Golden Eagle Summer E-Blast July 23, 2020



Distance Learning or Brick and Mortar?

Very soon you will receive a form from Great Hearts asking you to decide if you will keep your student in distance learning or send him back when campus opens.

We want to help our families make a decision with as much information as possible. We will be hosting a Zoom Townhall on Tuesday, July 28th at 6:30 pm. Please send us the questions you have ahead of time. You can email questions to <u>office@archwayglendale.org</u>.

Distance Learning at Archway Glendale

We are excited to launch the Archway Glendale Distance Learning program for all Archway Glendale students on Thursday, August 6th! Distance Learning in 20/21 will look very different from the Remote Learning (crisis schooling) in the fourth quarter of 19/20. For details regarding the program, please refer to the 7/22 email from Erik Twist outlining <u>Great Hearts</u> <u>Distance Learning</u>.

The goal at Archway Glendale is to have Distance Learning mirror the culture and environment of a brick and mortar experience as much as possible. In order to make that happen we need your help in creating an ideal at-home learning environment by:

• Planning for your student to be available for synchronous learning between 8 am and 2 pm. Synchronous learning may include Zoom sessions with the whole class, small groups, or individual tutoring. Students will also have

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- Setting up a distraction-free environment. Preferably having your student seated at a table or desk, especially during all Zoom sessions. Younger siblings, pets, or background noise, should be out of earshot during Zoom sessions.
- Making sure your student is on-time, present and prepared with necessary materials for all Zoom sessions. Attendance will be taken daily.
- Having your student wear a uniform or spirit shirt to all Zoom sessions. A white or light-blue non-uniform polo shirt will be accepted as well.
- Helping your student create good habits during distance learning that will provide the routine and structure our students need right now. This might require parents to help their students navigate technology, sit properly, and maintain focus. Parents may need to be near students during the first few Zoom sessions to be sure their students are creating good habits.
- Being sure your student is completing all assignments and turning them in on the designated due dates.

We hope this new environment of Distance Learning will allow Archway Glendale students to grow. We look forward to partnering with you in forming our students' hearts and minds in virtue and truth during this school year.

Distance Learning Technology Expectations

Distance Learning will require that each of your students has his own device to use. If you were not able to fill out the Distance Learning Tech Survey by 4 pm today, please email the <u>office</u> as soon as possible if you need one or more devices for your students. Those who signup for a device will be contacted at a later date regarding pickup.

Devices that will work for distance learning are:

- Apple iPad, iPad Pro, or iPad mini running iOS version 8.0 or later.
- Macbooks need to install Chrome and the Zoom app
- Android android tablet running version 4.0 or later
- Windows tablet running version 10.0.14393 or later
- Laptop running Windows 10 with 4GB ram

- Desktop running windows 10 with 4GB ram and webcam
- Chromebook need to install the Zoom app

The platforms for Distance Learning will be the same as during the 4th quarter of 19/20. Devices that worked then will work now.

Please reach out to the school office with any questions.

Not Returning to Archway Glendale

If you decide you would prefer enrolling your student in a school that specializes in online instruction or a district school that might be partnering with a school that specializes in online learning, please know that you will need to withdraw your student(s) from Archway Glendale. The State does not allow students to be enrolled in two schools concurrently. If you decide not to return to Archway Glendale, please notify Mrs. Fleming as soon as possible. You can email her at kfleming@archwayglendale.org.

If you withdraw from, then later decide to return to, Archway Glendale, you will need to fill out a new application for each student.

First Day of School, 20/21 School Year

All Archway Glendale students will start school via Distance Learning on Thursday, August 6th.

Families who choose the brick and mortar option can plan on students returning to campus on Thursday, August 27th, unless the governor extends the closure.

Families who choose distance learning, may return to campus after the first quarter. Please note that distance learners who return to campus, may be assigned to a different teacher when they return.

Student Materials - Pickup the Week of July 27th

Archway Glendale will be distributing Student Materials the week of July 27th. Please signup for a specific time, by clicking this link: <u>Student Materials Pick-Up</u> Student Materials are not school supplies. These materials include Singapore math workbooks, Spanish workbooks, Spalding notebooks, etc. Student Materials will be used whether your child will be enrolled in distance or in-person learning. **Please purchase Student Materials prior to your scheduled appointment.** If the cost of purchasing these materials causes a hardship for your family, please contact the school office at <u>office@archwayglendale.org</u>. You may use the link below to purchase the materials.

Archway Glendale 20/21 Student Materials

Great Hearts is Now Hiring

Dear Great Hearts Families,

We hope you are doing well this summer and enjoying good health and some relaxation. Due to the current state of affairs, it is anticipated that during the 2020-21 school year our campuses may have an increased need for the following:

- 1. <u>Short and long-term substitutes</u>
- 2. Athenaeum teachers and assistants
- 3. <u>Teachers available to fill mid-year openings</u>

If you or someone you know has interest in applying, please use the links above to complete an online application today! Important to note, a bachelor's degree is required for a substitute who is assigned to the same lead teaching role lasting more than 4 weeks.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

The Great Hearts Talent Team

Message From Mr. Kersting

Hello, wonderful Archway Glendale families! As we approach the start of school, distantly and eventually back to brick and mortar, we are relying on your understanding, patience, and courageous and compassionate communication to help us make it through and face the pandemic and its aftermath together.

There are plenty of things about which we can disagree, even passionately, but we must trust each other's sincerity and

goodwill. We must non-judgmentally work together for the good of all our students, families, and staff.

Whenever you feel overwhelmed, or uncertain, please reach out to <u>me</u>. We can talk about it and seek a solution, a way to move forward peacefully and determinedly. I am happy to be of service in this way.

Our children are worth it! Our families are worth it! Our staff is worth it!

Let love be our guiding force and highest principle as we seek the best for our school community.



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