



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 17, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 23rd and 30th
Galileo Testing 2nd-6th Grade

September 4th
No School - Labor Day

September 7th
Picture Day

September 13th
Full Day

September 15th
Early Release Day

September 20th
APTT Meeting K-3rd Grade

A Message from Headmaster Cruz

We are thrilled with the way the year is going! Systems are starting to smooth out as we get going, returning students are leading by example and showing much growth, and new students are settling in and being welcomed into new circles of friendship.

We have begun assessing students, as we do so at various critical points in the year to ensure we collect baseline data in order to meet them where they are and provide them with proper academic supports. Some of the assessments we are doing are reading fluency and comprehension assessments, Galileo Math and ELA Benchmark Assessments, AZELLA English Language Proficiency tests and class assessments. While we strongly believe our students are more than a test score, our thematic goal for Archway is to push academic growth faster. We won't let this goal cloud us from the important moral formation work and our overall vision but we all know that ensuring students have a strong academic foundation is the key to setting them up for long term success. You can be the best supporter of this goal at home by ensuring you read this and classroom newsletters to ensure you know important test dates. You can help your student as well by creating routines for homework and going above and beyond to ensure they have access to the Spalding app, are reading frequently every night, and engaged in more activities that stimulate their minds (less phone and unproductive screen time), and attend conferences, APPT meetings and other events we offer.

Thank you so much for all of the ways you do and will engage with us this school year. Together, we will see growth faster!

Dr. Crystal Cruz

APTT MEETING

Please save the date for our first APTT Meeting of the year, **Wednesday, September 20th.**



K-1- 3:00-4:00pm 2nd -3rd- 4:15-5:15pm

During APTT (Academic Parent-Teacher Teams), all families are invited into the classroom to form strong connections as a community, learn about a fundamental grade level skill, review student data, and receive resources to use at home to accelerate student growth.

More information will be sent soon by your child's teacher.

Attendance is mandatory for parents, students may not attend but childcare will be available.

GALILEO TESTING

Math and ELA Benchmark testing for 2nd through 6th grades will take place between **August 23rd and August 30th.** Please review your child's classroom newsletter for exact dates and times and ensure they are in attendance and well rested.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Fall Clubs will begin on **August 27th and run up to October 28th** on full days.

The list of clubs and signups will be released on Monday, August 21st at 8:00 am on **Configio**. Please note this is the only way to sign up. We will not take sign ups in the front office.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays will be celebrated one time per month on the last Wednesday of the month for birthdays within that month in K-4th only. Homeroom teachers will notify parents of the date to sign up to bring in treats in honor of their student's birthday month. All birthday treats and celebrations dishes should be store bought and include a nutrition and ingredients label. All treats should be free of pop culture decor. Homemade treats are allowed only at events when a parent or guardian is present to all permission for students to consume them.

The first birthday treat is Wednesday, August 30th for K-4th.

Please reach out to your child's teacher for more information if you have a child with an August birthday.



MINI MATADORS

Mini Matadors for Kinder - 4th Grade Fall Season begins on Wednesday, August 21st (first meet) until Wednesday, October 4th (last day). Participants will learn the fundamentals of Soccer or Cheer Squad.

For more information and to sign up, click these links: **Soccer** or **Cheer Squad**

Participants 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.

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; we will add a new lost and found shelf for these items near the MPR for easier access to students.
- Any clothing not claimed by the end of the quarter will become part of the nurse's stash or donated to our PSO. Parents can check the lost and found areas at the end of the day, please check-in the Front Office and we will guide you to these areas.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Students must be in full uniform every day, if shirts have not arrived from Dennis or Anton Uniforms, students must wear a solid navy or solid hunter green polo shirt. Bottoms must be in kaki color, shoes must be solid black, brown, or white. Backpacks and lunch boxes must be one color scheme, solid colors and no pop culture.



Please refer to the **handbook** for allowed uniform components and our **website** for authorized uniform vendors.

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.

Join on **Friday September 1st at 8:00 am in the MPR**, for an introduction and talk about the school counselor's role, what she does, and how she can help your child during this school year.

This is open to all K-6 parents.



5TH GRADE OPENINGS

We still have a number of open seats in 5th Grade. Share with family and friends possibly looking for a new school. It is much harder to get in 6th Grade and beyond as those in wait lists are typically very long.

LOCKS FOR STUDENT LOCKERS

5th and 6th grade students will have a locker for books and we will provide a combination lock for each locker. Students are required to make a one-time non-refundable locker contribution of \$5.00 via **Configio**. The locks will remain as a property of the school. Students who lose their lock, for any reason, will be



required to make an additional locker contribution of \$5.00 and will have another locker issued. As such, it is imperative that students keep their lockers locked at all times they are not in use.

SPORTS



For all Athletics News and Events, please check out their brand new **Newsletter** and **Website**.

COFFEE WITH THE HEADMASTER

Dr. Cruz will be hosting the first of several Headmaster Coffee and Chats.

Join us on **August 29th at 8:15 am** in the MPR.

This session will be an informal Q&A but will also touch goals for the year and parent partnership.

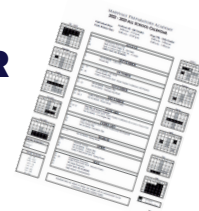
AFTER SCHOOL ATHENAEUM

After-School Athenaeum is focused on the liberal arts and promotes learning by providing students dedicated homework time in addition to a diverse array of culturally enriching.

For information and to register, please visit: **MaryvalePrep.Org** and click on Academy Life -> After School Athenaeum.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The **school calendar** is available on our website.



SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers must have a Raptor clearance before volunteering on campus. Raptor clearance must be renewed annually, so if you were cleared last year, you must complete the clearance process again for the 2023-24 school year. The cost is \$5 and it only takes a few minutes.



Click here to Register

AUGUST MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST **LUNCH**

CONTACT INFORMATION AND SCHOOL HOURS

Main Office Phone Number: (623) 247-6095

Attendance Line: (623) 247-6095 Option 0 (leave a detail voicemail to report absences)

Attendance Email: attendance@maryvaleprep.org

School Hours:

Full Days: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri

8:00 AM - 3:15 PM (campus opens at 7AM)

Half Days: Wed

8:00 AM - 12:45 PM



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Office Hours:

Full Days: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Half Days: Wed

7:00 AM - 1:30 PM



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.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus has 5 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.

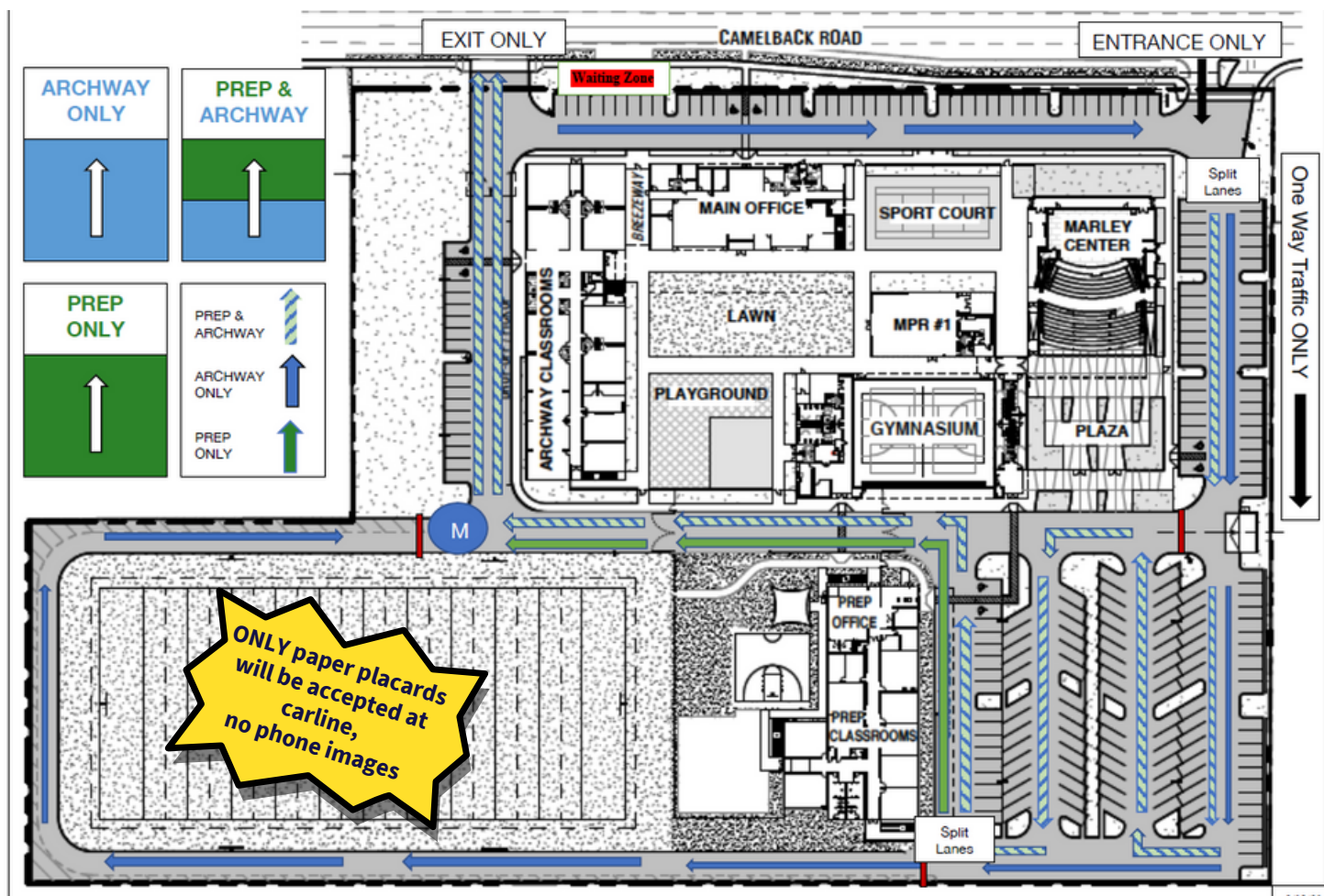


RED FIRE LANE

Please do not park in the red fire lane are 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.



REMEMBER: If you have ONLY Archway (K-6th Grade) Students, use ARCHWAY ONLY Lane

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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.

GREAT HEARTS DAY AT CHASE FIELD

Join us for another Great Hearts Day at Chase Field
Friday, September 1st as the Dbacks take on the Orioles!

Enjoy discounted tickets
the National Anthem performed by Great Hearts choir students
and an opportunity to win game day experiences and prizes exclusive
to Great Hearts families and friends.

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We hope to see you at the ballpark!



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at Chase Field!

**Friday,
September
1st, 2023**

**SCAN FOR
TICKETS**

The graphic features a blue border and a background image of a baseball player in a grey uniform with "DBACKS" and the number "4" on the back. A blue megaphone with three lightning bolts is positioned to the right of the main text. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the graphic.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS