



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Families,

This week has presented us with many new things – a different exam schedule, all-quiet hallways during passing periods, and a brief gathering of our entire staff in the gym. Believe it or not, our staff has not met in person fully together all school year, and yet we took the opportunity to do so on Tuesday afternoon in gymnasium to receive a greeting from SPAPSO President Kelle Hohl and representatives from the Snowstorm Committee Aimee Avery, Diane Kar, and Erin Roberts. Led by the amazing Mrs. Nandita Verma, this committee partnered with you, our parent community, to bring some additional financial gifts to teachers and staff during this holiday season.

We were deeply moved by the generosity of families, and the lovely lunch sponsored by the Langford family. Snowstorm has brightened our teachers' hearts each year, and I am humbled to see this tradition continue year over year. Thank you Spartan families!

With our final day of exams concluding today, we will all head off into our various pursuits over the break, but I would like to highlight one important detail about our return to school. Yesterday you should have received an important email notifying you about our **upcoming Distance Learning days on Monday, January 4th and Tuesday, January 5th for all families**. We will offer on-site supervision for any students who need it, so please stay tuned for an inquiry over Winter Break should you require this supervision. In-person students will hear about these learning days tomorrow in their classes, and distance learning students will not experience anything different from their usual routine on those two days.

We are in the midst of a time for sharing goodwill, laughter, food, and fun with those we love, and on behalf of the entire staff, I wish you a happy and restful holiday, and a happy New Year!

"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been." — Rainer Maria Rilke

Best wishes,

Alison Chaney, Headmaster