



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

## ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 5, 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October 6th**  
Coffee with Counselor

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

**October 13th**  
PowerSchool Portal opens  
with Quarter 1 Reports

**October 16th-17th**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
*No School for students,  
work on school project*

**October 18th**  
*Full Day Wednesday*

**October 20th**  
Picture Day Retakes



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

*It is hard to believe we are already through a quarter of the school year. We have seen so much joy and great things come out of the quarter and have been thankful for the ways we have been able to partner. We have done many great things to push learning forward (e.g. interventions, revamped reading and math supports, academic morning clubs, library time, APTT meetings, etc.) and to bring joy (e.g. movie nights, class virtue parties, 5/6 Lyceum, etc). We hope that your children have enjoyed all of it!*

*Though we have had a great quarter, we continue to face the impact of a national teacher shortage and want to continue reassuring you that we are doing everything we can keep the learning going while we push to find the right and best people for your children. We have appreciated your patience and trust as we have navigated this and hope to have a consistent set of people here next quarter.*

*Have a wonderful Fall Break and see you at parent teacher conferences the 16th and 17th!*





## 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.**



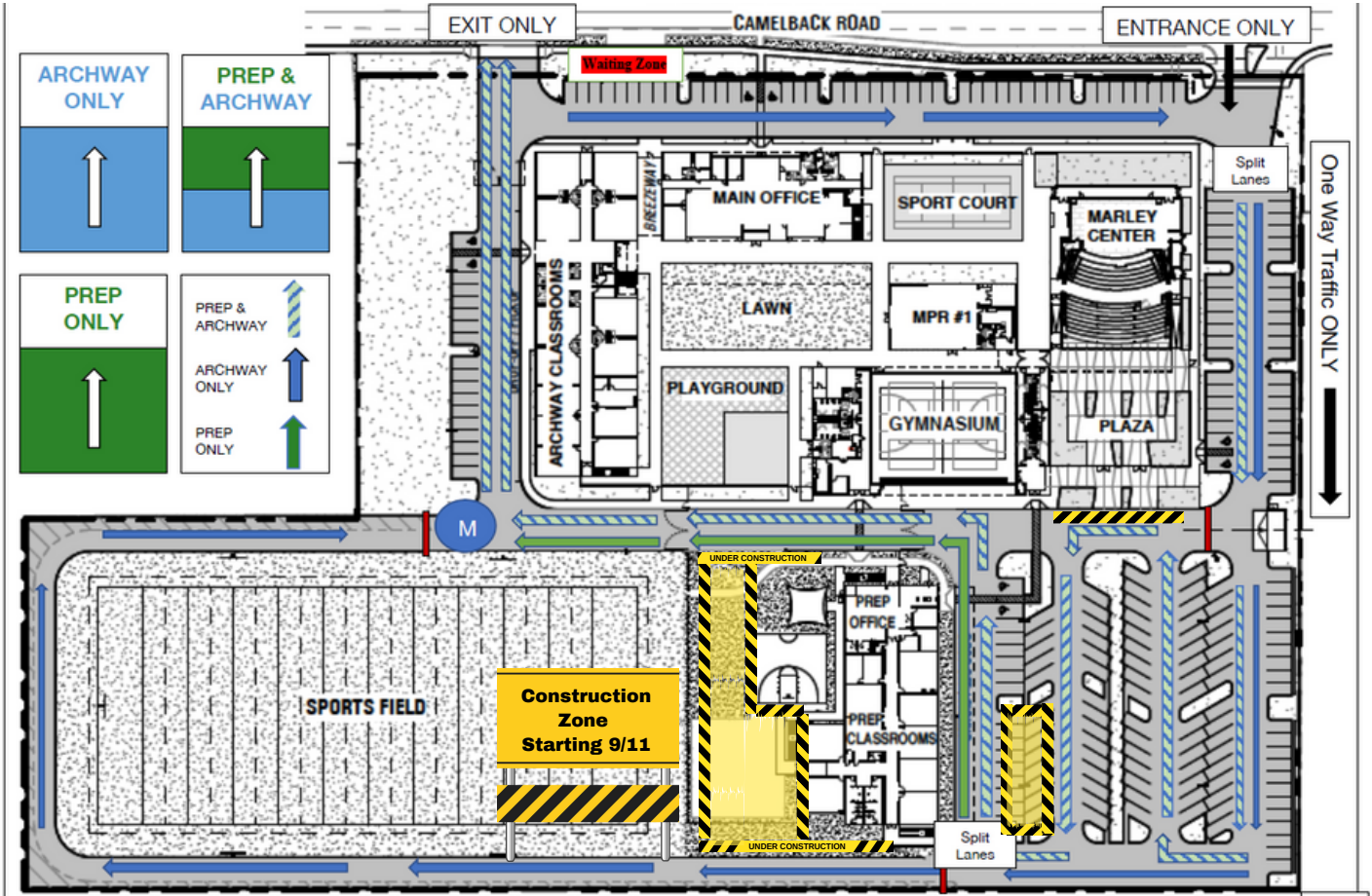
## RED FIRE LANE

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
- 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

## CARLINE PILOT

***Beginning, Wednesday, October 18th (following FALL BREAK), we will pilot the use of the C/D car lane for student drop-off in the mornings. This means that cars in the C/D lane will turn left and proceed into the C/D lane instead of crossing over to the A/B lane. This will look exactly like our afternoon pickup carline.***

*Since we moved to this campus, we've only used A/B lanes nearest the sidewalk for safety reasons and due to the 1 hour of allotted drop-off time. However, with the increase in our student body and faculty, it's become clear that we need to make some adjustment and we are hopeful that this pilot program will be successful, and we'll permanently implement.*

## 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.

## COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Join Mrs. Limas-Herschell and other parents to discuss *Anxiety in Children*

Tomorrow, Friday **October 6th at 8:00 am in the MPR**, All Archway Parents are invited, check in at Front Office



## QUARTER 1 GRADES AND CONFERENCES

The Quarter 1 Report Cards will be available in the PowerSchool Portal on **Friday, October 13th**. An email with login instructions will be sent tomorrow.

Invitations for Parent Teacher Conferences were sent out on Monday. Please sign up for ONE time slot to meet with your child's teacher. If you are in co-parenting situation work together to identify when both parents can attend or who will come as we are unable to offer more than one slot to each child. Each time slot is 20 minutes long, as such, please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time and wait outside of your child's classroom to ensure we keep to schedule. All meetings will start on time. If you are late to your scheduled conference, you will have a shortened time slot or will need to sign up for another available time. All students are invited to conferences this year and 5th and 6th grade student attendance is mandatory. On these conference days, your child needs to complete one of the projects from the attached project list for their grade level.

## SPORTS



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

## REMINDER DATES:

### Fall Break Oct 9-13th:

No school, clubs or Mini Matadors

### Home Project Days Oct 16-17:

Students remain at home working on assigned projects, no after school clubs.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct 16-17:

Mandatory meetings to review Quarter 1 Grades.

### Full Day Wednesday Oct 18:

Students will be released at 3:15pm.

## 3RD-4TH SPANISH UPDATE

Our Spanish teacher recently resigned and our Teacher Apprentices have been leading Spanish for 3rd and 4th grades. In this grading period you will see all 4's as our scores have been primarily based on participation in varying activities led by their TAs. We have Mr. Morales starting with us after break, and you should expect to see more varying grades in future quarters.

## PARENT INVITATION 5TH & 6TH GRADE LYCEUM

On **October 23rd**, we will be hosting Katey McPherson, Childhood Advocate and Education Consultant who will be here to share her expertise and speak to 5th and 6th grade students and parents about ways to increase their awareness and education in digital citizenship/social media responsibility.

This will take place from 10:45-11:25 am in the Marley Center. Please come and join your 5th and 6th graders if you are able.

## OCTOBER GALILEO TESTS

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

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.

## OCTOBER 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 were not 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

# STUDENT HOME PROJECT



## Kindergarten through 3rd Grade Options

- Find a recipe of your choice and make it with an adult, make sure you are the one measuring things! When you are done with your recipe, write it down in your best handwriting to share with the class.
- Go on a nature walk, take a sketch pad with you to draw and label your observations.
- Memorize a two-three stanza poem and have a family member record it and send to your teacher.
- Volunteer somewhere with your family and bring in a picture to share with the class with 2-3 sentences about what you did.
- Visit a local library and choose a book at your reading level. Read it and then write a short report listing out the title, author, and why you liked the book.
- Identify something you have learned in Science or History up to now and create a visual representation of that topic (e.g. life cycle of a plant diorama). This cannot be something you have done as a previous assignment.
- Identify something you have been curious and wanting to learn about. Do research and draw a picture of the topic along with 3-5 facts you learned.

## 4th-6th Grade Options

- Find a recipe of your choice and make it from start to finish on your own (with proper supervision). When you are done with your recipe, write a review that includes what you made, the level of difficulty, and a review of how you liked it. Then do a math problem to identify how many ingredients you would need to triple the servings. Write down the original recipe and then the new one tripled.
- Go on a nature walk, take a sketch pad and draw your observations. Identify one thing you observed (e.g. cactus, specific bird, plant, etc.) and the research it and identify and list 5 facts about it.
- Memorize a three-five stanza poem and have a family member record it and send to your teacher.
- Volunteer somewhere with your family and bring in a picture to share with the class. In addition, write three paragraphs about why you chose that service opportunity, what you did and what you learned from it.
- Visit a local library and choose a chapter book at your reading level. Read it and then write a 3-5 paragraph review of the book. Be sure to include the title, author, why you chose the book, what it was about and your review of the book.
- Identify something you have learned in Science or History up to now and create a visual representation of that topic. Include a write up with 5 important facts. (e.g. life cycle of a plant diorama). This cannot be something you have done as a previous assignment.
- Identify something you have been curious and wanting to learn about. Do research and write a 3-5 paragraph essay to share what you researched and learned.

# Maryvale Prep PSO brings



**White Powdered Donuts**

**Chocolate Donuts**

## PASTRY SALE

Friday, October 6, 2023  
in front of the MPR - Archway  
Prep Courtyard  
7:00 am - 7:45 am  
\$1a package



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### THE ARIZONA STATE FAIR'S READ AND RIDE PROGRAM



## Official 2023 Read & Ride Form

**Read a book, receive a FREE ride pass**

1. Pick 1-3 books and have your teacher, parent, or guardian approve.
2. Write a 25 word summary and memorable moment for each book.
3. Have your teacher, parent, or guardian sign and verify the report below.
4. Bring the printed and signed form to the Read and Ride Redemption location inside the Shopping Pavilion during the Arizona State Fair and receive your free ride pass(es).
5. Student **MUST** be present to redeem report for ride pass(es). Students must be 5-14 years of age.

Thanks to our Fair Friends D. Miller Charitable Fund/D. Kamrath for their generous support of the Read and Ride Program



Kids 5-14 can earn free rides at the fair. Kids pick a book and have a teacher, parent or guardian approve and redeem up to 3 ride passes. Visit [azstatefair.com/readandride/](http://azstatefair.com/readandride/) for details and to find the **Official Read and Ride Report Form** to share what the book is about.