



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 15th
Early Release Day-No Clubs or Mini Matadors

September 15th
PSO Fundraiser at Panda Express

September 19th
Annual Title I Meeting

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

September 22nd
Movie Night presented by PSO

September 25th
Headmaster Coffee and Chat with 5th & 6th Grade Parents



A Message from Headmaster Cruz

We have officially completed our first month of school and are proud of all that your children have accomplished alongside our dedicated faculty and staff. This month is the kick-off of many academic endeavors. Your children have completed benchmark assessments, and we are equipped with the knowledge we need to individually support their growth.

There are many ways you can partner as well:

- Academic morning clubs have started and many of your children were invited for targeted instruction and support before the school day begins on full days. If you received an invitation, do whatever you can to bring them in the mornings.*
- 1st-6th grade students received login and password information for MobyMax last week. Please provide and encourage time on the computer at home for them to use this targeted tool for additional practice and support.*
- APPT for K-3 is Wednesday, September 20th. Ensure you are in attendance to learn practical ways to support your student at home. We will provide resources for your to keep.*
- Review your child's deficiency notices if they received on for K-2, or their MQR for 3-6 students and contact your child's teacher if you have questions or want to know of additional ways you can support at home.*
- Ensure your child is on time and in school! We know you want the best for them and making sure they are in school daily is important as absences add up fast and are the primary cause of low academic achievement. Missing just two days per month is equivalent to missing approximately 30 hours of math and 60 hours of reading instruction per school year. Use the calendar to schedule and plan appointments and vacations around their school days.*

Thank you for being so supportive and engaged.





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://greatearts.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.



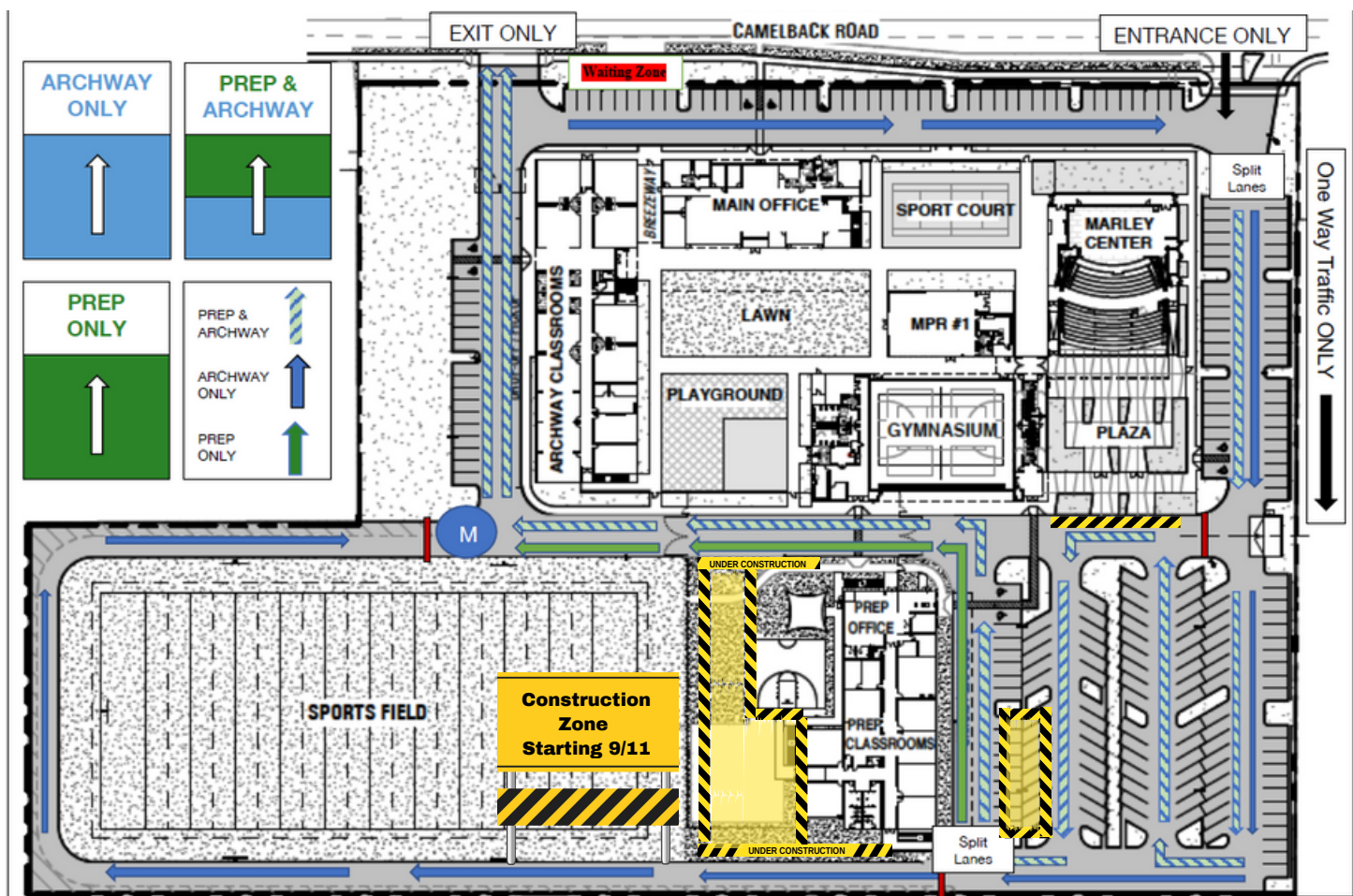
RED FIRE LANE

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.

ANNUAL TITLE I GRANT PROGRAM MEETING

The annual Title I Grant Program Meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, September 19th**

Two sessions will be available on this date:

Session 1 at 9:30 AM: <https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/96438604344>

Session 2 at 1:00 PM: <https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/98531593449>

JOIN US

These sessions will answer the questions:

What is Title I Grant Program?

What resources are available for students who qualify for this assistance?

The meeting will conclude with an open Q & A.

Following the meeting, a brief survey will be distributed to collect feedback from attendees.

For questions about this event or Title I, email Missy Penniman at melissa.penniman@greathearts.org.

5TH & 6TH GRADE HEADMASTER COFFEE AND CHAT

On **Monday, September 25th from 8:15-9:00am**, all 5th and 6th grade parents are invited to have coffee and chat with Dr. Cruz. Come here more about our Lyceum program, how we work to prepare students for their prep experience, 6th grade promotion, and more. Please check-in at the Front Office and we will meet in the MPR.



OCTOBER PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on **October 16th and 17th**. These are project days at home and count as school days. Project lists and expectations will be sent soon. Please note that conferences are 100% mandatory so plan to be in town and back from Fall Break to attend these important and mandatory meetings.

DENNIS UNIFORMS

Dennis Uniforms will collect logo defected shirts from the Front Office on **Friday, September 15th**. These will be fixed and sent back with students on Tuesday, September 19th.

If you purchased a uniform top with a defected logo/crest complete the form in this [link](#) and you can bring the damaged shirt to the office by tomorrow at 3:00pm.

READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for 1 to 2 volunteers to assist with ELL Reading Groups on full days from 9:30-10:20am, 12:00-12:45pm and 2:00-3:00pm. If you are able to support with any of these times, please reach out to Ms. DeVries at jdevries@maryvaleprep.org.

CONSTRUCTION AT OUR CAMPUS

We are excited to have begun construction on September 11th.

This is the start of our Phase 2 for our Prep Building (7th-12th Grade). This building addition will include a bottom floor MPR (cafeteria) and a top floor space for classrooms, offices and a special Senior space just for our 12th graders.

With any construction project comes the need for advanced safety protocols and patience.

Our goals for student safety, good carline traffic flow, project separation with fencing, the use of Raptor for all construction crews and an expected completion date of early April are utmost in our minds.

**Prep Building
Construction
Starting 9/11**



NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR MINI MATADORS ON FRIDAY

Due to the Great Hearts faculty in-service, all after school clubs and Mini Matadors will be cancelled on Friday. Please be sure to pick up your children by 12:45pm so that we can get our teachers and staff to their sessions across the valley.

FALL PICTURES

If you didn't pre-order fall pictures, you can order by scanning the QR Code or at mylifetouch.com enter your student's ID or Picture Day ID: **EVTCDDDB6T**
If your child missed picture day, re-takes will happen on October 20th.



PSO FUNDRAISER-TOMORROW



Fundraiser for

Maryvale Prep Academy PSO

20% of event sales will be donated

Maryvale Prep PSO's goal is to fundraise for our school and give our community the chance to help.



EARLY RELEASE DAY

This week our early release day is scheduled on Friday, September 15th for a faculty in service day; Archway students will be released at 12:45pm.

Mini Matadors will not meet this week due to these changes.

The **23-24 School Calendar** provides information on early release days and events happening all year.

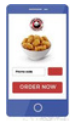
When

Friday, September 15, 2023
Time: 8:30 AM to 11:30 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:
5229 W. Indian School Rd. Phoenix AZ
85031
(623) 873 - 7887

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 358619 in the fundraiser code box

or



In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Friday, September 15, 2023

SPORTS

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

SEPTEMBER MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST LUNCH K-1 LUNCH 2-6

If your family does not qualify for free or reduced meals, parents must add funds to the **SOS Meal Website** or ensure their student brings a lunch meal to school. Effective **Monday, October 2nd**, students with a balance of \$30 or higher will not be provided a full meal but an alternative snack until the balance has been paid and funds added for future meals.

For additional information and to access our NSLP free/reduced lunch application, please visit our website: maryvaleprep.org



Health and Safety

Committed to your health and safety. Panda Express is recognized as America's safest restaurant brand.

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 20% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location when purchased with your unique code at check-out or when a copy of this flyer is presented. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.

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



APTT INVITATION



Dear K-3 Families,

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! One of our goals this year is to ensure academic growth comes faster. This does not come without developing a strong partnership with you. This year, we will again host Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT), which has been noted as an effective model for developing parent-teacher partnerships to better support your student's learning as the model promotes family teacher collaboration to drive student learning and achievement. Your children's teachers have compiled student data, selected a key grade level skill, and have purchased many resources that you will take and use at home with your student. At the meeting, they will share this data and demonstrate these at-home activities for you to do with your child.

With our APTT model we will be meeting four times a year, this includes three team meetings where all the families will come together as a class and one individual parent teacher conference in October that allows us to provide you and your child one-on-one time with their classroom teacher.

It is critical to attend these important meetings so we can plan how to work together to support your student's learning. Childcare and translation will be available.

APTT MEETING DATES

APTT MEETING #1	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	APTT MEETING #2	APTT MEETING #3
WEDNESDAY, 9/20 Times: Grades K-1: 3:00-4:00pm Grades 2-3: 4:15-5:15pm	OCTOBER 16TH-17TH	WEDNESDAY, 1/17 Times: Grades K-1: 3:00-4:00pm Grades 2-3: 4:15-5:15pm	WEDNESDAY, 4/17 Times: Grades K-1: 3:00-4:00pm Grades 2-3: 4:15-5:15pm

Our goal is that 100% of our families attend all APTT meetings!

Your attendance at this APTT meeting is mandatory. This meeting is for parents only, but in the event that either parent cannot attend, another close family member may attend for the student. We ask that you do not bring children with you to the meetings if it is avoidable. However, if childcare is a barrier, you may keep your babies with you at the meeting, and kindergarten-age students and older may be dropped off at the MPR (cafeteria) where they will be supervised by members of our faculty. We will just ask you to step out and tend to your babies needs as they come up so that the meeting can move forward as needed.

All families will park in the south parking lot, with additional spots available in the east parking lot. Everyone will enter and exit campus through Gate 15 (by the playground). Please plan on arriving 10-15 minutes prior to the start time of your meeting to ensure you have time to check-in as well as drop off any children to the MPR (cafeteria).

We look forward to seeing you at our first APTT meeting! If you have any questions, please call our office at (623) 247-6095 or e-mail our Assistant Headmaster, Mrs. Sidoti-Kennedy at: ssidoti@maryvaleprep.org.

Best regards,

Dr. Cruz
Archway Headmaster