



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Families,

This past week, Great Hearts has provided for a wonderful opportunity for humanities faculty and school leadership, with the initiation of the first Classical Education Symposium. Great Hearts own Institute for Classical Education sponsored this event, and we met with top leaders in classical education and other classical schools around the nation to discuss topics related to reading, writing, and discussion. These opportunities to allow us to thoughtfully reflect on the ways in which we can further our own methods here at Scottsdale Prep.

As we move into the month of March, we begin a focus on our seniors, with their upcoming senior trip, senior thesis panels, senior dinner, and commencement ceremony. We are grateful for the leadership of this wonderful senior class – they have been tasked with many responsibilities this year, and they have risen to the challenge over and over again. We look forward to hearing some wonderful stories from their senior trip to Washington D.C., which begins next week.

We also look forward to our upcoming Spring Break, which will be a welcome time of rest and relaxation for our entire school community. Following Spring Break, we will turn our attention toward state standardized testing (AzMERIT, AIMS, SAT), and I encourage all families to mark the dates for these tests in your calendars to ensure students are present for their assigned dates. These tests require students to be well-rested and focused as well, so we appreciate your support at home in ensuring students are on time and ready for the testing sessions.

Finally, it's hiring season for schools, and if you happen to know of someone who may be interested in joining Great Hearts in 2019-2020, Great Hearts is offering a career fair this evening, at Veritas Prep from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Please feel free to pass on this information to those who may be interested.

Best wishes to the Spartan community,

Alison Chaney, Headmaster