



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 16, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 17th
Movie Night

November 22-24
Thanksgiving Break

November 27th
After School Clubs
Winter Season begins
&
Giving Tuesday

November 29th
Mini Matadors
Winter Season begins

December 1st
Coffee with Counselor

December 22nd-January 8th
Winter Break

A Message from Headmaster Cruz

It is hard to believe we are midway through the quarter. That said, teachers will be reaching out across the next two weeks to let you know if your student is deficient in any subject areas. As always, if you do not get an update from them and want to know how your child is doing, please reach out.

As we approach Thanksgiving and winter break, please make note of our calendar and adjust plans accordingly so that your child is here for all end of semester instruction and assessments. In addition, student attendance overall is an area we need to see improvement in and this is one of the greatest contributing factors to student success. If your child is absent for more than three days, we will need a doctor's note to excuse absences. For family emergencies, please provide any documentation (e.g. family medical notes, transportation receipts, etc.). Please note that accrued tardies also add up to absences so please adjust accordingly to get your children here on time and make note that more travel time is typically needed in the winter months.

Lastly, thank you to the families who have donated to our Holiday Appreciation Fund for teachers. We have raised just under \$700. Whatever we raise will be split amongst approximately 120 staff and faculty members. That said, we have a long ways to go. If you are able to please give any amount and share with others who may be able to do the same. The donation link is: <https://give.maryvaleprep.org/give/519670/#!/donation/checkout>

Hope to see many of you at movie night!

P.S. Please note we will not send a newsletter next week due to the holiday.



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.

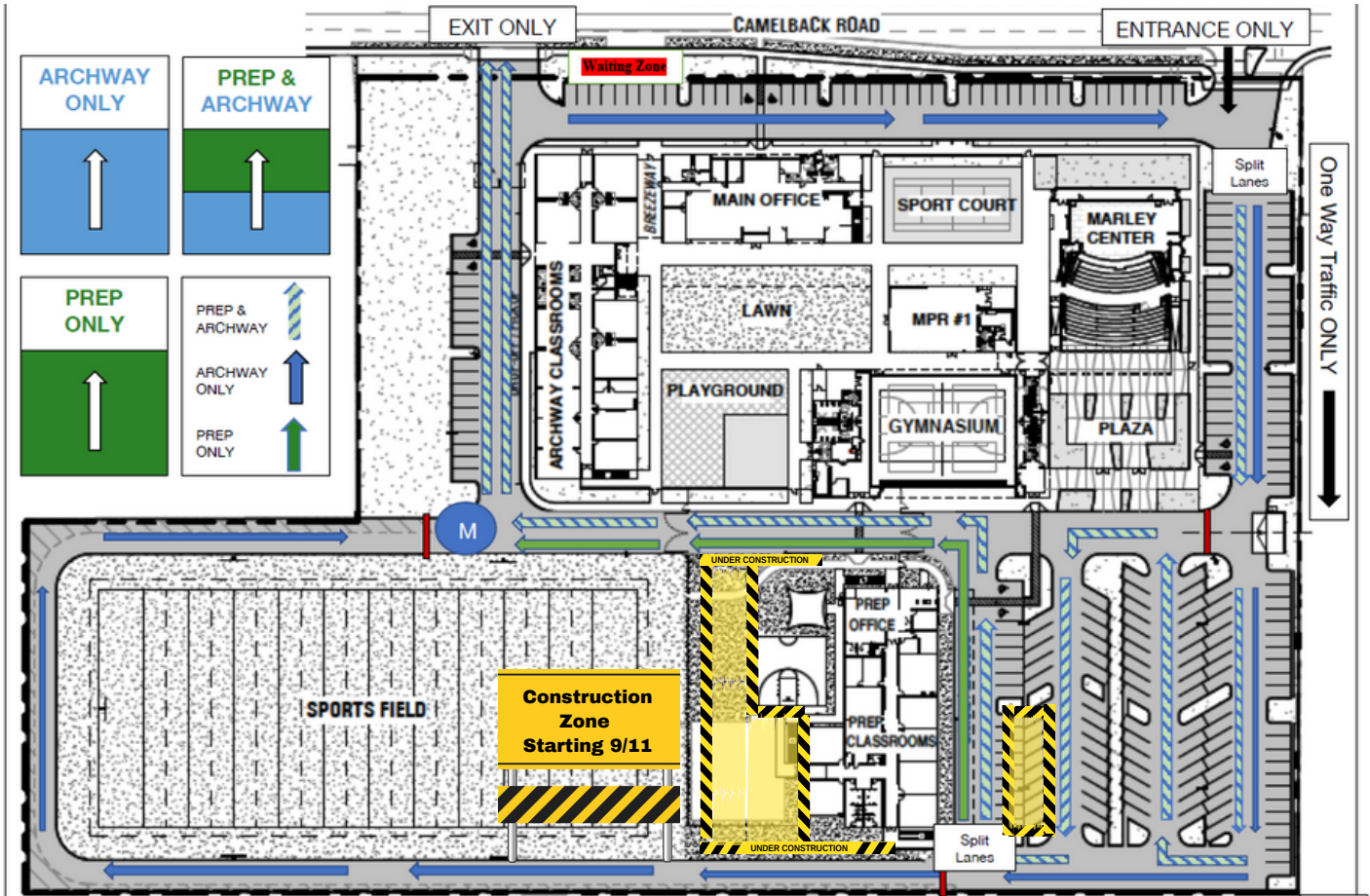


RED FIRE LANE

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.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Our Thanksgiving break is from
**Wednesday November 22nd to
Friday, November 24th.**

*Wishing you a holiday full of blessings,
love and abundance of happiness.*

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Winter Clubs begin **November 27th**. Club dismissal will be at 4:30-4:35 pm except if they are enrolled in Athenaeum. Parents need to park and walk to Gate #1 to check out their children (with their placard) where you will be met by Club Leaders.

DEFICIENCY NOTICES

We are at the mid-quarter mark, across the next two weeks, expect to hear from teachers if your child is deficient in any grades (1's and 2's for K-2 and D's or F's for 3-6). Note that last quarter we tried out mid-quarter reports for all students in 3rd-6th grades however, due to several glitches, it proved to be more confusing to families. If you do not hear from your child's teacher by **November 27th** and want to know how they are doing, please email them.

OUTERWEAR

Sweater:

- Color: Navy blue with an MVA Crest.
- Style: Cardigan or pullover with a 1/4 zipper.
- Vendor: Dennis Uniforms and Anton Uniforms.

Outerwear:

- Jackets may be worn to school for warmth but must be free of logos and messages.

Jacket Definition:

- Waterproof fabric or Wool.
- Must have a zipper or buttons.
- One color scheme.
- no words or images.

Other items:

- Beanies and gloves are permitted when the weather is cold. Must be a single-color scheme and free of logos and messages.
- Jackets may only be worn before and after school and during recess. Cardigans with the MVA Crest may be worn inside and out of the classroom. No long sleeve undershirts permitted.



SPORTS



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

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS AND FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES

Volunteers must have a Raptor clearance before volunteering on campus or to attend a field trip as a chaperone. 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](#)

23-24 Field Trips:

DATE	FIELD TRIP	GRADE
December 13th	Ballet Arizona-The Nutcracker	5th Grade
February 15th	AZ Sonoran Desert Museum in Tucson	6th Grade
February 16th	Arizona Science Center	1st Grade
February 22nd	Arizona Natural History Museum	4th Grade
March 7th	Musical Instrument Museum	3rd Grade
March 8th	Pioneer Living History Museum	2nd Grade
April 5th	Tolmachoff Farm	Kindergarten

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

AS WE TALK ABOUT DISCIPLINE STRATEGIES

Topics discussed will include:

- Ways to proactively encourage positive behavior
- Establishing consequences
- Addressing misbehavior in the moment

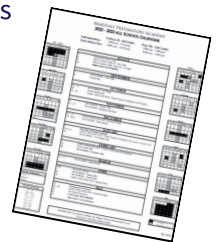
Join Ms. Limas-Hershell and other parents on **December 1st** at 8:15am in the MPR

Open to all Archway Parents

FAMILY CALENDAR REVISED

Please note, the 2023-24 Family Calendar has some updates for next Spring:

- Full Day on March 20th
- Early Release Days on March 22nd, 27th and 29th
- Full Day of School on April 1st



The revised calendar will soon be available on our 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



Holiday Teacher Appreciation



Donate any amount instead of individual holiday gifts to one pool of funds that will be equally split amongst all faculty.

All donations are appreciated!

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



This day of giving was created to focus on doing good for the community after Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, our intent is to fulfill our Community Investment goal and raise \$2,000. Please consider making a gift meaningful to your family to help us fund our classrooms.

Anyone parent of an enrolled student who makes a gift on **November 28th, 2023** will be entered into a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift cards to Amazon.

With so much to be thankful for, Giving Tuesday offers a great opportunity to support Maryvale Prep through the following giving options.

Community Investment: 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: At no cost to you, redirect your state taxes to Maryvale prep instead of the state government. You get this money back when you file your annual tax report. These funds support Maryvale's athletics, enrichment courses, field trips, and extra-curricular clubs. [Click here to donate your Tax Credit Today!](#)

Final Days to Give to Holiday Appreciation!

It's the final days to give to Holiday Appreciation. Great Hearts Maryvale Prep would not be able to provide the quality classical education to you and your family without the dedicated service of our great-hearted teachers and staff. Please show your appreciation by contributing to one pool of funds that will be equally split amongst all faculty. Click here to donate your Holiday Appreciation before Friday, November 17th!

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 extra 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 liability.

[**Donate Now**](#)

Holiday Appreciation

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

[**Donate Now**](#)

MARYVALE PREP PSO PRESENTS

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES MUTANT MAYHEM

**GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR OUR FALL MOVIE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 17TH @ 7PM. DOORS OPEN @ 6:30PM**

**WE WILL BE ON THE MVP LAWN
SO COME WITH CHAIRS AND BLANKETS**

CONCESSIONS WILL BE OPEN, ACCEPTING CASH OR CARD

MINI MATADORS

registration closing soon

BASKETBALL

MINI SEASON

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2023
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2023

for more information, click the QR Code:

Sign Up before prices rise

Mini Matador Winter Season is about to kick-off!!

Kinder to 4th grade students can participate in Basketball or Cheer

Season is from November 29th (first meet) to January 24th. Students practices are Wednesdays from 12:45pm to 1:45pm

Participation fee will provide a uniform shirt to keep
More details and to sign up visit Configio:

Basketball

Cheer

WINTER SEASON
29TH NOVEMBER

SIGN UP W/ QR CODE BELOW

MINI CHEERLEADING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2023
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2023

REGISTER SOON BEFORE PRICES INCREASE