



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 31, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 4th
No School - Labor Day

September 7th
Picture Day

September 13th
Full School Day

September 15th
Early Release Day

September 20th
APTT Parent Meeting for
K-3rd Grades



A Message from Headmaster Cruz

I was so excited to connect with those of you who came to our first Headmaster Coffee and Chat of the school year. It was good for me to hear why you chose this school and to hear reassurance that we are acting upon those reasons you chose Maryvale Prep in addition to gathering how we can continue to improve. Some of you had such wonderful and heartwarming things to share and I want to remind you to share things directly with your child's teachers as well. Often times, they do not hear enough from families what an impact they are making and those positive and heartfelt messages are a breath of fresh air in between the tougher emails. Those home-school connection moments are so important and we want to remind you that the best place to foster trust is always in you reaching out to your child's teacher first. They are for you and your children and are always looking for ways to engage and partner in the best interest of the student. We will have more of these sessions targeting various topics and invite you to come and get to know more about our efforts and connect with other parents.

September will bring more moments to connect at events such as our K-3 Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT), Coffee with the Counselor, movie nights and more. We look forward as always to an engaged and present parent body and hope to see many of you. Lastly, to host many events it requires much support. We are always looking for more help on our PSO team. Please reach out to them at ps@maryvaleprep.org to join this amazing group of families and extend your support even further.

Have a wonderful weekend!





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**. Please avoid any consequences for multiple tardies by arriving on time.

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 carline **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.

LATE PICK UP

Students picked up after 3:45pm (1:30pm early release), 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 4:00pm (1:30 pm early release) = \$5.00 per student
- 4:01 – 4:30pm (1:46-2:15pm early release) = \$5.00 per student + \$1.00 per student, per minute
- After 4:30pm (2:15pm early release) = 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. Parents meeting their student walkers must park off campus.

The walker list includes full days and early release days; at this time, we cannot accommodate only specific days. Students will be dismissed from Gate 3 at 3:15pm, students from 1st to 6th grade will be asked to exit by 3:30pm. Kindergarten students must be picked up by their parent/guardian or older sibling. The gate will close at 3:30pm and kinder students still waiting to be picked up will need to be picked up at the front office.

Due to our limited space in our property, the North parking lot (along Camelback Road) is reserved for families who need to visit the front office, please do not park in this lot if you are picking up a student walker. We do not have enough spots to accommodate everyone and having cars exit in this area slows down the flow of traffic during student pick-up.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus has 5 security gates. East Entrance gate includes a vehicular gate and a pedestrian gate and the West Entrance is now secure.

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.



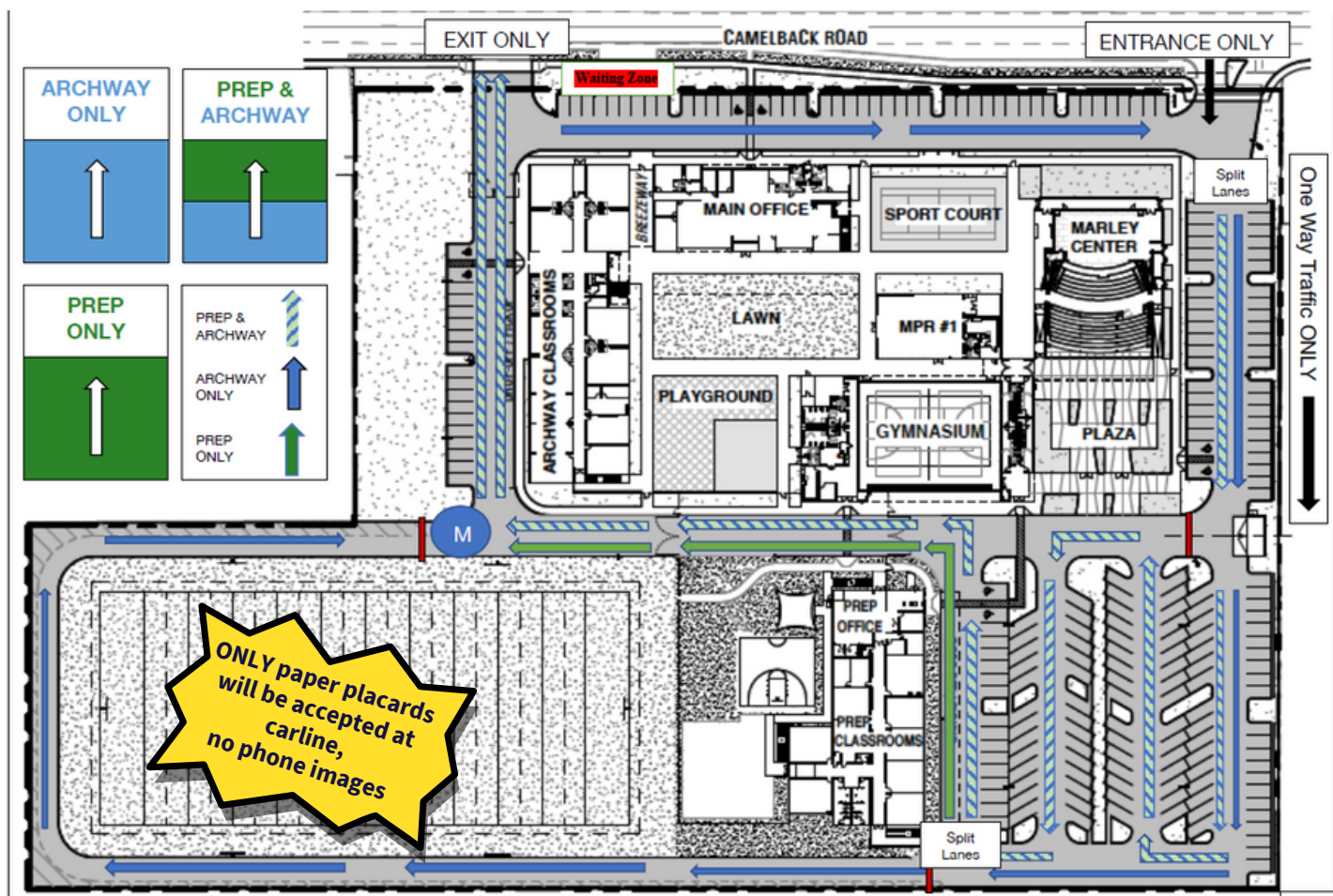
RED FIRE LANE

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.

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



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
- Roll down your window when approaching a staff member that can scan your placard, they will not scan if window is up as this causes delays with window barrier

STUDENT WALKERS

Students must exit the campus immediately at dismissal time; the gate opens at 3:15pm and at 3:30pm students still waiting to meet their parent/guardian at the gate, will be asked to return to their class. Parents will need to pick them up at the office and review the Late Pick-Up Policy and pay a fee. Please meet your students at the gate on time. Students are not permitted to wait for athletes during practices and/or games.

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

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.



LOCKDOWN DRILL

This **Friday, September 1st at 2:10 pm**, we will have our first lockdown drill of the school year. As these are sensitive topics, please discuss with your children at home to prepare them for any uneasiness and concern. We will do the same here at school.

INDIVIDUAL FALL PICTURE DAY



Lifetouch + Shutterfly
CAPTURE, PRESERVE AND SHARE LIFE'S JOY

Picture day is **Thursday, September 7th**

Students must be in full uniform for pictures. Order envelopes will be sent home with students tomorrow Friday or you can Pre-order now at mylifetouch.com with your student ID or Picture Day ID: **EVTCDD6T**

Volunteers are needed to help with student lines (*1 hour shifts available*), please contact Prep Front Office if you're available this day.

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.

SARRC PARTNERSHIP

This year, Maryvale Prep will be working with the **Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC)** on a project regarding a universal screening for social challenges for public schools. The idea is that screening children for social challenges early and identifying and addressing those challenges will have a significant positive effect on their school experience. We plan take a role in the research that SARRC is doing in this area this year. Some frequently asked questions about this project are addressed here. If you have any other questions about this project, please reach out to Jessica DeVries, Dean of Academics, at jdevries@maryvaleprep.org or Thomas Doeblner, National Director of Exceptional Student Services, at thomas.doeblner@greathearts.org.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The Fall Club Season will run until October 27th on full days.

Dismissal is at 4:30-4:35 pm except if they are enrolled in Athenaeum. Parents need to park and walk to Gate #2 to check out their children (with their placard) where you will be met by Club Leaders.

MINI MATADORS

Mini Matadors for Kinder - 4th Grade Fall Season will run until Wednesday, October 4th.

Participants meet every Wednesday and are dismissed at the **south parking lot at 1:45pm**. Parents please make sure you bring placard for pick up.

CARLINE SET UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we continue to experience record breaking excessive heat days, and it's usually at peak during our pick-up times in the afternoon. To help provide some heat relief for our children and teachers, as well as expedite the carline, we are setting up shaded canopies and portable misters at the pick-up line and we need your help!

The set up requires at least 3-4 adults and generally takes about 15-20 minutes. As a thank you for your time and effort, you can expedite your kids' pick up by parking in the West Exit in front of the office and skipping the carline. This effort will only likely be required through end of September.

The ask is to **arrive at 2:45 PM** during our 3:15 PM dismissal days and **arrive at 12:30 PM** on our 12:45 PM dismissal day to help set up the canopies and fill the buckets for the misters. If the carline is blocking the Entrance, you can enter through the Exit to park. Your prompt arrival times noted will be expedited by the opening of our west vehicular gate. Volunteers can head right to the equipment and setup. No Front Office check-in is necessary. Once setup is complete, THEN volunteers can go to the Front Office for student pickup, saving you time from the carline while also helping all our students, teachers, and fellow parents!

If you are able to help for a specific day, please sign up here.

For any questions, reach out to Director of School Operations, Patricia Slider pslider@maryvaleprep.org or 623-247-6095.

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](#)

DENNIS UNIFORMS

If you experience issues with uniform shirt logos from Dennis Uniforms, please complete click this [link](#) to complete a form for a shirt replacement.

SPORTS



For all Athletics News and Events, please check out their brand new [Newsletter](#) and [Website](#).

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.

FREE PHOENIX RISING TICKETS

Compliments of Phoenix Rising & Northern Arizona University get your tickets to the Rising FC home game (vs Rio Grande Valley FC) on Saturday September 2nd to celebrate back to school night! Get your tickets by clicking the link <https://fevogm.com/Nau>

SEPTEMBER MEAL MENUS

[BREAKFAST](#) [LUNCH K-1](#) [LUNCH 2-6](#)

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



GREAT HEARTS DAY AT CHASE FIELD TOMORROW FRIDAY!

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!

Join us for
GREAT HEARTS DAY
at Chase Field!

**Friday,
September
1st, 2023**

**SCAN FOR
TICKETS**

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



Parents as Teachers

Now Enrolling Maryvale Village

Our Parents as Teachers program is an internationally recognized, strengths and evidence-based parenting education and support program. Parents as Teachers, provides home visits focused on positive interactions, learning through play, relationship building, and encouraging growth and development in children.

Services may also include:

- Motor/Social Skills
- Tips for Easing Tantrums
- Cognitive Development
- Health Screenings
- Support for Mealtime Routines
- Assistance with Potty Training

We believe that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers

- **Services are FREE!**
- **Bi-weekly visits tailored to your schedule and situational needs**
- **Available to all families with children from birth – 5 years old**
- **Families can connect with other parents, gain support, share information, and allow children to interact and socialize with their peers**

Call or Send us an email!

480.352.2172

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