

Welcome to 9<sup>th</sup> grade!

We are thrilled to welcome your family to Great Hearts Lakeside High School! The transition into high school is a monumental milestone, and we cannot wait to support your students as they pursue Goodness, Truth, and Beauty in high school.

We are already busy preparing for an incredible school year. High school is a time for fresh starts, new opportunities, and creating unforgettable memories. Whether your student is looking forward to challenging academics, competitive sports, arts, or joining exciting student clubs, we are dedicated to helping them find their place in our community.

Please see the newsletter for upcoming school-wide events with details, but here is an overview of new events for 9<sup>th</sup> graders:

- **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Day Retreat: September**
- **Homecoming Week & Dance: Week of September 28<sup>th</sup> (Dance October 3<sup>rd</sup>)**
- **Great Gatsby Party: December**
- **Holocaust Museum Field Trip: Spring**
- **Choir Concert: May**

Here are some new opportunities for college readiness for high school students. Mrs. Culpepper will meet with students to help them get logged in the fall.

- **Naviance: college and career readiness platform to help students discover their strengths and interests, set goals, and plan their futures. It provides tools for students to align their strengths with postsecondary goals, improving outcomes and connecting learning to life**
- **X-2Vol: Platform to track service hours**
- **Dual enrollment: course registration opens in the fall**

Look forward to these new opportunities for high school students:

- ***Non Nobis Solum*: Service society with officer leadership opportunities and pins will be awarded for service hours earned. Students can count hours earned starting in the summer of 8<sup>th</sup> grade so keep track of service hours to enter into X2Vol!**
- **One Act Play Theater Club: afterschool meetings with a performance in the Spring**
- **Honors Choir: afterschool and morning meetings with performance opportunities and possibly competitions**

- **Spirit Club including a mascot program and yell leaders**

In the meantime, we want to ensure a smooth transition from middle to high school.

We partner with our families to ensure every student feels supported. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions in the weeks ahead.

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