to the teachers or to the school will be available as we get closer to the beginning of the school year.

Facebook Groups

We are excited to offer a general and grade-level Facebook groups for all registered families at Great Hearts Lakeside. These groups offer a way for you to begin to build positive relationships with other parents, as well as to monitor specifics for each grade level in the coming months. These groups are geared towards families and will not be monitored by faculty, so please direct instructional questions and any specific concerns directly towards the appropriate individuals.

Although these pages are not heavily monitored, posts are subject to review and could be removed if deemed inappropriate or negative. We know that many Great Hearts families do not participate in social media and we want to assure you that this is not a means of official school communication. Our newsletters and [website](#) will be your primary source of official school information.

Use the links below to join!

Lakeside Lion Pride
(All Parents Welcome)

Future Students of Great Hearts
Lakeside--
Class of 2034
and Beyond

Kindergarten at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2033

First Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2032



Second Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2031

Third Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2030

Fourth Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2029

Fifth Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2028

Financial Aid Survey

As we move forward into the summer, and work to plan most effectively to support our families, we ask that you complete this survey if you anticipate you will need financial aid assistance in the fall. This is **only a survey** to anticipate needs for the fall. Actual eligibility will be determined after July 1, using a separate application. Please direct any questions regarding this survey, or financial aid in general, to Jennifer Sande, Director of Campus Operations, at Jennifer.sande@greatheartslakeside.org.

Financial Assistance Survey

Referral Program Extended

We know you value a classical liberal arts education. During this time of social distancing, we need your help sharing information about Great Hearts. Below are two easy ways you can spread the word:

1. **Sharing your favorite posts from Great Hearts Lakeside Facebook page.**
2. **Encouraging a family to apply for the 20-21 school year.**

There are available spots and our wait-list is always in motion. If you refer a family and their registration is complete by **June 19th**, you will be entered in a drawing for a voucher for one of our uniform vendors.

If you are the referring parent, please send an e-mail to info@greatheartslakeside.org that includes the name of the scholar and parent you referred. When the registration for the student you referred has been completed, your name will be entered into the drawing.

Community Events

There was an amazing turnout at the Lakeside Lion Line-Up!
190 cars came through the line to grab Great Hearts swag and say hello to our teachers.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated!



Thank you Key Construction for taking these great pictures!

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