



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Middle School Parents,

With Conference/Homecoming Week behind us, we are well into the second quarter of the school year. Wednesday, October 24th was our first annual 8th Grade Retreat, and the 8th graders participated in leadership activities, learned a group dance, and bowled until their arms were sore. Bowlero played the dance song and the class demonstrated their routine to the bowling alley patrons. Very positive reviews have been received for the event (thank you to parent and staff member Mrs. Jing Curtiss), so it looks like we may have a permanent 8th grade activity for years to come.

I am also delighted with our new Archon Middle School Leadership Team of student, who were selected and had their first meeting. The major task presented to Archon this fall is to help develop a Spartan Tribe Activity for the day before Thanksgiving Weekend. The Archons are enthusiastic and ready for the challenges of Middle School Leadership!

As you know, the Scottsdale Prep Leadership Team has adopted a Thematic Goal for the 2018-2019 school year: *Habituating Virtue for The Sake of Community*. The defining objective of the Thematic Goal are: Comportment, **Stewardship**, Inspiration, Conversation, and Preparedness. Each member of the faculty was selected to serve in a "House" that supported one of the five defining objectives. My message today will focus on **Stewardship**. The purpose of the Stewardship Objective is help students to properly discard hallway litter and keep the entire community clean, thus promoting cleanliness across other common areas and building pride in the academy. The school leaders are providing adequate receptacles, monitoring common areas that are not accessible to teachers during passing periods, acknowledging classes when their hallway is clean, and reminding teachers if litter is present in their areas. The teachers are modeling stewardship by prompting students to discard any nearby litter and holding students accountable for picking up litter in the hallway near their classroom. The students developing a habit of picking up litter in hallways during prior to classroom entry. Already, our campus is noticeably cleaner than last year. We will continue to strive for the development of stewardship among our students, and I look forward to sharing other objectives as the months unfold.

Please feel free to contact me with any middle school questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

Rich Gale, Assistant Headmaster of Middle School