



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

### ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**September 22nd**  
Movie Night presented by PSO

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

**October 6th**  
Coffee with Counselor

**October 9th-13th**  
NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

**October 16th-17th**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
(No School)

**Ocr 20th**  
Picture Day Retakes

#### ***A Message from Headmaster Cruz..***

*We were so thankful to have many K-3 families attend our APTT meeting last night and hope that you found it useful as you explore ways to help your child at home! We look forward to additional opportunities to engage like this with all of you.*

*This week I spent a few days visiting various schools in Texas and while I saw great things one of the things that stands out to me is how much joy for learning and student engagement we have on campus. I love that we teach our students to wonder and ask questions. Our classrooms are rich in discussion and our students carry much of the cognitive load. I also left just so thankful that our students experience things like art, music, Spanish and PE!*

*Whether you chose Great Hearts because of these things I hope you know and am always happy to engage with you further about how special a rigorous liberal arts curriculum is. Our focus on moral and intellectual views a student beyond the data and really embraces human flourishing.*

*While I left with great ideas, I also left clinging to what calls me to Great Hearts and our Maryvale community!*

*I'm so thankful to be on this journey with you.*





# 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](mailto: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.**



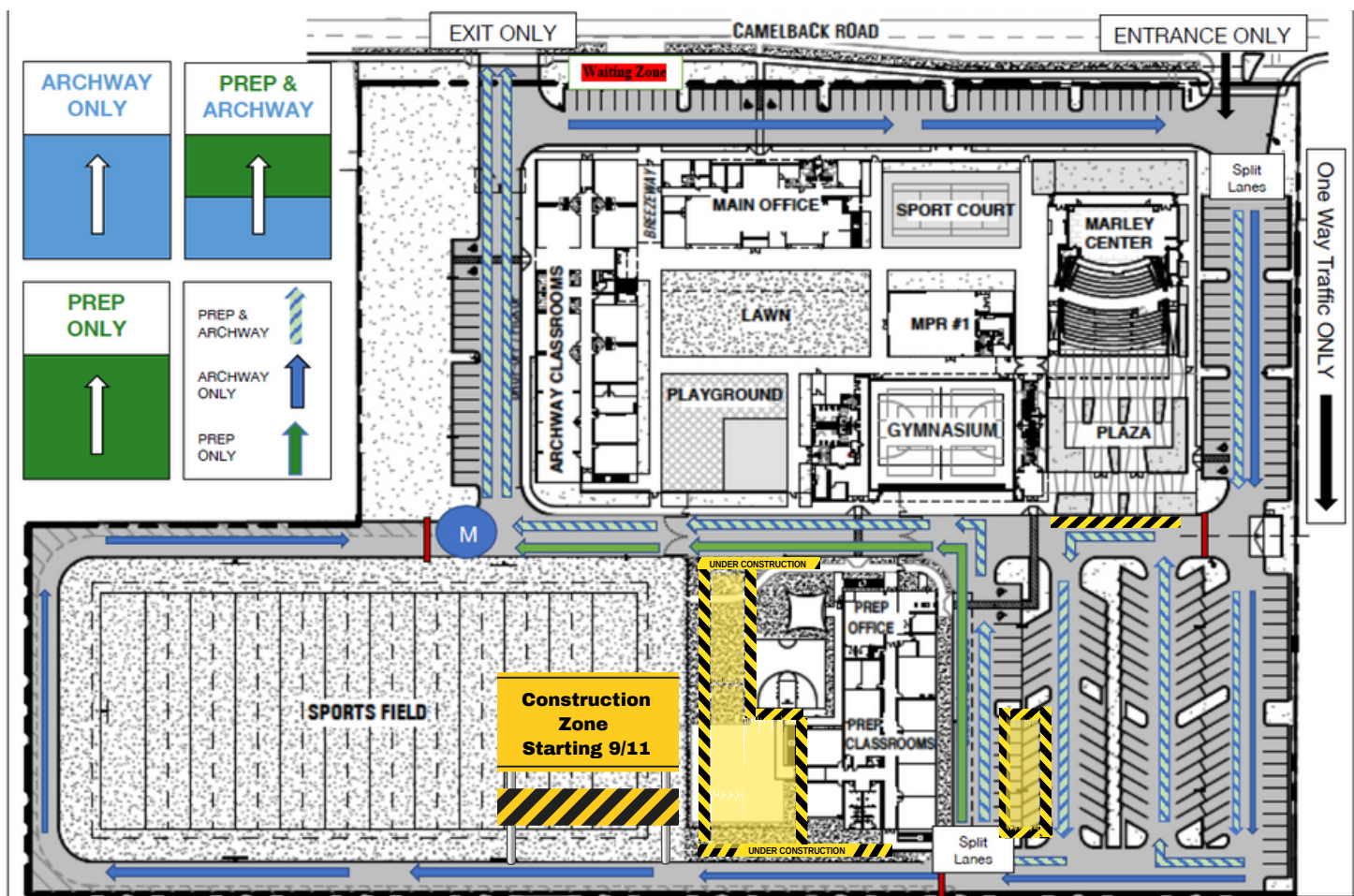
## RED FIRE LANE

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.

**We have had an increase cell phone usage while families are waiting in carline that has slowed us down, is ultimately unsafe and also have had reports of parents videotaping. We would like to remind you that cell phones should not be used during carline and videotaping of other students is now allowed.**

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

## 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.



## COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Mrs. Limas-Herschell will be providing a series of coffee talks to discuss various topics for parents to help students in a variety of ways.



On **Friday October 6th at 8:00 am in the MPR**, join us to discuss the topic: **Anxiety in Children**

This series of reunions are open to all K-6 parents.

## FALL PICTURES

If you didn't pre-order fall pictures, you can order by scanning the QR Code or at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

enter your student's ID or Picture Day ID **EVTCDDB6T**



If your child missed picture day, retakes will happen on October 20th.

## 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](mailto:jdevries@maryvaleprep.org).

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The Health Office is in need of snacks to have available for students who missed breakfast or to take medication. If you would like to donate a pack of store-bought snacks, please drop off at the front office during office hours.

## 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.

## SPORTS

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](http://maryvaleprep.org)

## 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](mailto: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



[www.maryvaleprep.org](http://www.maryvaleprep.org)

Office Hours:

Full Days: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Half Days: Wed

7:00 AM - 1:30 PM







# **SUPER MARIO** **MOVIE NIGHT**

**maryvale prep pso  
presents**

**The Super Mario Bros  
Movie**

**Friday, September 22nd  
2023**

**Doors open at 6:00pm  
Movie starts at 6:30pm**

**Come hungry, concessions  
will be open**

