



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

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KEY DATES

December 8th-9th
7th, 8th & 9th Grade Drama and Music
Performance

December 9th
Movie Night presented by PSO

December 14th-16th
Final Exams

December 14th
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Winter Concert

December 19th-January 3rd
Winter Break - No School

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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.

ARCHWAY NEWS

KINDER - 6TH GRADE

3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADE WINTER CONCERT

We are excited for the upcoming Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 14th. Please begin preparing your child's attire and ensure they are practicing their songs at home.

Students must wear a white top, black bottoms, black shoes. Dresses must follow this requirement as well (white top/black bottom). No vests or suit jackets. Hair accessories may only be black or white.

Concert times are as follows:

3rd Grade: 5:00pm (arrive at 4:40pm)

4th Grade: 6:00pm (arrive at 5:40pm)

5th Grade: 7:00pm (arrive at 6:40pm)



READING TIPS

Many of you received your child's reading level at conferences. If you share their reading level at the library or look it up when purchasing books, you can get books that are at their target level rather than books that are too easy or too hard. When a child reads at their reading level, they increase reading fluency and comprehension at a faster rate.

MINI MATADORS

The Mini Matadors Winter Season for Basketball and Spirit Squad has begun and will run 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.

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.

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

7TH 8TH AND 9TH GRADE DRAMA AND MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Students in 7A, 7B, and 8B will perform tonight Thursday, December 8.

Students in 9A, 9B, and 8A will perform on tomorrow, Friday, December 9.

Please refer the emails sent out by Ms. Shenk and Mrs. Rand-Lowe.

Doors will open at 5:50pm
Please arrive on time to find parking



FINALS

Prep students will be taking Semester 1 final exams from Wednesday, December 14 to Friday, December 16. Teachers will hand out study guides on Friday, December 9 and will review in class on Monday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 13. Final Exams are 10% of students grades and are mandatory. Please ensure your students are here on these days.

TARDIES

Students arriving after 7:57a.m. are considered tardy and must be signed in by a parent at the Prep Front Office.

Any student who are 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

SENIOR TRIP

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>



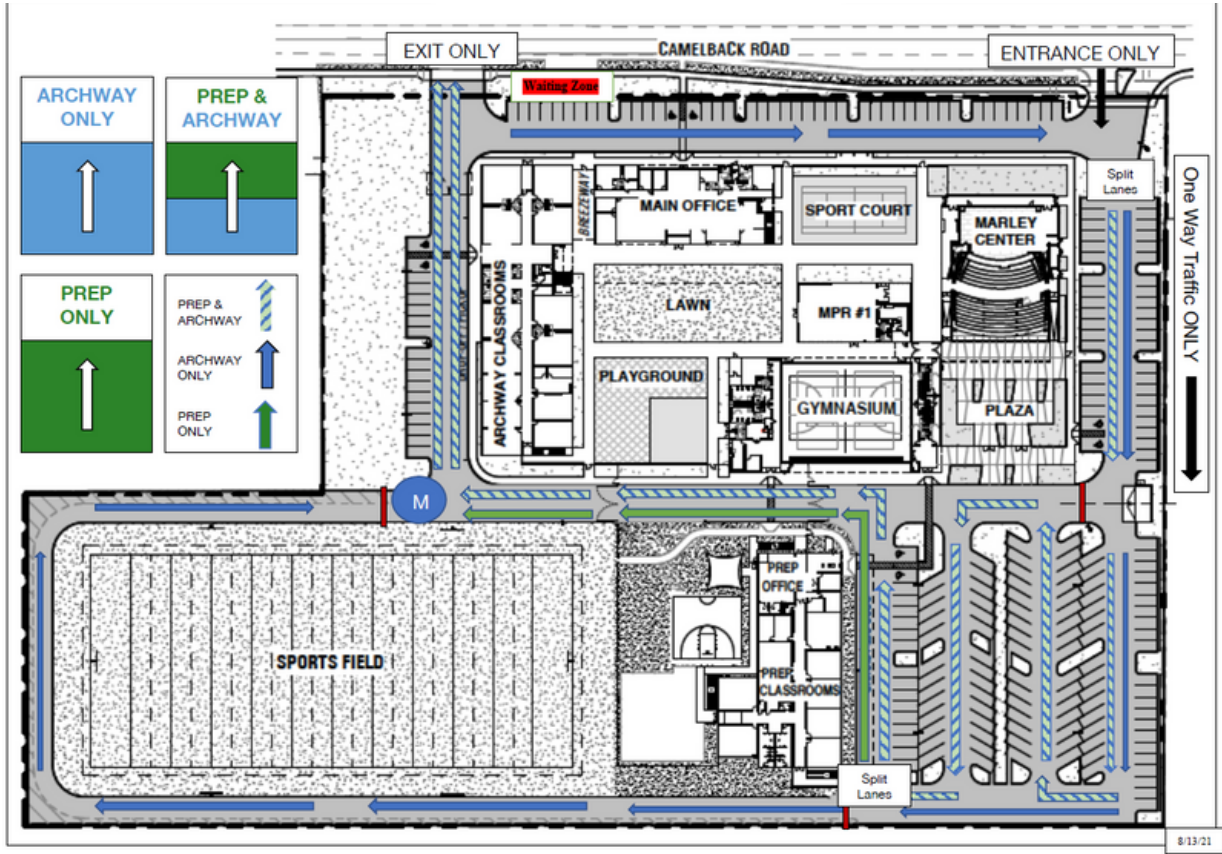
Please reach out to our college counselor Ms. Ayala with any questions.

Email: Gayala@maryvaleprep.org

Phone: 623-247-6095 Ext 602

SCHOOL ZONE

We now 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.



CAMPUS SAFETY

We are thankful to always be making improvements to keep our campus safe. We hope to have our new gates up fully soon to enclose our full campus.

Our neighbors at Steeler have recently informed us that students are crossing too close to moving fork lifts. To prevent accidents if you are dropping your students off at QT, carefully guide them on the safest path to walk

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

PICK UP 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

OUTERWEAR

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](#)



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

A student who is sick will not be able to perform well in school or after-school activities and is likely to spread the illness to other students and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be without a comforting place for your child to stay if they are ill.

FEVER

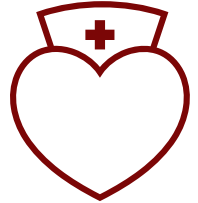
Stay Home: Temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

Return to School: Must be fever free, without taking fever reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to school. Unless you are presenting with respiratory or COVID-19 symptoms.

VOMITING

Stay Home: Students with vomiting will not be able to attend school or remain at school.

Return to School: 24 hours after the last incidence of vomiting.



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.

PSO EVENTS



Doors Open @5:30pm
Movie Starts @ 6:00pm

Free Entry
Concessions will be open

P.J's required
Also please bring blankets as the weather is much cooler now.

Join us for
Family Movie Night
Friday,
December 9th

DECEMBER 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.

The regular price for breakfast is \$1.85 and lunch is \$3.35, the reduced amount (for those who qualify) is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

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:

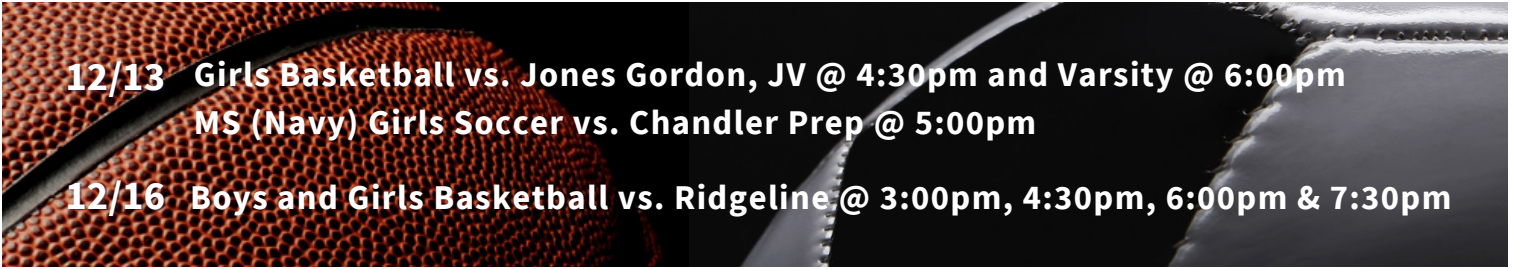
ARCHWAY: 8:00AM - 12:45PM

PREP: 8:00AM-1:00PM

OFFICE: 7:00AM - 2:00PM

SPORTS

UPCOMING HOME GAMES



12/13 Girls Basketball vs. Jones Gordon, JV @ 4:30pm and Varsity @ 6:00pm
MS (Navy) Girls Soccer vs. Chandler Prep @ 5:00pm

12/16 Boys and Girls Basketball vs. Ridgeline @ 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm & 7:30pm

VOLUNTEERS

You don't need to be an athletic parent to volunteer at home games, any Matador or family member is welcome. Let's support our athletes, we can't do it without you.

During the Winter Season we need volunteers at every Basketball Home Game helping with concessions, the entrance ticket table, running the scoreboard, and the scorebook.

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

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

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



BARCA SOCCER ACADEMY CAMP

Don't forget that we will be hosting a Barca Soccer Camp at Scottsdale Prep on December 17-20 for boys and girls ages 6-14 years old! All Great Hearts students will have the opportunity to have a 10% reduced rate. Spots are filling up, so register today! Use Promo Code **BAPX22**

Please see the following link for camp information and registration:

<https://barcaresidencyacademyusa.com/phoenix-winter-camp/>

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 inters quad 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.

Games for Mini Matadors will be at halftime of our HS home basketball games on the following days:

Kinder: Jan 10th @ 6:00pm & Jan 17th @ 6:00pm

1st & 2nd Grade: Dec 13th @ 4:30pm and Dec 16th @ 6:00pm

3rd Grade: Dec 16th @ 7:30pm and Jan 17 @ 7:30pm

4th Grade: Dec 6th @ 6:00pm and Dec 13th @ 6:00pm

ATHELTIC PICTURES

The Fall Athletic Pictures have arrived and athletes can pick up at Coach Galewski's Office. Parents, please check your email from LifeTouch Portraits for additional ordering information or contact their customer service line at 1-866-955-8342 for any questions.

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



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