

NEWSLETTER

Great Hearts Western Hills Lower School



DATES TO SAVE

- December 2: 1,000 Gifts Assembly
- December 16: Make Up Picture Day
- December 22-January 2: Winter Break
- January 5-9: Independent Study Week

TEACHER SHOUT OUT

4th grade has been studying the Medieval Era. They completed their studies with a celebration including a feast of food, bow and arrow practice, shield making, and so much more! Thank you to our 4th grade team and parents that helped bring this celebration to life!



INDEPENDENT STUDY WEEK

January 5th-9th

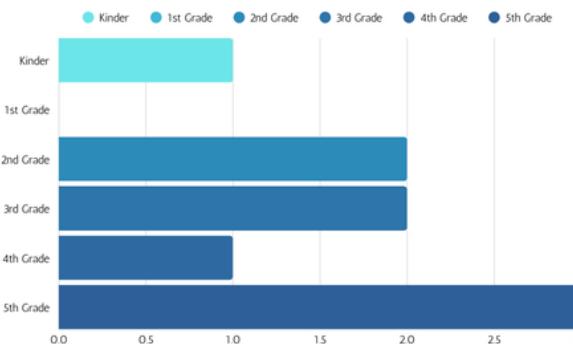
- Kinder- Animal Study
 First- Habitat
 Second- Famous American
 Third- Solar System
 Fourth- European Country report
 Fifth- Historical Figure

All students were assigned their Independent Study Project for this year during class. Please review your student's project and sign and return the acknowledgment form by the assigned due date.

We encourage you to ask your student(s) about their project and help them make a plan for when they will begin and complete the work. Faculty will be available to answer clarifying questions or provide feedback up until the beginning of Winter Break. Faculty will be out of office from the end of day December 19th - January 2nd.

Independent Study Week is an opportunity for students to explore a topic in greater depth, using resources that are not readily available in the classroom. Project Week teaches students how to study a topic independently, manage their time, cultivate a love for something of interest or an extension on classroom learning, and participate in true intellectual "leisure," pursuing something for its own sake and value.

*Attendance
Matters!*



5th grade is in the lead for Daily Attendance.
 Kinder-4th can earn extra recess!
 5th grade will earn a special treat!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

What can I expect from my student's parent teacher conference?

At your parent teacher conference, teachers will share:

- updated grades
- review important student work samples
- share updated benchmark testing results
- provide resources to be able to support your student at home
- explicit student goals for 2nd semester
- share DOI/SOW & what that means for the student
- update on AEP hours (only for students receiving HB1416 support)

As a parent, you will be able to:

- learn more about your student's present levels
- how your student is performing in class
- meet with your student's art, music, PE and Spanish teachers
- ask questions or get clarification about how your student is doing behaviorally and socially while at school

Parent teacher conferences are for parents ONLY. Please plan to find a quiet space out of earshot of your student if you choose to participate via Zoom. If you plan to attend in person, please make other arrangements for your children, as there will not be any supervision for them while you are attending the in-person conference. It is important that teachers are able to speak candidly with you, knowing that you will choose how to share the information you gather with your student as you feel necessary.

**KINDER-2ND
GRADE SIGN UP**



**3RD-5TH
GRADE SIGN UP**



COLD WEATHER UNIFORMGUIDELINES

Cooler weather has arrived in San Antonio! Please send students to school with an outer jacket or sweatshirt for warmth during recess and outdoor activities. Jackets must be free of popular culture and be as free as possible of large logos and images.

The only outerwear items that are allowed to be worn in the school building during the school day are the official school sweaters as described in the uniform guidelines

(dress code guidelines, pgs. 96-102)

- Cardigans, ¾ zip up and full zip sweaters with the Great Hearts Logo that can be purchased from Flynn O'Hara in store or online at www.flynnohara.com
- Long sleeve school uniform shirt
- Other winter/cold weather gear
 - Tights/knitted stockings or knee socks must be solid white or solid navy, free of logos and designs.
 - Hats, ear warmers, gloves, scarves, and mittens are also allowed to be worn outside and need to be free of popular culture references and images.
- Please ensure ALL outerwear and winter accessories are clearly labeled with your student's name (first, last and section if possible).

