



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES

February 10th
Picture Day
*Class Pictures, Senior Cap n Gown
& Winter Sports*

February 15th
9th Grade field trip to
Arizona State University

February 17th
1st Grade field trip to
Arizona Science Center

February 20th
No School
President's Day

February 24th
6th Grade field trip to
AZ-Sonora Desert Museum

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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

VALENTINE'S DAY/HOLIDAYS REMINDER

We at Maryvale Prep think fondly of the holidays and the opportunities they provide for families and communities to celebrate with one another and partake in cherished traditions. At our academy, we have intentionally decided to **not** bring those celebrations into our classrooms for two specific reasons.

- The first reason is a matter of minutes. We believe that every minute of learning here matters, and given the magnitude of our mission, we must be very strategic about how we use each of those minutes. We believe that the minutes around these holidays should continue to be devoted to the pursuit of learning in mathematics, language arts, and all of our liberal arts subjects, rather than given to other activities such as classroom parties or holiday arts and crafts.
- The second reason is a matter of content. Although holidays are rooted in much that is good (and many of them are studied in various parts of our curriculum), some of them unfortunately have become associated with certain elements that are not edifying to our school culture or student body, such as Valentine's Day with its traditional celebrations that can inappropriately encourage children to have a "sweetheart" at such a young age. That being said, we will not be having classroom parties around the holidays and ask that you refrain from dressing them up in costumes, sending cards, treats, or other related items. We will work hard to carefully explain this approach to the students, as to keep their excitement and positivity towards the holidays greatly alive.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

On **March 2nd**, we will celebrate Read Across America Day dressing up as our favorite book characters from K-12 curriculum or any other non-pop-culture children's books, as well as scientific or historical figures. We will also be doing lots of reading throughout the day! Your child can begin preparing their outfits. If students are not dressed up, they must be in school uniform. Costumes cannot include weapons, full faced masks, or any drug or alcohol related paraphernalia. Permission slips will be sent home soon for parents to note desired costume and will be approved or denied by homeroom teacher.

K-1 FIELD DAY

Athletic Field Day for K-1 is **March 8th**. We will send more details when the date is closer via classroom newsletters.

KINDER ENROLLMENT

If you are interested in enrolling a Kindergarten Student for the 23-24 school year, please call our office to schedule an evaluation for eligibility for any students not of age. Students must be 5 years of age before December 31, 2023 to test and be considered for an early start.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

During our fieldtrips our students gain additional historical, artistic and college preparatory experiences in locations beyond our campus. Students will have shared experiences across their years here at Maryvale Prep as we select one type of experience for each grade level. All fieldtrips carry a small fee to help offset the costs of transportation, venue, tickets and food.

Fees need to be paid on **Configio** and a signed permission slip is required.

Grade	Date	Field trip Location
K	3/31	Tolmachoff Farms
1st	2/17	Arizona Science Center
6th	2/24	AZ-Sonora Desert Museum
2nd	3/10	Pioneer Living History Museum
3rd	3/30	MIM (Musical Instrumental Museum) & Paradise Valley Park

PREP NEWS

7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

AZELLA TESTING

At the end of this month, Maryvale Prep will administer the state-required Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA) to all Prep students in the ELL program.

Students in the ELL program **must be present for testing** from Monday, February 27 to Friday, March 3.

The results of these assessments determine if students will need to continue in our ELL program next year.

If you have any questions about the AZELLA or the testing, please reach out to Ms. Vaughn at mvaughn@maryvaleprep.org.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

Grade	Date	Field trip Location
9th	2/15	Arizona State University
12th	3/3	Northern Arizona University
10th	3/21	Grand Canyon University
7th	3/23	Mesa Arts Center
11th	3/24	University of Arizona

Field trip fees need to be paid on **Configio** and a signed permission slip is required.

ATTENTION SENIORS!!

CLASS OF 2023 TRIP

We are excited to share that our Senior Trip has been completely sponsored by an outside donor!!!

Our Seniors will be heading to Washington D.C. in May!

We are so excited for the Seniors to share this amazing experience with their classmates.

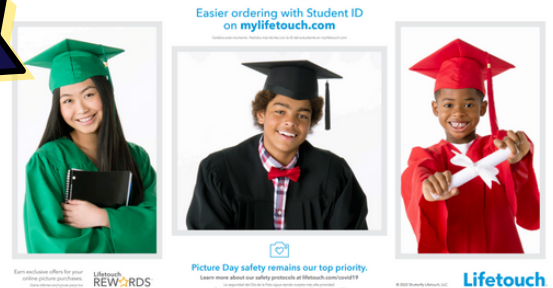


Order your Prep Yearbook today **ORDER HERE!**

YOUR CAP AND GOWN PICTURES

Cap and Gown Pictures will be this Friday, February 10th!

Celebrate This Moment!



PURCHASE YOUR 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



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.

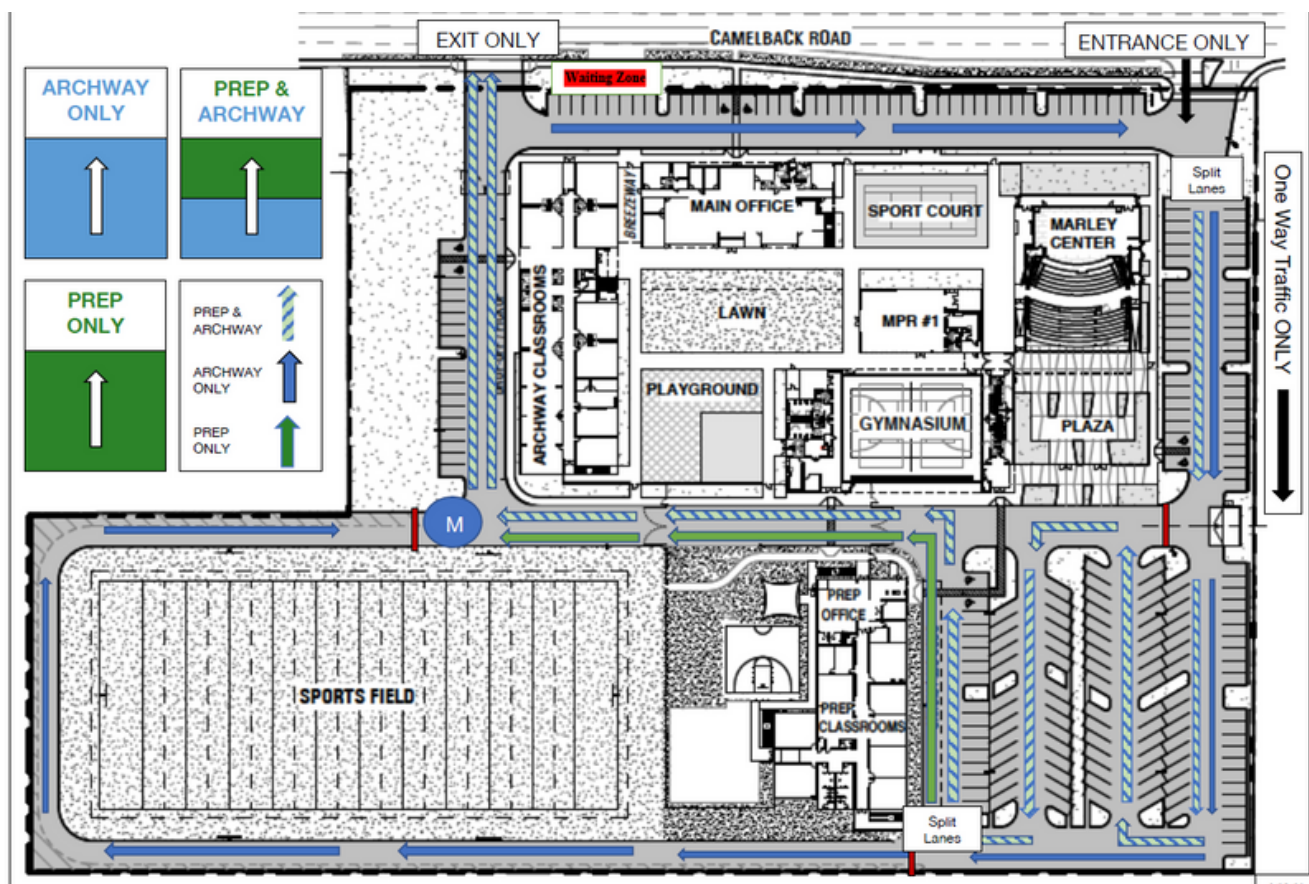
Student walkers should adjust their time on campus to reflect the timing of the campus gate openings.

RED FIRE LANE

Please do not park in the red fire lane area next to the stop sign. Cars will be towed at your own expense.

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.

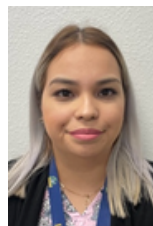
MEET OUR HEALTH OFFICE STAFF



REGISTERED NURSE

Yessenia De Leon, RN, is happy to join us at Maryvale Prep Academy. She is familiar with Great Hearts Academies

because she has an 11-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter at Trivium Prep Academy. This experience along with her 26 years of pediatric care in Illinois and Arizona coupled with her experience working with cancer patients has provided her with a wide range of professional skills and a compassionate heart. She feels blessed to serve this community and share her experiences as a first-generation U.S. citizen and a first-generation college student. She is also kept busy with her 3 furry friends: Doug the Pug & Dusty and Daisy, her corgis.



HEALTH OFFICE ASSISTANT

Joanna Miramontes, MA, is excited to join Maryvale Prep Academy and work alongside our students and

faculty. She has been in the medical field for 8 years and has always worked with kids. She is also so excited to get back to work after having a break to spend time with her 3 children. She is grateful to work for the community she grew up in having attended Trevor Brown High School just down the street. If you see her at Starbucks, just know that's her favorite place to be.

FREE GAME TICKETS

Join us at Grand Canyon University to see GCU Men's Basketball play UT Rio Grande Valley for Free!!

GCU x **UTRGV**

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UT RIO GRANDE VALLEY
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

GREAT HEARTS MARYVALE NIGHT AT GCU

4:30-6 PM
Free! Pre-game pizza party and rides for kids

7 PM
Game start

FREE Game tickets available at Great Hearts-Maryvale front office through 2/13
FREE Parking 31st Drive and Camelback | Clear bag policy

Tickets available at Front Office and will be distributed as a first come first served basis.

SPRING PICTURE DAY

Friday, February 10th

**Class Pictures,
Senior Cap n Gown Pictures
& Winter Sports Pictures**

Easier online ordering on

mylifetouch.com

with your Student's School ID or Picture Day ID: **EVT32RK4C**
or choose a package below and fill out your order form.

Pedidos en línea más fáciles en mylifetouch.com con tu ID escolar del estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto.
o elija un paquete a continuación y complete su formulario de pedido.

FEBRUARY 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**.

GATES:
Carline Gates open at
2:30pm and 12:00pm
on Early Release Days

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

SPRING SEASON

Registration for Spring Sports opened on February 6th through [Configio](#)

All athletes must have a current school year physical to practice, click [here](#) for the physical form.

Practice Start Dates:

High School Softball

2/06/2023

Throwing and Field-3:15pm-4:15pm

Hitting-4:15pm-5:00pm

1st day of Practice 2/27/2023

Track and Field

2/13/2023

Monday, Tuesday and

Thursday 3:15pm-5:00pm

Wednesday 1pm-2pm

Friday 3:30pm-4:30pm

Middle School Girls Basketball

02/27/2023

Monday, Tuesday and Friday 3:30pm-5:30pm

Middle School Tennis

02/16/2023

Monday, Thursday,

Friday

3:30pm-5:30pm

Tuesday 3:30pm-4:30pm

Middle School

Basketball

02/27/2023

Monday and Thursday

3:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 1:10pm-3pm

High School Baseball

Hitting started 1/19/2023

Thursdays (3:15pm-4:pm)

Fielding and throwing started

1/23/2023 Monday (5pm-6pm)

1st day of Practice 2/27/2023

High School Soccer

Open Field Starts 2/13/2023

Monday Wednesday and

Thursday 6pm-8pm

1st day of Practice 2/21/2023

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and

Friday 3:15pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 1:15pm-3pm

SIGN UP TODAY!!

Registration ends on 3/3

Basketball GAME DAY!!

SENIOR NIGHT: Ceremony starts at 5:15 pm

Varsity Girls vs. Thunderbird Adventist @ 6:00 pm



WINTER SPORTS PICTURE DAY

Tomorrow, Friday, February 10th

3:30 pm in the Gymnasium

Please make sure athletes bring their sports uniform

WINTER SPORTS BANQUET

Please join us for our Winter banquet on

Thursday February 23rd.

More information to come from our Athletics Director.

Save the Date

TAX CREDIT DONATION

If you wish to make a donation and be issued a tax write-off, please address your check or money order to Maryvale Prep Athletics Department.

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



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PSO EVENTS

KINDER to 4TH GRADE SPECIAL PERSON DANCE

TICKETS ON SALE AT
ARCHWAY OFFICE
\$5 PER COUPLE

(ONLY ONE SPECIAL PERSON
PER STUDENT)



WE'RE ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET!

SPECIAL PERSON DANCE

Concessions
will be open

Come dressed to impress and have a good time!

February 10th 6-8:30 PM

Maryvale Prep MPR

Featuring:
DJ Duke

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
\$5 A PAIR



*SPECIAL PERSON MUST BE AT LEAST 16

5TH to 12TH GRADE MOVIE NIGHT IN MARLEY CENTER

FREE ADMISSION



If you can volunteer at any of our events or help us count event flyers for classroom distribution, please email us at PSOPresident@maryvaleprep.org
There are many ways to lend us a hand, ask us how.

Movie Night
5th/6th - Prep

Maryvale Prep
PSO presents

**Remember
the
Titans**
Rated: PG

**FREE
ADMISSION**

**Friday,
February 10th**
Marley Center
Doors open @ 6pm
Movie starts @ 6:30pm
Concessions will be open

★ **Parents**
!! Viewer Discretion Advised !!

Parents need to know that Remember the Titans tells the inspirational true story about the struggles and victories of a newly-integrated high school football team in 1971 Alexandria, Virginia. As such, the film reflects the divisive nature of the times -- the film begins with a near-riot scene between African-Americans and whites on the street separated by the police as bottles and windows break. The racial tensions of the town -- segregation in restaurants, racial slurs, fist fights in the high school -- are shown to highlight the backdrop in which the Titans must learn to get along and play together as a team. The movie includes racist comments and situations and some locker room insults. A major character is critically injured in a car accident. When the boys refer to a long-haired teammate as a "fruitcake," he responds by kissing one of them on the mouth. There are some scuffles and threats of more serious violence. Ultimately, Remember the Titans is a deeply moving film about the courage of individuals and the power of sports to transcend perceived and ingrained differences.