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Dear Parents,

As we open and begin to prepare for the upcoming school year, I have been sincerely touched not only by your support, but also by your never-ending enthusiasm and energy. The excitement that is beginning to spread about the campus, and about Great Hearts, is truly contagious! Please continue to share our mission and philosophy with your friends and neighbors, as we still have spots available for the upcoming school year.

During this time of social distancing, our ability to build community has been limited, and due to this, we are excited to introduce our first opportunity to gather together, in some fashion, with our Lakeside Lion Line-up! Detailed information is below. We sincerely hope that each of you is able to attend, with your scholars, to celebrate the upcoming opening, and to welcome our incoming faculty, and they to welcome you!

With a Large Dose of Lion Pride,
Mandi Cannon
Headmaster

Teacher Spotlight

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 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.

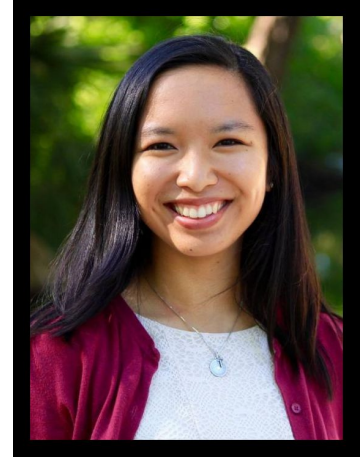
I started with Great Hearts Monte Vista South as a Second Grade Lead during the second half of the 2017-2018 school year. The next year, I moved up to be a Third Grade Lead and was awarded 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year. I truly believe in the philosophy here at Great Hearts. Through the pursuit of Truth, 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/Fort Worth area will be an exciting adventure!

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.

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.

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!](#)



Campus Update

Lakeside is located at
7633 Harris Parkway,
Fort Worth, TX 76123.

Google Maps won't lead you
to the building just yet
because it is not finished.

The cross streets of the
campus are Chisholm Trail
Parkway and Dirks Road
/Altamesa. We are directly
west of the Tavolo Park
housing development.



Construction is on schedule, and the building is looking
more and more complete every day!

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](#)

[Second Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2031](#)

[Third Grade at 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



Lakeside--Class of 2030

Fourth Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2029

Fifth Grade at Great Hearts
Lakeside--Class of 2028

Orientation and Information

Module #1: Uniform

As promised in the inaugural edition of our newsletter, our first orientation module is now available, completely centered around the Great Hearts Lakeside dress code and uniform guidelines.

Please carefully review these documents, as compliance to the dress code is essential. We believe our dress code not only maintains uniformity among our student body, but also informs and demonstrates to our students the importance of their education, and of dressing in an intentional way each day to reflect that importance.

Information regarding our two uniform providers, [Flynn O'Hara](#), and [Dennis Uniform](#), is provided within the [Dress Code Guidelines](#) and [Orientation Module #1](#).

Please email info@greatheartslakeside.org with any uniform questions.

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.

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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 Investment Program



Why do we ask you to consider a donation to the Community Investment Program?

Did you know that charter schools do not receive local taxes or state funding for school facilities, resulting in a **\$1,700 gap** between what the state provides and what we need to ensure faculty and scholars learn and thrive.

Where will your contribution go?

100% of your contribution will stay at Great Hearts Lakeside to support the core priorities of our academic model.

What does Great Hearts ask each family to give?

Anything you can! From \$10 a month to \$1,000 a month, **every single dollar** makes a difference in the life of Great Hearts Lakeside.

Community Events

Lakeside Lion Line-up

When?

Saturday, June 6th, 9-10:30 a.m.

Please arrive anytime during this window as this is a come-and-go event.

Where?

Harris Parkway Loop in front of the Great Hearts Lakeside Campus

7633 Harris Parkway, Fort Worth, 76123

Why?

We want to introduce you, through social distancing, to some of our faculty and staff!
Drive by to wave hello to many of the faculty and administration for the 2020-21 school year. Pick up Great Hearts swag and to have your windows written on with Great Hearts slogans!
(If you dare!)

RSVP

All registered families please sign up to participate [here](#).

Extra Credit!

For those families that want to demonstrate extraordinary Great Hearts spirit, please decorate your cars with Great Hearts memorabilia, colors, and mascots. The best decorated vehicles will be awarded extraordinary swag for extraordinary effort.



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