



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear High School Families,

As most of you know, Scottsdale Prep asks all Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors to give 10 hours of community service every school year to at least two different non-profit agencies. The primary reason for this is simple. An increase of intellectual knowledge without some intentional moral development might lead to clever devils rather than Great Hearted individuals. Scottsdale Prep desires for all of her students tremendous academic and intellectual growth, yet without a genuine love of neighbor, of school, and of self, that academic development might become very burdensome and potentially dangerous. If our intellects are not also directed to the good of others, we may not use them well for ourselves.

I am astounded at the end of every school year seeing how many total hours the high school and individuals give. In between their studies, their clubs, their sports, their friends, and their relationships, students donated over 6,000 hours of community service last year. I am annually, and for that matter daily, impressed by the generosity of our students for others in need.

I hope that as Thanksgiving is behind us and the end of the 1st semester approaches, we would all find some time to actively and intentionally give to others who are in need. Our time, our encouragement, and our talents can be so precious to those who need them.

Students, please find some time over the break to volunteer a few hours and record those hours [here](#).

Parents, I would love to offer you the opportunity of participating in a seminar with me and a few other faculty members on the great tragedy *Macbeth*. The seminar will be here on campus on January 29th from 7:00-8:30. Coffee and snacks will be provided, but more importantly a great conversation about ambition and the imagination will be included, free of charge! Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to attend.

Thank you all for what you give to the school. It is incredible honor to work for such wonderful students, families, and faculty members.

Best,

Brett Gilfillan