



# SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Families,

This week afforded many opportunities to gather students, teachers, and parents together in our second round of conferences. The student-led conference has given our students ownership in their own learning, with parents and teachers along to support, suggest, and track their goals. Thank you parents, for taking part in this vital opportunity to build success for our students.

This week also saw the start of our athletic events, and I was so pleased to see our Spartan basketball teams take the court on Tuesday night. Though the crowd was small and the athletes were masked, I saw that Spartan spirit of perseverance and courage emerge throughout the games. Our athletes are also taking to the field for baseball and soccer this season, and what a wonderful time to be outdoors in Arizona!

As we look ahead on the calendar, be sure to note our distance learning day on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, which will be the final one for the quarter. We will also conduct some benchmark testing in mid-February using a program called Galileo, which provides us with data on our student progress against statewide standards. In this exceptional year, we want to ensure that students are tracking toward upcoming AzM2 and AIMS standards, though as always, our main focus is offering a rich, classical education.



We have been delighted to offer our middle school and high school distance learning students with a weekly meeting time just to socialize and connect, supervised by Dean of Students Annie Loftis and Assistant Headmaster of High School, Brett Gilfillan. We miss seeing these wonderful students daily on campus, but our teachers and administration are here to support their every success and challenge this semester.

Best wishes, and Go Spartans!

*Alison Chaney*

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