



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back Matadors

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KEY DATES

January 11th
Full Day Wednesday

January 12th and 13th
Early Release Days:
Parent-Teacher Conferences
(by invitation only)

January 16th
No School
Civil Rights Day

February 3rd
Early Release Day
Great Hearts In Service

February 10th
Class Picture Day

February 20th
No School
President's Day

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SCHOOL POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

A student that is absent more than ten percent (18 days) of the required number of school days per year is considered to have "excessive absences" whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

This year, we are introducing **CUTS LITE Service (Court Unified Truancy Suppression Limited Intervention To Educate)**. We will follow the following timeline:

- 5 Absences: You will receive the 1st warning letter
- CUTS Lite Conference
- 9-11 Absences: 2nd warning letter
- CUTS Hearing
- Parent Conference/School Intervention



TARDIES

Any student here beyond 7:57 a.m. is considered tardy and **must be signed in by a parent in the front office**. If you are in carline during the 7:57 a.m. cut off time, you will be asked to drop off student at the Front Office. Please avoid any consequences for multiple tardies by arriving on time. **3 tardies = 1 absence**

PICK UP

Due to our school day in sessions and safety precautions arrival for end of day pick up will not begin until 2:30 pm. If you arrive prior to that, please note that you will be asked to exit campus and return after 2:30 pm. Emergency and office business vehicles cannot get onto campus if the school is blocked with waiters.

- Enter into the carline **until after 2:30pm on Full Days and after 12:15pm on Early Release Days**. This will allow our students & faculty to have a cleared parking lot in the event EMS needs access.
- Please keep the **East Entrance merge point cleared** at all times. Wait to enter until all traffic is cleared.
- **Archway only:** follow blue signs and circle around the Sport Field
- **Archway & Prep:** follow blue/green signs and snake through faculty parking lot
- **Prep only:** follow blue/green signs, snake through faculty parking lot & merge out of lane by Prep building
- Maintain safe parking lot speed of 5 mph
- Merge point will utilize a zipper merge (1 car per lane)

EARLY STUDENT PICK UP

Students who need to be picked up early for appointments must be picked up in the main office **no later than 2:45pm on full days and 12:30pm on half days, NO EXCEPTIONS**. The current Placard with student's name or a valid identification with photo is required when picking up through the office. The student must be signed out with a reason for leaving. **3 early pick ups = 1 absence**.

LATE PICK UP

Any student who is picked up after 3:45 pm, will incur late pick up fees beginning with the second occurrence of late pick-up, families will be assessed a late pick-up fee according to the following fee schedule:

- Up until 4:00 p.m. = \$5.00 per student
- 4:01 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. = \$5.00 per student + \$1.00 per student, per minute
- After 4:30 p.m. = same fee structure as above + Department of Child Safety phone call

PLACARD FOR CAR-LINE PICK UP

Placards can be accessed on the Parent Portal at <https://greathearts.schoolaxis.com/>

Log in, on main page PICK UP PLACARDS, Select Maryvale Prep Academy, Download and Print, if you cannot locate the placard on your Parent Portal Account, please contact the Front Office. **Please note, we will not accept phone images of the placard for student pick up, parents must have the current paper copy of the placard for safety and fast process.**

STUDENT WALKERS

If you would like to add your child to the walker list, you will need to do so at least **12 hours in advance** of when you want them to begin walking. If you do not receive confirmation, they have not been added and will have to wait until then to be dismissed as walkers. Please note, once on the walker list they must walk daily until they are removed. If you want your child to be on the walker list, please email enrollment@maryvaleprep.org. The same applies if you want them removed.

CONFERENCE WEEK

- Conferences will take place on Jan 12-13. Invitations will be sent out tomorrow at the end of the day, January 6 along with the release of grades on the portal. If invited, please sign up for a mandatory conference. If you did not receive an invitation and need a conference with your child's teacher, please reach out to them. K-3 will not have conferences but instead will have the mandatory Round 2 of APTT for all students on January 12.
- Wednesday, January 11th is a regular full day and January 12th and 13th are early release days to allow time for parent teacher conferences.

POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC/PARENT PORTAL

All student evaluations/grades are available on the PowerSchool Public Portal.

Parents if you have not created an account on this Portal, please check your email for a communication with step by step instructions on a one-time setup.

The Portal can be accessed at: <https://greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

Please note: This will be the only way to view your student's grades.

LOST AND FOUND

- Any unclaimed bottle waters and lunch boxes will be disposed at the end of each week in order to maintain cleanliness at our campus. Please label water bottles and lunch boxes with your child's name.
- Any clothing not claimed by the end of the quarter will become part of the nurse's stash or donated to PSO. Students can check the lost and found area during recess or lunch. Parents can check at the end of the day. The lost and found items will be placed outside the Archway Office for easy access.

OUTERWEAR REMINDER

In order to maintain our consistent, scholarly uniform, the Maryvale Prep sweater will be the only outerwear piece that students will be permitted to wear throughout the school day.

Students may wear personal jackets to school (they must be free of writing and images, only one-color scheme, according to our Maryvale Prep guidelines outlined in the Family Handbook, see examples below) but they will be required to hang them up for the day upon arrival.

Outerwear can be purchased at [Dennis Uniforms](#) and [Anton](#)

ARCHWAY NEWS

KINDER - 6TH GRADE

2ND-6TH GRADE GALILEO

2nd through 6th grade will take our Galileo Benchmark Assessments from February 1st-8th. Please see your child's classroom newsletters for their exact dates and ensure they are well rested and in attendance. Students who are practicing Moby Max are showing greater growth on these assessments so please ensure they are using this resource at home.

APTT MEETINGS

Kinder to 3rd Grade Meeting #2 will take place on Thursday, January 12th. This is mandatory for parents of K-3rd grade students and will take place of winter conferences. We will focus on how we did with our most recent goals, learn a new skill, and set new goals. If your child was deficient, you will receive a narrative in their report card and you can reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to discuss further outside of the APTT meeting time.

Kinder and 1st Grade: 3:30pm-4:45pm

2nd and 3rd Grade: 5:30pm-6:45pm

K-1 FIELD DAY

Field Day for Kinder to 1st grade will take place during the 2nd semester.

We will provide a date as it gets closer.

MINI MATADORS

The Mini Matadors Winter Season for Basketball and Spirit Squad runs until February 3rd.

Students meet every Wednesday and are dismissed at the **south parking lot at 1:45pm**. Please arrive on time and make sure you bring placard for pick up .

Students will have 8 minute Inter Squad Games during halftime of our Home High School Basketball Games. All Mini matadors are encouraged to show up for the High School Home Basketball Games.

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

The last day of clubs for this season is February 3rd. The last season of clubs will run from February 27th through April 28th. We will announce soon when sign ups in Configio will begin.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Limas-Herschell, our Archway Counselor, will be providing a series of coffee talks to discuss various topics for parents to help students in a variety of ways.

On **Friday, January 6th, at 8 am in the MPR**, she will host a series for parents and talk about ***Parent-Child Relationships***.

Topics will include tips for communicating with your child, spending time together and family habits to support relationship building.

This is open to all K-6 parents.



PREP NEWS

7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT EVALUATIONS

All student evaluations/grades are available on the PowerSchool Public Portal.

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The Portal can be accessed at: <https://greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

Please note: This will be the only way to view your student's grades.

a physical copy will be given to your student during 6th period. For any questions you can reach out to Melissa Vaughn at MVaughn@maryvaleprep.org

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Invitations will be sent out Friday January 6th for those students that teacher would like to meet with. If invited, please sign up for a mandatory conference. If you did not receive an invitation and need a conference with your child's teacher, please reach out to them.

TARDIES

Parents please remember that students arriving after 7:57a.m. are considered late and must be signed in by a parent at the Prep Front Office.

Any student dropped off without a parent will not be allowed to sign in without a parent/guardian and will be asked to make a call home.

SENIOR TRIP

2023

We have begun fundraising Wednesdays and Fridays of every week for our Senior trip.

The first deposit of \$100 is now due

If you have not paid your initial Senior trip deposits, please visit [Configio](#) to process your payment.

CAP AND GOWN

Plan ahead and order your cap & gown, senior class ring, announcements and other graduation products.

<https://www.jostens.com>

Please reach out to our college counselor Ms. Ayala with any questions.

Email: Gayala@maryvaleprep.org

Phone: 623-247-6095 Ext 602



SENIOR TRIP MEETING

We will be having a meeting for our Seniors and their parents on Tuesday January 10th at 5:30pm in room 500.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus has been updated with 5 new security gates. East Entrance gate includes a vehicular gate and a pedestrian gate. The plastic yellow chain by the south Prep corner has been replaced with a locking vehicular gate and the west side exit is now secured with a vehicular gate and a pedestrian gate.

Students are allowed onto campus at 7am and all of these gates will be opened at this time. Student walkers should adjust their time on campus to reflect the timing of the campus gate openings.

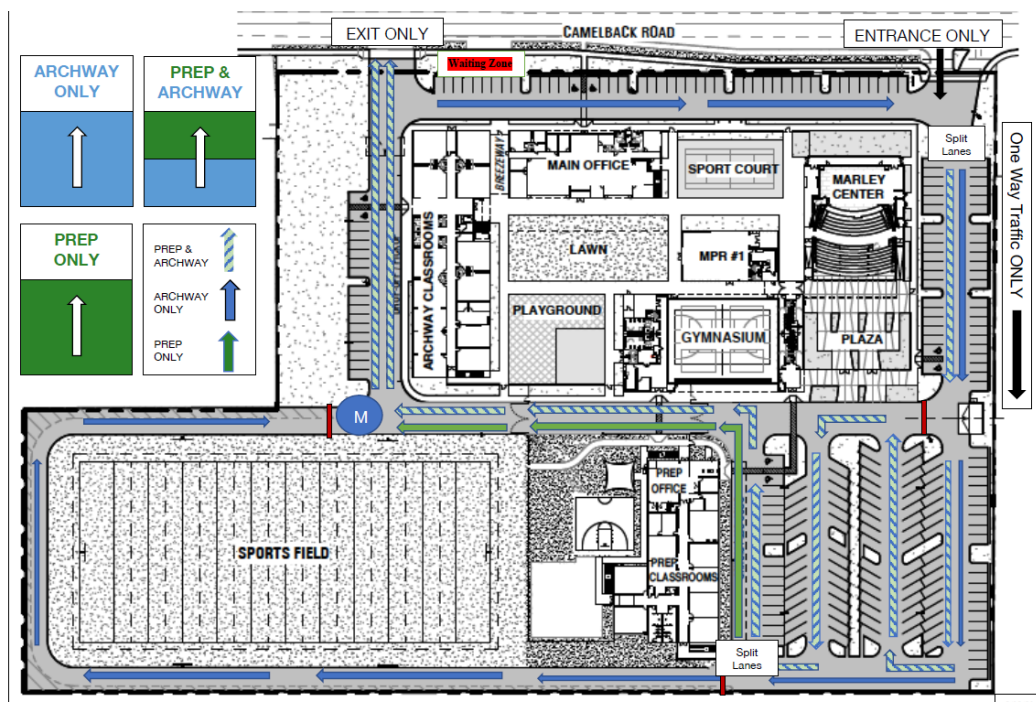
PLACARDS

For our students protection we only allow physical Placard copies. No Pictures or mobile placard accepted. If you are in need of a Placard please stop by our Archway or Prep office.

(Parents without a physical placard will be sent to our front office and will have to wait in carline again for scholar to be released.)

SCHOOL ZONE

We have school zone signs posted and are in the works for additional modifications from the City of Glendale to make school zone safety more prominent.



STUDENT WALKERS

Our neighbors at Steeler have recently informed us that students are crossing too close to moving fork lifts and cargo vehicles. Dropping off and picking up your students at nearby private properties is putting their safety at risk. Please follow the proper walker regulations for their safety.

CARLINE ETIQUETTE

- Stay in your lane
- DO NOT try to go around other vehicles
- DO NOT speed
- Watch your surroundings at all times
- Always have your Placard ready to be scanned

Our top priority is to keep our students and staff safe, please help us do so.

TITLE I MEETING

You are invited to Great Hearts annual Title I Targeted Assistance Program Meeting.

This meeting will address the following questions:

- 1. What is Title I?**
- 2. What is the Targeted Assistance Program?**
- 3. What resources are available for students who qualify for this assistance?**

Two times are offered for this virtual meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023:

Session 1 at 9:30 AM: <https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/95963860083>

Session 2 at 1 PM: <https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/93469568925>

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend to learn more and ask questions.



A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We are in the cold and flu season, the best thing to do is boost the immune system as this can better fight off any viruses. To help, try a combination of items:



- **Vitamin C** - Always touted to be a game changer for colds. Regular vitamin C is not easily absorbed in the body. Find a liposomal vitamin C which has been shown to increase absorption.
- **Hydration** - Plain water doesn't truly hydrate unless it's a spring water with natural minerals. It dilutes sodium and electrolyte levels in the body, which is necessary for everyday processes. Add trace mineral drops to water. Drink teas, broths, coconut water and low-sugar electrolyte powders.
- **Other products to try**- Wet sock treatment, beekeepers natural throat spray and our favorite....saltwater gargles.

We are hiring a full time Registered Nurse.

Please reach out if interested.

Additionally, we are looking to hire health office subs with medical assistant, CNA, or RN experience.

We are open to bringing on those who are studying in these fields as well. The schedule is flexible.

REMINDERS:

January 11th
Full Day Wednesday

January 12th-13th
Half Day

JANUARY MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Breakfast is served daily in the MPR from 7:00am and ends promptly at 7:45am. Students will not be served if they arrive at 7:45am or after.

You can add meal funds at [MealTime](#).

SCHOOL HOURS

FULL DAYS:

ARCHWAY: 8:00AM - 3:15PM

PREP: 8:00AM-3:00PM

OFFICE: 7:00AM - 4:00PM



HALF DAYS:

ARCHWAY: 8:00AM - 12:45PM

PREP: 8:00AM-1:00PM

OFFICE: 7:00AM - 2:00PM

SPORTS

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

- 1/5** MS Girls Soccer Blue and Cardinals Vs Lincoln & Veritas @5:00pm and 6:15pm
- 1/6** MS Boys Soccer (A) VS. Anthem @6:15pm
- 1/6** Varsity Boys Basketball VS. Harvest Prep @4:30pm

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR MATADORS

MINI MATADORS

If your child is in Mini Matador Spirit Squad or Basketball, they will be released from their classroom to the gym to meet their coach for the start of camp (Kinder-1st will be picked up by a Coach).

Please encourage your kids to wear their shirts on Wednesdays during school to eliminate the process of having to change.

In addition to practices happening on Wednesdays, our Mini Matadors Basketball will compete in 8-minute intersquad scrimmages that will take place at halftime of our high home basketball games. Our Mini Spirit Squad will be there to cheer on the basketball games. All matadors are encouraged to wear their Mini Matador shirts to display their involvement and school pride.

Mini Matadors will not be meeting next Wednesday 1/11 due to Full Day Wednesday

VOLUNTEERS

If you can volunteer, you simply need to add your name on the day and time you're available on the following link

Thank you in advance! **Let's go Matadors!!!**

SIGN UP HERE!

For Sports registration and Payment processing visit: [Configio](#)



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