



Upcoming Events August

31 PSO Sponsored Staff Breakfast

Updates

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Good afternoon Founding Families,

It is the end of the first full week of instruction at Roosevelt Prep. Teachers and students are getting familiar with one another, with the campus, and with the programs. We started strong with our Athletic Program and I look forward to seeing our ACES in games. There is still a lot of work to do together. Please take a look at the newsletter updates and know that all the refinements that we are working on will take time; we are confident that in the end they will help us build a better program and a better school, committed to cultivating in the hearts of your students a pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty.

In hope,

[Tony Cruz](#) | Headmaster, Roosevelt Prep

Student Culture: Timeliness, Hallways Traffic, & Locks

Each day since school started, the administrative leadership team has been diligent in observing various patterns on campus. Specifically, we have observed three patterns that are all related to one another. This past Wednesday, our faculty got together and shared observations with one another and adjustments were suggested. We wanted you to hear these from us as we prepare your students.

One strong cultural piece we have observed is the urgency our students have about being on time to our classes. We have communicated to them that there is an urgency we want them to have to get to class because all instructional time is important and we want to utilize it well. In response, your students have consistently chosen to focus on their Hallway Priorities: getting materials ready, being on time to class, and using the restroom. It is worth noting that they have all done an amazing job of pursuing these ideas in the first full week and have largely been on time to class.

We have also noticed that as they pursue this ideal, the hallway used for passing period is not as wide as we would have liked. The hallways are usually crowded during passing periods and it has made students getting to class on time more challenging and restroom use not as manageable. The reason that hallways are crowded, we have observed, is because lockers are both sides are being used and opened and there is only room for one passing lane in the middle. To remedy this, we are going to create a second passing lane by moving all assigned lockers to one side of the hallway. This transition may take a few days but it is clear that in doing so, we will create more space for our students to pass one another safely and quickly.

We have also observed that mandating the use of locks would actually impede students urgency to get to class on time, for now. That being said, the team has decided to issue locks to all students and ask student to either use them or to keep their lock in their locker. If students want to utilize their locks on their lockers, they are free to do so but we are not mandating it for now. This will allow them to continue to focus on their Hallway Priorities.

In implementing these changes, we believe that the hallways will help support student safety and also allow students to pursue their Hallway Priorities with more consistency and diligence. If you have any questions, reach out to **Mr. Cruz**.

Homework Folders

Another pattern the team has noticed is that students feel that they should be bringing all their supplies home each day. This is not necessary. After discussing with the team, we will pass out red homework folders on Monday to each student. The objective here is that students can put their homework for the day in that folder so it's the only thing that they take home each day. In this way, we hope to eliminate the students' desire to take everything home each day. If you have any questions, reach out to **Mr. Cruz**.

Homework Deficiency Notices

Beginning August 29, teachers will begin sending out homework deficiency notices (HWDN) for students who are currently earning a 75% or less on homework. The main purpose is to create an opportunity for parents to have conversations with their student about homework and to keep parents informed on this category of grading. We have found that when parents and students were more informed about this, and there was a stronger You can expect to receive these starting Monday August 29. When you do and if you have any questions, please reach out to your students' teachers. If you have any questions, reach out to **Mr. Cruz**.

Detentions

Next week, we will begin the practice of issuing detentions to students. Detentions are served afterschool from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. on the day that they are earned. The only exception is Wednesdays. If a detention is earned on a Wednesday, they will be served on Thursday. If a detention is missed for any reason besides medical or emergency, a second detention will be remitted as consequence. Detentions must be served before students can participate in any extra-curricular activities. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Mrs. Whitwell**.

PSO Volunteer Opportunities

As part of the Great Hearts Roosevelt family, every single one of you are members of the PSO! There will be many opportunities throughout the year to offer your time and talent to the community. In addition to this, there are some specific volunteer needs we have available before the school year begins in order to start our school strong. If you would like information on our PSO, aspects of available volunteer options or to just add your name to our volunteer interest list please email Nicole Gray, our PSO President, at psopresident@greatheartsroosevelt.org



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ACES Athletics

We are excited to let you know that registration for our inaugural fall middle school season is now open! This is a unique chance for our scholars to challenge themselves, take a risk, and see if they have what it takes to participate in competitive athletics. We are a small school, to start, and want to strongly encourage all our 5th-8th graders to try out for a sport this fall. Our middle school program is focused on teaching and developing our scholar-athletes in the skills needed for their chosen sport(s). We will do our best not to cut any willing participants but will make every effort to accommodate their skill level by creating multiple teams in each sport, as needed.

To register just visit the athletic programs website at [Roosevelt Athletics](#). From there click on the "online registration" tab on the right side of the page. The site will be able to walk you through the steps needed to get registered.

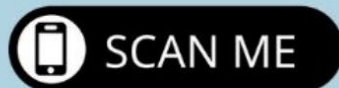
Payment can be made on [Configio](#). This link can also be accessed through the "Payment Portal" tab on the Roosevelt Academies home page.

If you have any questions about athletics feel free to contact Carl Wunsch, Athletic Director, through the "contact" tab on our website or at cwunsch@greatheartsroosevelt.org.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

At Great Hearts Roosevelt, we are committed to teaching our students to live a life full of TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY! As a non profit charter school, we receive around \$1,500 less per scholar than a district public school receives, from the state each year. Two teachers in each archway class and our classical liberal arts education is ONLY made possible by parents and community members who unify us by giving to our Community Investment Campaign each year!

My name is Esther Parsons and I am the Family Giving Officer at GreatHearts Roosevelt. With two kids in Archway and one kid in Preparatory. Building our new community is my main goal! Please reach out to me for more information or any questions you may have! I look forward to speaking with you soon!
eparsons@greatheartsroosevelt.org



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You can create your account now and order lunches through December 16th.

- Add your child as a profile under the parent email account and select "Great Hearts Roosevelt, Buckeye" as school location to order.
- You **MUST** place orders by 11:59am the day before to receive lunch at the school the following day.
- Hot lunch is an optional meal but scholars do not need to purchase and can instead bring their lunch from home.

<https://ordernow.myhotlunchbox.com/login>

If you have any questions about this program, please reach out to our incredible PSO President, **Nicole Gray**.



Great Hearts Roosevelt parents

Breakfast for our Amazing Teachers!

Welcome to an amazing school year! We like to spoil our Teachers and Staff with Breakfast to get the day started! We truly Appreciate your kind support. Let's hype them up for a great day! Items to be dropped off during morning drop off 8/31 between 7am-8am. PSO volunteers will be at drop off to collect goodies.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AADAB2CA7F8C43-breakfast>

[Breakfast for our Amazing Teachers!](#)

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Facebook Family Page Reminder

This is an important reminder that any official communication, approval, and information will always come from this newsletter or Great Hearts Roosevelt website. The Facebook Family Page was designed as a place for families to connect with one another as we build community.

Contact Information

Great Hearts Archway k-5

623-866-4718

Great Hearts Roosevelt Prep Grades 6-8

623-344-8003

Announcements

- ACES Athletics
- Fall Team Store Open
- Lunch Volunteers Needed
- MyHotLunchBox Service is Open
- PSO Volunteer Opportunities
- Social Media

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