

November 19, 2019

Dear Upper School Families,

If you haven't had a chance to see, the donation boxes in our reception area have been filling up thanks to the [Food Drive](#) partnership with Irving Cares sponsored by House Belisarius. When I last had a glance, it looked to me like House Pericles was in the lead for collections—if they're still in the lead at the close of the day tomorrow, this will mark the second great victory for the House this Quarter.

As we await the final tally, you can refresh your own sense of the Houses by reading the House Mottos [here](#) and the Exemplar Biographies [here](#).

In keeping with the season, we are thankful for the tremendous work our students do for each other and the broader community under the auspices of the Houses, and for the marvelous support our families and teachers lend them in so many ways.

Toward that end, we are pleased to share that we will make this Friday's Spirit Wear Day also a buck-a-jeans day for the whole Upper School! Students should bring \$2 tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday to wear jeans in celebration of our community. All funds will go toward financing the Senior Trip to Washington DC next year.

I hope you all enjoy a pleasant Thanksgiving Break. Our students have certainly earned some R&R.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Althage', with a stylized, flowing script.

Philip Althage
Headmaster, Upper School
Great Hearts Irving