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Dear Families,

We hope the transition to Google Classroom and Zoom sessions are going smoothly. We know there will be some early kinks, but trust that those can be solved for and in short order.

If you are having any ongoing difficulties, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are here to serve you. You can reach out for support around use of a loaner device by calling 480-781-4264. For assistance with Google classroom, you can connect with us here: www.theveeya.com/greatheartsfamilyhelp.

Google Classroom and Zoom Safety

We share parents' rightful concerns for online student safety as we navigate remote learning. In particular, there have been a few recent news articles about the safety of the Zoom platform.

We want to assure you that, with the proper settings, Great Hearts is confident in the safety of both Google Classroom and Zoom. Unauthorized users "popping into" our Zoom accounts can be prevented by turning on features such as the "Waiting Room" and required passwords, two of the many steps Great Hearts is taking to protect our students.

We have compiled FAQs related to the safety and security of Google and Zoom. You can access those by [clicking this link](#) or by visiting our Arizona resource page: <https://www.greatheartsamerica.org/azresources/>.

Survey

Additionally, we want to continue to track how we are doing on a weekly basis with lesson plans, instruction, support, and tutoring. If you could take some time to share your perspectives on the survey, we would be most appreciative. Please [click here](#) to fill it out.

In addition to the new path forward in remote learning, there are a few other matters to mention:

Personal Item Pick-up & Athletic Uniform Drop-off

You should have already received instructions on how to grab personal belongings and drop off athletic uniforms from your school. Pick-up/Drop-off is happening most of this week, starting tomorrow, across our campuses. If you are having any trouble with pick-up/drop-off or have not received instructions, please email your respective office manager.

Online Re-Enrollment & E-Signature

As a reminder, re-enrollment will now be completed through an online process via the enrollment portal. Information with further details has been sent out from your school. If you have questions, please email gherollment@greatheartsaz.org.

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2nd Semester Grading Policy

Prep Schools:

Students' Quarter 4 remote learning coursework will be graded on a simple "Pass/Fail" basis; Semester 2 courses will be letter graded.

Students who earn a "Pass" in Q4 will receive a letter grade for Semester 2 that is no lower than the letter grade earned for the same course in Quarter 3; distinguished coursework in Q4 may result in a Semester 2 letter grade that is higher than the Q3 grade.

Any courses taken only in Quarter 4 will be graded according to an A-F letter grade scale.

In the event that a student earns a "Fail" for Q4 coursework, the letter grade for that course may be lower than the Quarter 3 grade, including the possibility of an "F" for the semester and no credits earned.

Should you have questions about this grading policy, please contact your academy leadership for support.

Archway Schools:

Students' Quarter 4 coursework will be graded on a simple "Pass/Fail" basis. As a reminder, Archway students do not receive semester grades.

The headmaster has the authority to retain a student on the basis of cumulative grades and/or lack of academic proficiency and readiness for the next grade level.

Should you have questions about this grading policy, please contact your school administration for support.

Final Day of School

The final day of school for all Great Hearts Arizona schools will be Thursday, May 21st.

Facebook Live - Stay active and healthy!

Tomorrow (Thursday), April 9th on Facebook Live, Veritas Prep's Athletic Director, Kayla Walsh, will host a 30-minute full body workout. Tune in at **noon on the [Great Hearts Facebook page](#)** to participate. This workout will be for people of all ages.

I will continue to send weekly updates. The most up-to-date information will, of course, be coming from your academy leadership. As we begin our journey into online remote learning, you can now access our resource website, which has FAQs and other supports at <https://www.greatheartsamerica.org/azresources/>. You can also find the latest COVID-19 FAQs by visiting our website: www.greatheartsamerica.org/coronavirus.

To Better Days Ahead,

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