



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 13th
Full School Day

September 15th
Early Release Day

September 15th
PSO Fundraiser at Panda Express

September 19th
Annual Title I Meeting

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

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



A Message from Headmaster Cruz

It is so hard to believe that the end of this week marks the middle of first quarter. We have had lofty goals as we begun the school year.

*Given our thematic goals for the school year to **achieve student growth faster**, the middle of the quarter gives all of us opportunities to reflect on where we are and what next steps we can take at school and at home to push that growth further.*

Across the four weeks we have spent a lot of time collecting data and identifying where students are individually to determine what plans we push forward to ensure their academic progress. On campus we follow a multi-tiered student approach to address their needs and ensure early and ongoing intervention. You will begin receiving communication if your child is receiving intervention supports with that, we invite you to always reach out for additional at home resources and ideas to support their goals.

One upcoming piece of information will come by way of K-2 deficiency notices and 3-6 mid quarter reports. Please note that these notices and reports are just one piece of information, so we always invite you to engage with us further as we look to all of the ways that help us achieve growth faster for each student.

Thank you for coming alongside us in these ways and more!





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.



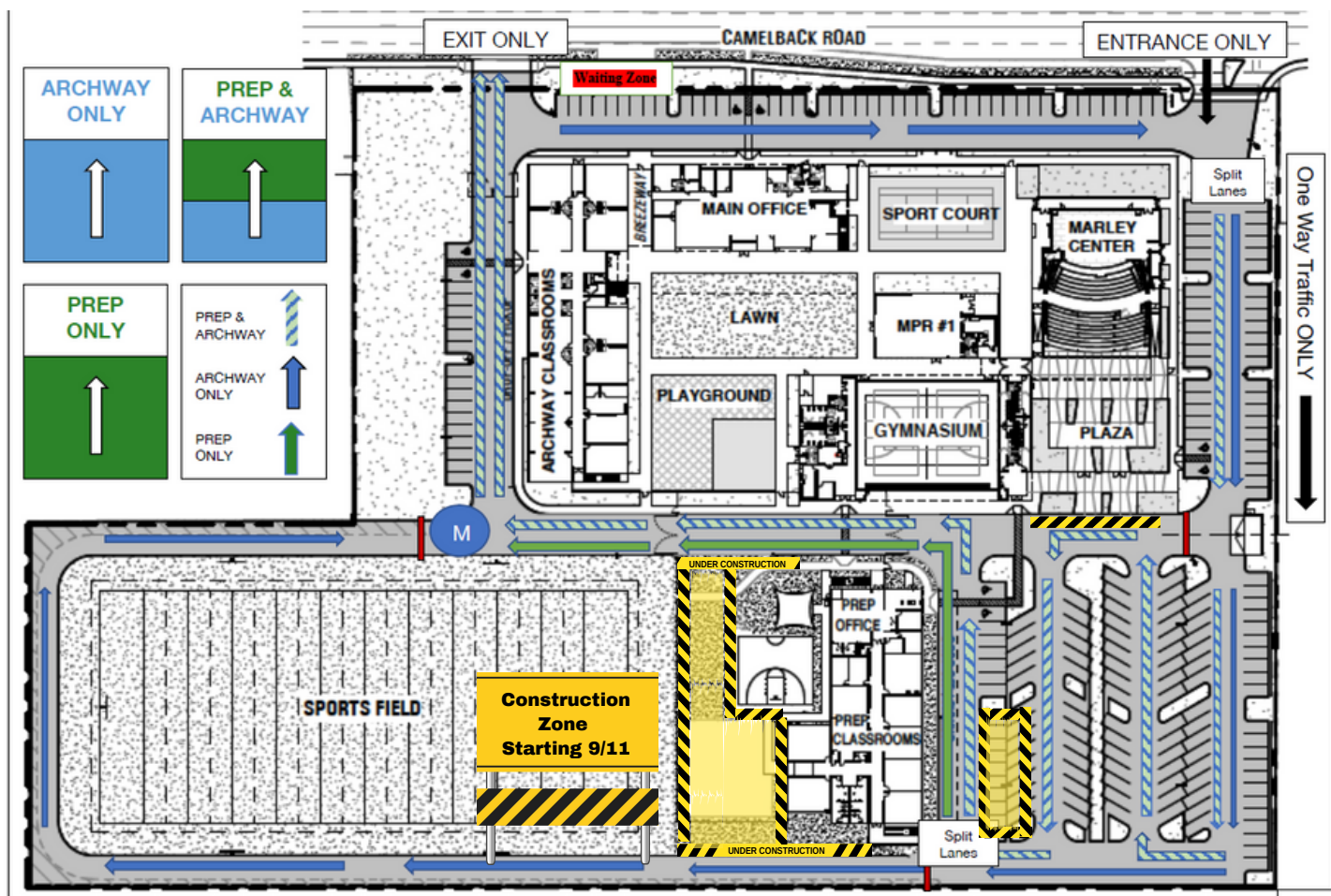
RED FIRE LANE

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.

3RD-6TH MID QUARTER REPORTS

This year we will move 3rd through 6th grade students to a Mid Quarter Report (MQR). All parents will receive a report of their child's grade progress for all subjects. Please note that these are raw averages based on numerical grades entered grade books and does not take into account any teacher judgment based on a child's participation, effort, sense of wonder, and citizenship.

We invite you to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about any of these grades after you receive your MQR.

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>

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.



K-2 DEFICIENCY NOTICES

We are at the middle of the quarter and want to ensure you are up to date if your child is not passing their classes.

By **Monday, September, 11th** you will hear from your child's lead teacher or specialists if your child is deficient in any grade categories and at-risk thus far this quarter.

Communication will come either by phone or email and you should expect to hear from the teacher about ways in which you can support your student at home. As always, if you do not hear from your child's teacher and wish to know more, please always feel free to reach out to them at any time.

We look forward to sharing specific individual data as well at our first APTT night on 9/20.

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.

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](#)



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 Doebler, National Director of Exceptional Student Services, at thomas.doebler@greathearts.org.

CONSTRUCTION AT OUR CAMPUS

We are excited for **Monday, September 11th** as 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 great communication, advanced safety protocols and patience. Please know we have a full team tasked with all of these concerns. 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.



REMEMBERING 9/11

Per state-required law HB2325 we will share the blurb below with students in class. Talk to your children in whatever way you feel is appropriate. Some children are very sensitive and young, so we are asking that children share their thoughts and concerns with their parents and not with each other. Please help us guide that. Here are some links you can use to talk to your children about events like this.

Here are some links with resources on how to talk to their children about events like this:

[**National Association of School Psychologists**](#)

[**Brown University**](#)

Today, we remember an important day in the history of America. Many years ago, four stolen airplanes crashed on the same day in our country. Many people lost their lives. But the American people were strong. Many firefighters and police officers rushed to help. They were real heroes. Other families took in stranded travelers and cared for them. Today, there are many security measures in place to make sure that nothing like this ever happens again, and to keep Americans safe.

One way that we remember what happened on Sept. 11 is by thinking about how the American people came together to help each other, and by being kind to others and helping other people. We want to encourage you to talk to your parents about this, tonight, and to think about ways you can help others. If you want to know more about what happened on September 11, 2001, please talk to your parents. They will have the best answers.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The Fall Club Season will run until October 27th on full days. **Dismissal is at 4:30-4:35pm** 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.

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.

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.

FALL PICTURES



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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: **EVTCDDB6T**

If your child missed picture day, re-takes will happen on October 20th.

Thank you parent volunteers for your help during picture day!

PSO FUNDRAISER



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.



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



In-Person

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

Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone

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



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 to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to 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.

NEXT WEEK: FULL DAY WEDNESDAY & EARLY RELEASE FRIDAY

Next Wednesday, September 13th is a regular full day with dismissal time of 3:15pm. Early release day is scheduled on Friday, September 15th. Archway students will be released at 12:45pm.

If your student(s) participate in sports or Mini Matadors, check with their coach for any updates with practice due to these changes.

The [23-24 School Calendar](#) provides information on early release days and events happening all year.

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

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 Kinder, First, Second, and Third Grade Families,

For those who I have not yet connected with, my name is Mrs. Kennedy and I am the Archway Assistant Headmaster at Maryvale Prep. The 2023-2024 school year is off to a great start! Our teachers and staff have been working diligently with your students to ensure that everyone is on track to meet their established academic goals. We believe in all our students and their capacity to learn and achieve academic success. Educational research clearly documents that when families support student learning at home, there is a definitive increase in grades, attendance, comportment, homework completion, social skills, state test results, and college attendance. **We are excited to continue our Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) as an additional approach to supporting all students in reaching their full academic potential.** To our new K-3 families joining us this year, the goal of the APTT model is to promote family teacher collaboration to drive student learning and achievement.

I want to personally invite you to join us by attending our first APTT class meeting of the school year taking place on Wednesday, September 20th. We are continuing our APTT model this year in grades K-3 and have staggered the meetings in the hope that families with multiple students in these grades can attend both. See meeting information here:

K-3 APTT Meetings:

Where: Your Child's Classroom

When: Wednesday, September 20th

Times:

Grades K/1: 3:00-4:00pm

Grades 2/3: 4:15-5:15pm

What to Expect:

Teachers are currently working diligently in preparation for this important meeting with you. They are reviewing and compiling student data, strategically selecting key grade level skills, and we 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. These meetings will also offer opportunities for you to build community with your child's teacher and other families. All APTT team meetings will be 1 hour in length, and as with our individual parent-teacher conferences, your attendance at this APTT meeting is mandatory. This meeting is for parents only, and childcare will be available on campus. More information regarding campus logistics will follow.

We look forward to seeing you at our first APTT meeting in two weeks! If you have any questions, please call our office at (623) 247-6095 or e-mail me at: ssidoti@maryvaleprep.org.

Sincerely,

Samantha Kennedy, M.Ed. | Archway Assistant Headmaster

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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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