

December 3, 2019

Dear Upper School families,

We have had a wonderful return from Thanksgiving Break at Great Hearts Irving. Hallways are as vibrant as ever, and we've all enjoyed hearing about the time with family and friends our students enjoyed last week.

We are excited to share news of a refinement in our approach to student discipline which we proudly unveil this week. Please click [here](#) to read more.

Although we have only three short weeks before the Winter Break, there's a wealth of activity going on. On Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m., I hope you'll join us for an Evening with the Classics focused on the High School Humane Letters course. Parents interested in getting a taste of the seminar experience are invited to take five minutes to read Robert Frost's [Hyla Brook](#) beforehand. The bulk of the evening will focus on an overview of the curriculum and methodology of this capstone High School course. The eighth graders are also invited to join us on Saturday, December 7 at 4:30 p.m. for [Folkmoot](#)—a wonderful time of feasting and games in the Old English style enshrined in *Beowulf*. On Friday, December 13, we're excited to invite all our High Schoolers to Theometha (film night) at 4:30 p.m. for snacks and a viewing of Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai*. Save the date! More information is coming.

It is wonderful to have our students back again, and we look forward to an exciting several weeks to come!

Warm regards,



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