



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Families,

As we change the month to read “August,” in our communications, it heralds us forward into the official launch of the 2019-2020 academic school year! We look forward to welcoming back our students next week, and today, I’d like to share some information with you about our plans for the year.

Our leadership team spent time together this summer in conversation around the past year, reflecting upon last year’s goal of habituating virtues, as well as many other data points and survey results. As a mature academy with a growing group of veteran teachers, Scottsdale Prep has an opportunity to frame and align our best practices and institutional knowledge for the benefit of our students’ consistent academic experience. In considering the best way to define this alignment, the leadership team sought a word that would reflect a commitment to the whole, while acknowledging the importance of its parts.



We chose the word **integrity** – it comes from the Old French *intégrité*, meaning purity; blamelessness, and directly from Latin *integritatem*, meaning soundness or wholeness. Integrity is often defined as the quality of being honest, or morally upright, but in considering the etymology and our desire for consistency at our growing academy, we turned to the second definition, “the state of being whole and undivided.”

As a Great Hearts school that focuses its instruction around conversation, we highlighted this aspect as a part of our desire to cultivate this state of being whole and undivided. Our goal this year: **to cultivate integrity through conversation and consistency**. I will share more in future communications about the ways that this goal will be achieved throughout the year, so please stay tuned!

Onward Spartans!

Alison Chaney, Headmaster