



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear High School Families,

Happy New Year!

As the school year barrels on in a new semester and new calendar year, so many of the good things from the past have stayed the same. Students are excelling in their athletic commitments, contributing hundreds of hours of community service to local non-profits, studying deeply about the profound nature of reality, and conversing with one another about topics that are essential to all human beings in all times and places. Students are, as they have been, becoming more and more Great Hearted.

Certainly though, there are new things to look forward to as well. I am thinking primarily about the High School Refinements that all Great Hearts Prep Academies will be implementing next year. Seniors will have choice in some of the courses they take with the development of the American Rhetorical Tradition class which will open next school year. The High School will be working on making homework equally meaningful but more manageable for all of our students. We have conducted two homework surveys this year in the hopes of having a better understanding of how much time our students are spending on homework, and are working together as a faculty to ensure fairness and quality in each grade level. Finally, students can expect more assistance in the writing process in the years to come.

The Academy is looking forward to these refinements because we believe they are good for our students as people and as learners. We want to expose our students to as much goodness as possible in the short time we have with them, recognizing that there is a lot of good to experience from many other activities as well. I hope that all current Junior families will join Ms. Chaney and I on Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30 to discuss more the specifics about these refinements. Of course, if anyone else has a question about them, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for all of your support of Scottsdale Preparatory Academy. Please continue to partner with us to make our school and community a great purveyor of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

Very best,

Brett Gilfillan

High School Assistant Headmaster