



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 26, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 27th
Last day for After School Clubs
& Trunk or Treat

October 30th-November 6th
Galileo Testing

November 1st
K-1 Athletic Field Day

November 3rd
PSO's Morning Pastry Sale
for Students
7:00am-7:45am &
Coffee with the Counselor at 8:00am

November 10
NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day

November 22-24
NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

I am looking forward to seeing many of you and your children at Trunk or Treat tomorrow. Enjoying events like this as a community brings me so much joy and I hope it does the same for you all!

As we are a few weeks into the quarter, I hope that you are using resources given to you at conferences and helping alongside us to praise and motivate your children. One of the greatest ways to help children progress is with a strong school/home partnership. This [article](#) has great tips to be a strong partner and advocate for your child. On that note, we are aiming to meet with 100% of our families. If you have not scheduled a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher to do so.

Additionally, though we are just barely approaching November, time for new families to enroll is coming up. If you have friends and family who have children interested in attending Maryvale Preparatory Academy, please encourage them to attend our Info Night on Tuesday, November 14th at 5:30 pm. We anticipate filling our empty seats quickly this year so spread the word.

Lastly, we want to show gratitude over the holiday season to our teachers and are limited as a school as to how we can do this meaningfully.

We are participating in a Holiday Appreciation Donation drive to show our faculty and staff how much we appreciate them. In lieu of individual gifts for each of your scholar's teachers, show your appreciation through a small monetary gift of thanks to be divided equally among Great Hearts Maryvale faculty and staff. This is complementary to the donor-funded Teacher Excellence Fund distribution, which provides merit-based bonus compensation to faculty each December.

Click [here](#) to donate your Holiday Appreciation Today! Giving starts Monday, October 30th and closes on Friday, November 17th.

Thank you for all of the ways you engage with us.

See you soon!



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

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



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.

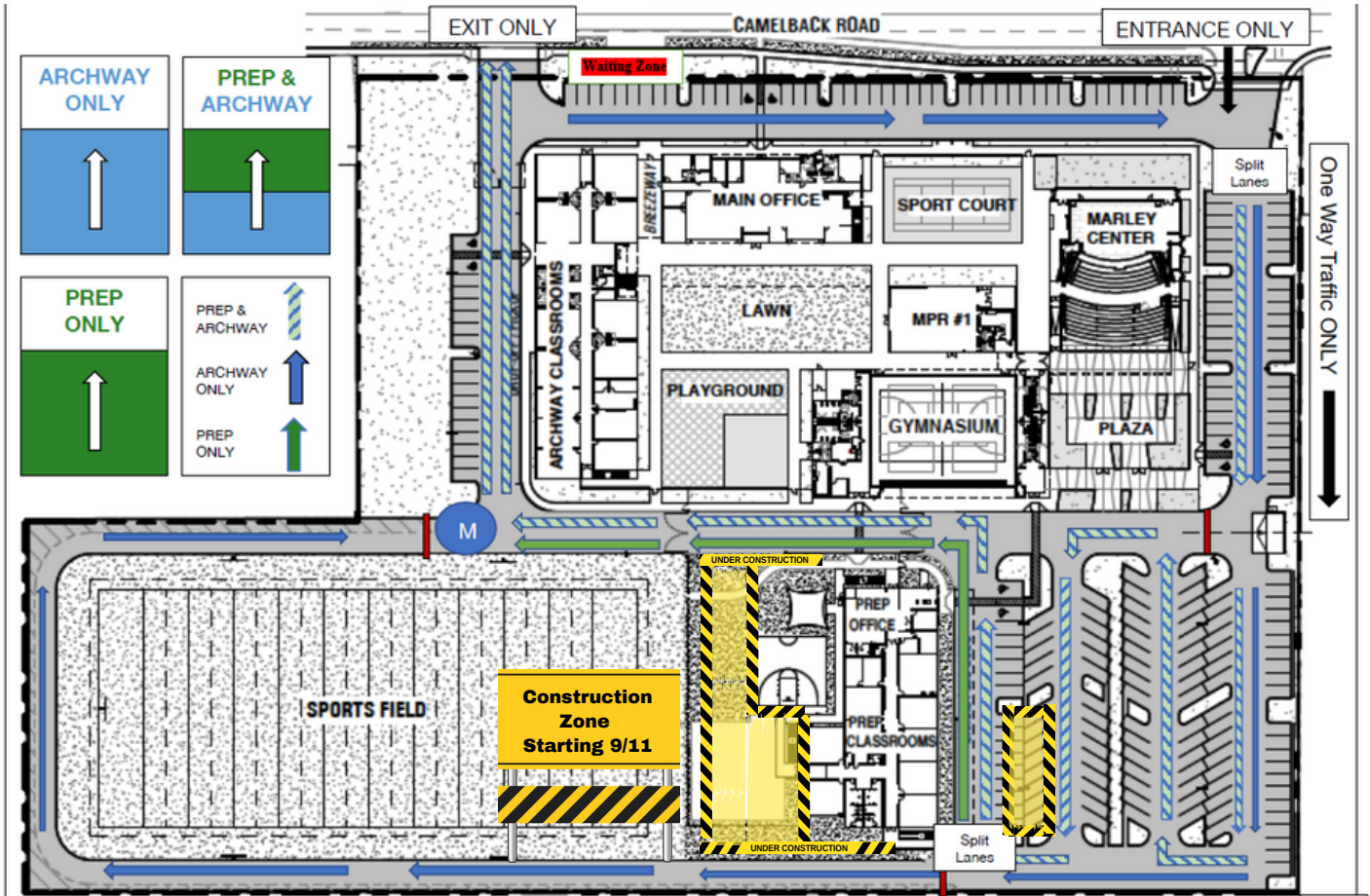


RED FIRE LANE

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

STUDENT DROPOFF

Students should not be dropped off on the side of Camelback Road near or by the campus. This is extremely unsafe and does not follow our student drop off guidelines. Faculty and parents have witnessed students exiting from cars in a lane with moving vehicles. The drop-off guideline is to use carline to safely drop off students or park near the school property and walk to school using the sidewalk.

In the recent months, we have witnessed multiple car accidents on Camelback Road directly in front of our campus, several of the car accidents included Maryvale Prep students who had to be transported to a local hospital.

Please refer to our family handbook listed in our website for additional information on our guidelines.

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
- The use of cell phones while on carline has slowed us down, and its ultimately unsafe. Please do not use your cell phone to avoid delays.
- DO NOT record or take pictures of students

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.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE



A HUGE thank you goes out to the Lions Club who assisted in screening approximately 1,000 students at our campus.

If your student received a vision referral, handed out at conferences. Please return all forms by Tuesday, October 31st.

Reminder: If your student received a vision referral during our screening, exams and glasses are covered free of charge for those that qualify with a grant offered by the Lions Club. Qualifying criteria: no vision insurance OR covered by an AHCCCS plan.

ATTENTION Parents - Immunization Requirement

In accordance with Arizona State Law ([A.R.S 15-872](#)), students must have proof of all required immunizations, or a valid exemption in order to attend school. It is also a requirement for all students who turn 11 years old to receive the Meningococcal and Tdap vaccine within 4 days of their 11th birthday. The Meningococcal vaccine provides protection against the meningitis bacteria and the Tdap vaccine provides protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

***Please provide a copy to the health office when these vaccines are completed.**

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Our last day of clubs for this season is tomorrow **October 27th**.

We will commence our next round of clubs on November 27th and run them until February 9. Please note that this is a change from what was noted on the calendar. Club sign-ups will be released on **November 6th**.

OCTOBER GALILEO TESTS

On **October 30th**, students in grades 2-6 will begin their Galileo Benchmark tests to assess progress they have made in Quarter 1, tests will conclude on November 6th.

Until then, please ensure they are signing into and working on Moby Max accounts at home. This helps them review and solidify prior learning and prepares them for these tests. If you do not remember your child's account, please ask your child's teacher.

K-1 ATHLETIC FIELD DAY

K-1 students will have Athletic Field Day on Wednesday, **November 1st**. Please keep an eye out in your child's classroom newsletter for their class color. They can wear their uniform top or a class color T-shirt with no pop culture-graphics (sports team colors are ok).

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Parents are invited to join Mrs. Limas-Herschell, our Archway Counselor, to discuss **Internet Safety**. Topics discussed will include, ideas for talking about internet safety; internet safety tips for kids; setting and enforcing expectations.

November 3rd at 8:00 am in the MPR

Open for all Archway parents.



ROLLOVER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you have a pending application for the current school year, you can rollover it over for the 2024-25 school year.

Rolling over your application not only secures your spot on the waitlist but also creates a new application for the 24-25 school year, participation in the rollover increases the chances of moving to a better position on the waitlist. Act quickly, as the Rollover period ends November 3rd.

ENROLLMENT TIMELINE FOR 24-25

Open Enrollment: November 6th to December 8th

K-5 Info Night: November 14th

Lottery/Offers: January 18th

OUTERWEAR

In order to maintain our consistent, scholarly uniform, the Maryvale Prep sweater will be the only outerwear piece that students will be permitted to wear throughout the school day.

Students may wear jackets to school (they must be free of writing and images, only one color scheme, according to our Maryvale Prep guidelines outlines in the family handbook, see examples below.) but they will be required to hang them up for the day upon arrival.



STUDENT ID CARDS

Student ID cards were distributed to all Archway students today. They can be used to get into games and on campus events at a discounted price or free as well as off campus.

ENERGY DRINKS ON CAMPUS

Students have been bringing energy drinks and at times selling them to other students. Many drinks like Prime are not recommended for children. All energy drinks will be confiscated. Please review what your child is bringing to school each day.

SPORTS



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

NOVEMBER MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH K-1

LUNCH 2-6

If your family does not qualify for free or reduced meals, parents can add funds to the **SOS Meal Website** or ensure their student brings a lunch meal to school. Students with a balance of \$30 or higher will only receive 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

PSO EVENTS



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Community Investment is the most important way for families to support our Academy. These funds support faculty salaries, classroom expenses, and curriculum for your scholars. Parent partnership through Community Investment is how we are able offer a tuition-free, private school caliber education in a public-school setting. [Click here to donate your Community Investment Today!](#)

Tax Credit drive supports Maryvale's athletics, enrichment courses, field trips, and extra-curricular clubs. Contribute your public-school tax credit today and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your state income taxes. You get this money back! [Click here to donate your Tax Credit Today!](#)

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If you have any questions about philanthropic giving at Maryvale, please contact Keara Katayama, Development Coordinator, at Keara.Katayama@GreatHearts.Org or (602) 239-3966.

Community Investment

Make your tax-deductible gift today & help your child's school cover the gap between public funding and the actual cost to provide Great Hearts education.

Donate Now

Tax Credit

Direct your AZ Public School Tax Credit to our school & claim the credit on your state income tax liability.

Donate Now

Holiday Appreciation

Make your gift today to support teachers during the holiday season.

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