

Lakeside 101: Family Orientation Sessions

Session 3: Parent Partnership

It is our joy to educate your students! For them to be successful, parents and faculty must work as partners in their education.

We urge parents to stay connected and engaged throughout the year. Keep up to date with what is happening on campus by reading <u>school communications</u>.

- 1. Prepare your student for a joyful day of learning by enabling them to have:
 - a) Full night's sleep
 - b) Nutritious breakfast
 - c) Clean and dress code compliant uniform
 - d) Backpack loaded with homework, planner, and books

These four conditions combined ensure that your student walks in the doors confident and ready for school.

- 2. Create conditions for homework completion.
 - a) A clear workspace with school supplies and a timer
 - b) Schedule breaks between subjects (When math is finished you can take a 5-minute break)
 - c) Use and monitor the take-home folder and student planner

3. Attitude is Everything

- a) Assume good will on the part of faculty, staff, and administration.
- b) Communicate proactively with teachers. Let us know early on if something is amiss.
- c) When your student struggles, stay empathetic, but refrain from commiserating.
- d) Become familiar with and follow the Lakeside's procedures and guidelines.

School Supplies

Families can purchase school supplies through our partnered vendor, 1st Day School Supplies or by using the supply lists to shop at store of their choice.

To purchase a grade level kit		<u>1st Day School Supplies</u>
To shop at a store of your choice		School Supply Lists
Certain brands are suggested but not required.		
Note: Backpacks and lunch boxes are not included in the supply list. These and other personal items should be free of any themes or references from popular culture .		

School Supplies

If you're not ordering a kit from 1st Day School Supplies, SKIP this slide.

Notes on 1st Day School Supplies

• The ZIP code for the school is 76123

 "Color Selection" applies to scissors, school boxes and pencil sharpeners



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 "<u>Classics to Keep</u>" 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 <u>Classics to Keep</u> for more information.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Please contact the <u>Director of Campus Operation</u>, Mrs. Jennifer Sande for more information.

School Communication

Parents can expect weekly newsletters from the school. The newsletter is the primary source of upto-date, school-wide communication. Parents are strongly advised to read each newsletter throughly.

The <u>website</u> is a valuable source of basic information, such as the <u>academic calendar</u>, <u>dress code</u> <u>guidelines</u>, <u>Classics to Keep</u>, supply lists, and contact information for faculty and administration.

Emails from faculty or administration are generally reserved for a specific topic or time-sensitive information specific to your student.

School Communication

Facebook Groups

Facebook groups are primarily used for building community. FB groups have been used to support students by acquiring used uniforms or arranging carpools.

However, Facebook groups are **not official** channels of communication. If there is a question about something posted on FB, please contact the office or the appropriate teacher.

Please refrain from using social media to raise concerns or ask questions about faculty, curriculum, or Lakeside policies. Faculty and administration cannot address a question or concern if it stays on a FB page. Please reach out to the school directly.

School Communication

Conferences

When it becomes necessary to meet face-to-face or via telephone about an issue or concern, first schedule a time to speak with the teacher or specialist who is directly responsible for that issue or concern.

Community Investment

Community Investment Campaign is the community of Great Hearts Lakeside investing in education its students. Every cent given to CI goes toward bridging the gap between what the state supplies and what our budget requires to provide:

- a) highly qualified and dedicated faculty
- b) a smaller student-to-teacher ratio for more individualized attention
- c) programs like art, music, and foreign language offered consistently
- d) facility and property maintenance

Community Investment

The gap between what the state supplies and what our budget requires is, on average, \$1,700 per student. Each family's situation is unique. We are incredibly grateful for any amount that a family can give, from \$10 to \$10,000.

The most important thing to remember about CI is **100% of any and every gift stays with** Great Hearts Lakeside.

For more information or assistance, please contact <u>Donna Ogden</u>, Director of Academy Giving. Please visit our <u>website</u> to set up a recurring or one-time gift.



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Great Hearts Lakeside! While we have endeavored to provide meaningful information about **parent partnerships**, we recognize that there may be unanswered questions.

Please email questions to info@greatheartslakeside.org.

In partnership,

Great Hearts Lakeside