



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Middle School families,

Now that the Museia has come and gone, it remains a tremendous honor to look at our walls and see such beautiful artwork. I marvel at what our Middle School students create. From the self-portraits, to the scratch-board animals, to the Egyptian hieroglyphics, to the still-life paintings, isn't it astounding what 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are capable of doing?

Additionally, as I have the honor of stepping into Math and Lit/Comp courses and overhear students balancing equations or talking about the reasons why the Roman people should mourn their assassinated Caesar, I stand in awe of what they are capable of. Isn't it wonderful that these children, though very much children, are developing into responsible and profound adults?

Furthermore, listening to 8th grade students in Latin passionately and politely debate amongst themselves whether or not a sentence is accusative or interrogative fills this teacher's heart with joy.

I don't say these things to brag about the teachers here at Scottsdale Prep (though I have plenty of reasons to brag about them), nor to exalt the excellences of our curriculum (though I could joyfully do so). No, I bring these to your attention to say what an honor it is to be a part of the education of your children. I have taught at several other schools and nowhere have I seen the dedication to excellence as I have seen in your children.

As we have been practicing the habit of gratitude this year, I would like to say thank you for committing your students to our school. We are honored by your trust.

Kind regards,

Mr. Richard Gale