



Dear Upper School Parents,

Thank you for your tremendous support last Thursday on North Texas Giving Day. You came together for the sake of our children and raised over \$150,000! From the \$1 we received from an earnest young scholar to the two gifts of \$10,000 paid as matching contributions, we saw our community rally around the great work our students, teachers, and parents are doing for the future of those we love dearest. Your gifts will help to pay for textbooks, offsetting increases in healthcare expenses for teachers, and adding beauty and functionality to our new space— keep an eye out for more details about how your generous donations are supporting our students and staff.

This Saturday's [Fall Festival](#) will be all the more celebratory thanks to your profound charity last week. I hope that you'll join us at the Lower School Campus from 12:00-3:00 on Saturday, 9/28.

My thanks go out to the many parents who joined us for our Curriculum Nights last week as well. I am always proud of opportunities for our faculty to showcase their talent and passion, and I am glad that you had a chance to meet the teachers who make our school stand out as an exemplary education in the Classical Tradition.

Finally, I hope that you will consider joining me at the year's first Evening with the Classics here at the Upper School from 7:00-8:00. I'll be speaking with you (parents and guardians only, please) about the philosophical approach that undergirds the Classical Liberal Arts education we hold in such high esteem. I'll share a bit with you about the history of the movement, but we'll also talk about how this approach factors into your children's daily experiences as scholars at Great Hearts Irving.

Warm regards,

Philip Althage
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Great Hearts Irving