



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES

March 23rd
7th Grade Field Trip to
Mesa Arts Center

March 24th
11th Grade Field Trip to
University of Arizona

March 25th
PSO Community Yard Sale

March 30th
3rd Grade Field Trip to
Musical Instrument Museum

March 31st
Lockdown Drill

April 18th
New/Prospective Family breakfast with Headmasters

April 19th
K-3rd APTT

April 28th
Spring Fiesta

Connect with us on Social Media





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

APTT MEETINGS

If you attended both APTT Meetings in the Fall, please consider sending the following to ssidoti@maryvaleprep.org to encourage more parents to attend.

1. A brief video (30-seconds to 1 minute) of you giving a testimonial of how the APTT meetings and at-home activities have had a positive impact on you and your families.
2. A brief video (30-seconds to 1 minute) of you playing one of the APTT games with your student at home.
3. A brief written testimonial and invitation (1 paragraph) indicating the positive impact of APTT on your family and urging other families to attend.

The Next K-3 Meeting is April 19th

MINI MATADORS

Began March 22nd

Sign up has been extended until 3/27.

Please sign up on CONGIFIO

After each practice, pick up instructions are as follows:

- Enter campus from East entrance and proceed to the Archway/Prep Carline (see signs).
- Continue to "snake" the Archway/Prep Carline until you reach the PREP Building curb.
- Your students will meet you at this location (Gate 5 and 6).
- Once you're received your students, turn right at the GYM curb and exit campus toward the East entrance, exit only allowed after school.

Students are encouraged to bring a bottle water.

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, April 14th, at 8 am in the MPR, she will host a series for parents and talk about Confidence and self-esteem.

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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

AS WE TALK ABOUT CONFIDENCE & SELF-ESTEEM

Topics discussed will include:

- Setting a culture of confidence
- Helping children work through struggles
- Daily strategies for confidence building

STATEWIDE TESTING

We will begin statewide testing on March 24th with 5th grade Science and 3rd-6th grades will continue to test much of April. We will be sharing exact dates by grade level in upcoming classroom newsletters and notices. Please ensure that your children are consistently present at school for this testing season and avoid late arrivals and early pickups by planning around these dates. Also ensure students are getting adequate sleep and nutrition to do their best.

AASA Testing Dates	
3rd Grade	April 3, April 4, April 6, April 13, April 18, April 21, April 25
4th Grade	April 3, April 4, April 11, April 17, April 20, April 24
5th Grade	March 24, March 29, April 5, April 12 April 14, April 19, April 26
6th Grade	April 5, April 12, April 14, April 19, April 26

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.

Parents, if you are a chosen chaperone for a field trip, please complete and submit a volunteer application prior to the trip, click this [link](#) to complete. Upon arriving on the field trip day, stop by the front office to check in.

Grade	Date	Field trip Location
3rd	3/30	MIM (Musical Instrumental Museum) & Paradise Valley Park
K	3/31	Tolmachoff Farms

PREP NEWS

7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

STATE TESTING DAYS

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ARE ON TIME AND AT SCHOOL FOR EACH OF THEIR TESTING DAYS

Date	Grades
Tuesday, March 28	8 th & 11 th
Wednesday, March 29	8 th & 11 th
Thursday, March 30	8 th & 11 th
Tuesday, April 4	11 th
	10 th
	9 th
Thursday, April 6	9 th
Tuesday, April 11	7 th & 8 th
Thursday, April 13	7 th & 8 th
Tuesday, April 18	7 th & 8 th
Thursday, April 20	7 th & 8 th
Tuesday, April 25	7 th & 8 th

ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADE AND 9TH GRADE PARENTS

Ms. Ayala, our College Counselor, will hold a meeting for all 8th and 9th grade parents to discuss the following:

- The meaning and importance of Maryvale Prep's weighted GPA.
- College and career exposure, planning, and readiness.
- Maryvale Prep's commitment to students and parents throughout the college process.
- Suggestions for parents on how to support the college process at home.

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 28th at 5:30pm in the Marley Center.**

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

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
7th	3/23	Mesa Arts Center
11th	3/24	University of Arizona
8th	4/27	Medieval Times

CPR TRAINING FOR SENIORS

Hello 12th Grade Families,

In compliance with ARS 15-718.01, The Great Hearts network will provide CPR training for all 12th grade students at our Great Hearts Arizona Academies.

Maryvale Prep will hold our CPR training on Wednesday, March 29 in the Marley Center. Great Hearts Registered Nurses, certified in CPR training, will conduct the training during regular school hours- 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Students will complete pre-work together and then learn how to perform CPR. At the end of the training, each Senior will receive a CPR card that is valid for two years.



2022-23 YEARBOOK

Prep Yearbooks on Sale Now! \$40

Limited Quantities available so order yours today!

Grade 7-12

Remember this year of championships, learning, and special events!

[ORDER HERE!](#)



JUNIORS AND SENIORS ARE INVITED TO THE

MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Enchanted Prom

FOR DETAILS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS PLEASE VISIT [Configio](#)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

EMPOWERING Diversity
SCHOLARSHIP

PRESENTED BY Blue Cross of Arizona Fiesta Bowl

Scholarship Opportunity for Senior Student!
Apply today for a chance to earn \$5000 towards college expenses. Deadline is April 10th.

Click here to apply: [Empowering Diversity Scholarship - Fiesta Bowl](#)

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.

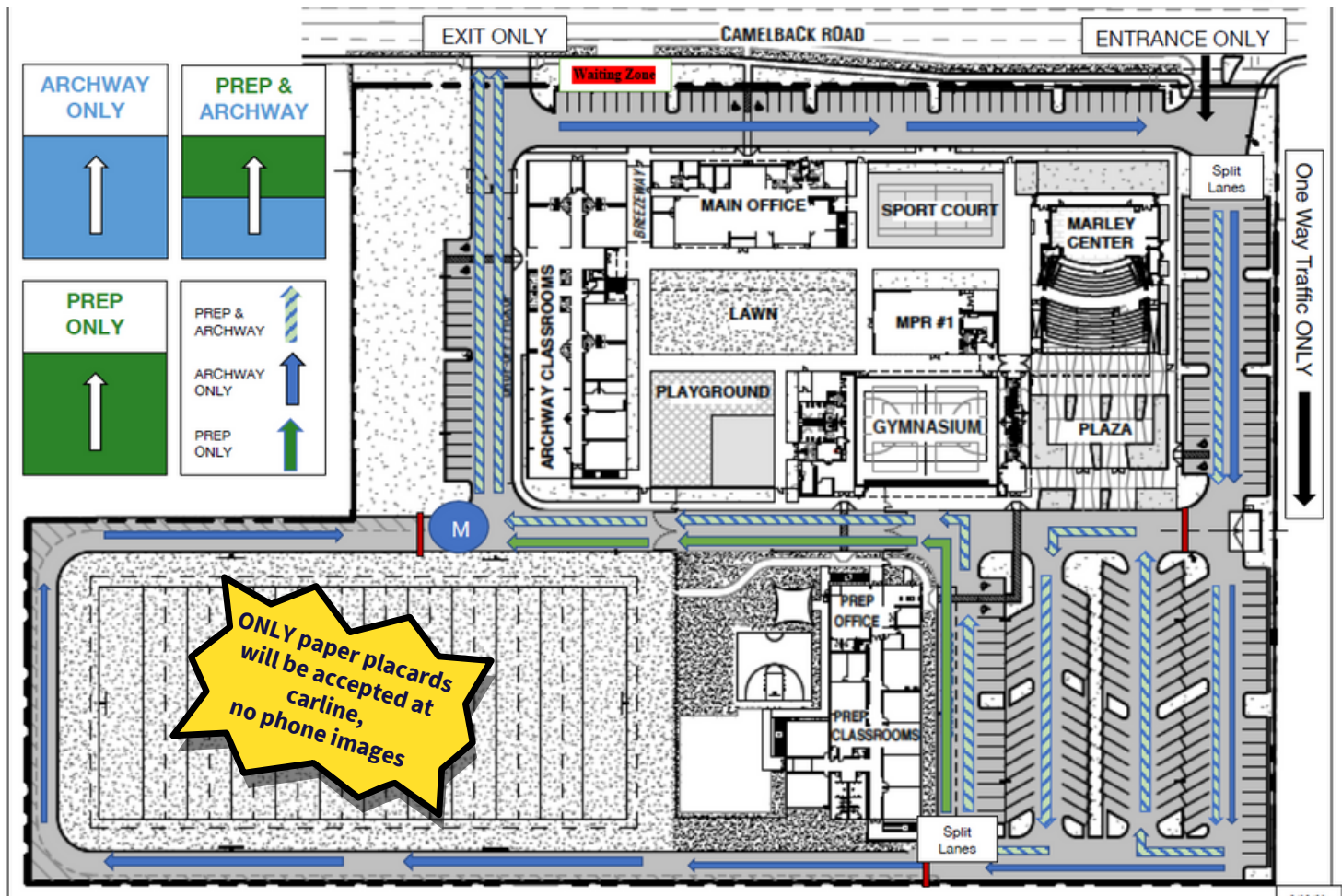
Student walkers should adjust their time on campus to reflect the timing of the campus gate openings.

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

Students must leave campus immediately; the gate opens at 3:00pm and after 3:30pm there is no supervision. All students will be released from campus liability by 3:30pm and will be outside of perimeter gates. Please meet your student's at the gate on time. Students cannot stay and wait for athletes during practices and/or games.

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.

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Students returning for the 23-24 school year, will need to be re-enrolled.

All re-enrollments require an updated proof of residency uploaded to the parent portal.

<https://greathearts.schoolaxis.com>



RE-ENROLL YOUR SCHOLARS BEFORE 4/1 AND BE ENTERED TO WIN THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:



Be entered to win a \$200 voucher for Dennis Uniforms.



Be entered to win a Sport or Mini Matador Season Pass for the 23-24 School year!



Win an Archway club season pass or Prep Enrichment Course for the 23-24 school year!



The Ultimate Fan Package! Be entered to win free entry to all 23-24 home games and a Matador T-Shirt!



Only one person/scholar to qualify per drawing/prize.

Please contact Alexia Ames aames@greatheartsaz.org or (928) 261-1362 if you have any questions.

NEW/PROSPECTIVE FAMILY BREAKFAST WITH HEADMASTERS

Please join us on April 18th for breakfast with our Archway and Prep headmaster from 8:15am-9:45am.

This will be for our new and prospective families. You will get the opportunity to speak with them and ask any question before your scholars joins us for the 23-24 school year. Please reach out to our front office with any questions



Crystal Cruz
Archway Headmaster



Rachel Mercado
Prep Headmaster

TAX CREDIT INFORMATION

Contribute your \$200 or \$400 Az Public School Tax Credit to Maryvale Prep and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your state taxes!

Your contribution will support the flourishing of Maryvale Prep's athletics, extracurricular, and character-building programs.



[Click here to donate](#)

LOCKDOWN DRILL

Friday, March 31st, we will practice a Lockdown DRILL at our academy. (due to scheduled lock down drill cancellation on March 10th)

The purpose of a school lockdown drill is to protect the children and adults in the building from a potential emergency such as the presence of a school shooter.

As with fire drills and other safety programs, the hope is to acclimate students and teachers to a procedure that they will be able to follow quickly, effectively and safely.

PSO EVENTS

NEED TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING?

**MARYVALE PREP
PSO
COMMUNITY
YARD SALE**

PSO will be hosting a Community Yard Sale.
MARCH 25TH, 2023 | 8 AM TO 12 PM
MARYVALE PREP

Spots are limited. Reserve your spot now on Signup Genius! \$25 non-refundable fee per spot (table & chairs included). Fee proceeds will help fund our Annual Spring Fiesta.

TESTING DAYS

Please plan accordingly to ensure that students are on time and at school for each of their testing days. It is important to note, that once a child has started testing their test must be completed within the instructional day, we will highly discourage students from being checked out early during testing.

IMPORTANT PORTALS

School Axis:

- Re-Enrollment
- New Student Enrollment
- Access to print your placard

[Great Hearts Academies - Parent Portal \(schoolaxis.com\)](https://schoolaxis.com)

PowerSchool Public Portal:

- To view student grades

<https://greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

Configio:

- To make payments for sports
- Clubs/Matadors
- Field trips
- Senior Contributions, etc.

<https://maryvaleprep.configio.com>

MARCH 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](#).

FULL DAYS:

ARCHWAY: 8:00AM - 3:15PM

PREP: 8:00AM-3:00PM

OFFICE: 7:00AM - 4:00PM

SCHOOL HOURS



HALF DAYS:

ARCHWAY: 8:00AM - 12:45PM

PREP: 8:00AM-1:00PM

OFFICE: 7:00AM - 2:00PM

SPORTS

GAME DAY UPDATED

We apologize for any last minute game changes this week, due to the weather conditions some of our games were cancelled. For any last minute game day updates please be sure to follow our Instagram and make sure you have been added to the specific sports BAND app, if you have not been added please reach out to our athletic director.

SPRING GAMES

Spring is here and our athletes are ready to represent Maryvale Prep!!

You can find all Spring Sports Schedules on our Maryvale Prep website in the [***Athletics Tab***](#).

Make sure you follow us on [***Instagram***](#) for updates on games, streaming live on some games and track meets.

TAX CREDIT DONATION

Getting ready to file your 2022 taxes? Be sure to take the credit for Maryvale Prep and redirect your state tax dollars to our school through the AZ Public School Tax Credit Program. Any amount makes a big difference and you'll get the entire amount back on your state tax return while supporting our clubs, field trips and athletics.

Thank you for supporting our Matadors!

MINI MATADORS

Spring Season is from March 22nd - April 28th

Sign-ups for the Mini Matadors Spring Season start tomorrow Friday, March 10th on [***Configio***](#), \$75 per participant and we will learn various teams sports.

First practice was yesterday, March 22nd.

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



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Follow us on Social Media:





Annual Spring Fiesta At Maryvale Prep

Celebrate the Maryvale Prep community
at our Annual Spring Fiesta!

Friday, April 28th

5:00pm-8:00pm

Enjoy games, bounce houses, prizes,
food trucks and more!

Located at Maryvale Preparatory Academy
4835 W. Camelback Road Phoenix AZ, 85031

**RSVP
HERE**

