



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 3rd

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

November 10th

NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day

November 14th

INFO Night for Prospective Families

November 15th

Field Day for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

November 22-24

NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

It was so much fun experiencing our first Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival with you and with a few small tweaks, we hope to make this a tradition. Thanks to all who helped and participated in making this a family-fun event.

We are in the middle of Galileo Benchmark and reading assessments to gather more data on how our students are performing and look forward to seeing and sharing about their progress soon. Please continue to ensure your children are getting a good night's rest and present and most of all, ask them about their goals and encourage them to do their best.

This year we made some drastic changes to our calendar based on family and faculty feedback. Conferences during full days versus jamming in half days of instruction and conferences late into the evening proved to be one of those well received changes. Unfortunately, we have been made aware that we need to make up those two conference days to ensure we have the required state days and minutes. That said, we had to look to our adding two days back and have preliminary approval to adjust course at the end of March/beginning of April. We will now have an Early Release Day on March 29th and a full school day on April 1st. While we realize these late changes are not ideal, we must remain in compliance and are hopeful that the conference layout this year and the extra days around the Fall/Winter holidays will make up for that. Additionally, due to these changes, we are looking to move our Sprig Fiesta to March 22nd and will adjust our Early Release Day from the 20th to the 22nd to accommodate event setup and preparation.

Please reach out if you have any questions and as always, thanks for trusting us with your families.

Dr. Cruz

P.S. Don't forget to consider giving to the Holiday Appreciation fund. This money will go directly and evenly split amongst Maryvale Faculty. Any amount will help us show our teachers how much they are appreciated. Please also share in your social media circles and friends. See attached flier.



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.

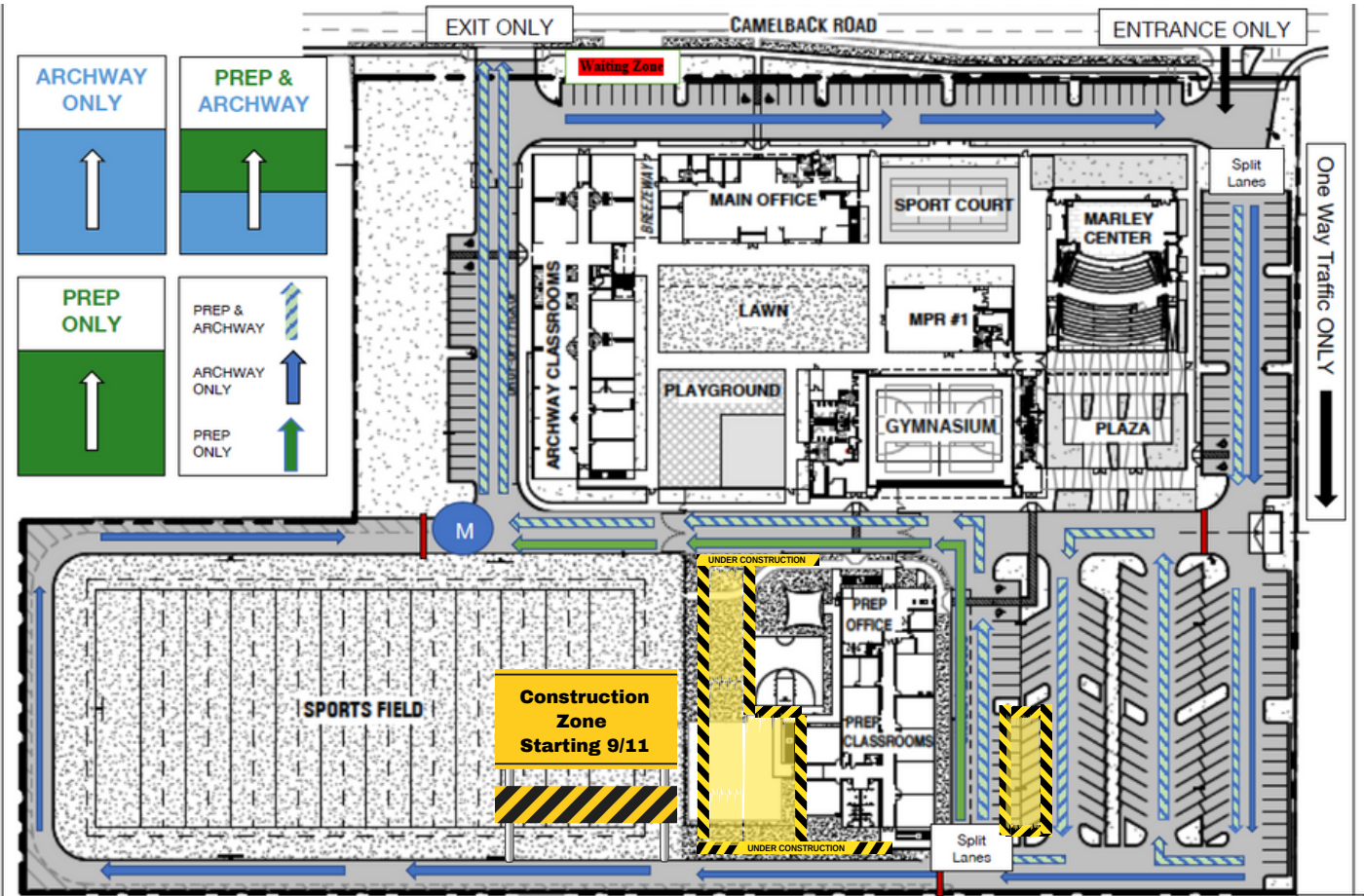


RED FIRE LANE

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

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**.

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.

Tomorrow, **November 3rd at 8:00 am in the MPR**

Open to all Archway parents.



LAST CALL FOR BARD SIGN-UPS

Please note that on one of the lines in the Bard sign up form had one area that listed a later deadline. **That was incorrect.**

If your child is interested, please email Mrs. Saar at tsaar@maryvaleprep.org by the end of day on **November 6th**.

3RD TO 5TH GRADE FIELD DAY

Field Day for 3rd-5th grade students will be on **November 15th**. Details for team colors and volunteers will be shared in the classroom newsletter.

OCTOBER GALILEO TESTS

We will continue with Galileo testing into next week. Please see your child's specific times in the classroom newsletter and plan accordingly so they do not miss school.

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.

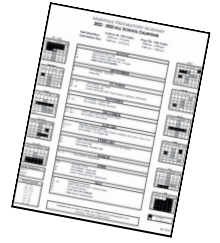
ENERGY DRINKS ON CAMPUS

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.

FAMILY CALENDAR REVISED

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

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



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.

Student's initials and section should be written on the inside of the jackets and sweaters.



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

ENROLLMENT TIMELINE FOR 2024-25

Pending applications for the 23-24 school year can rollover to 2024-25 school year. **The last day to roll over is tomorrow Friday, November 3rd.**

Open Enrollment for new students is from **November 6th to December 8th.** Applications submitted during this time, will enter the Open Enrollment lottery in January 2024.

Info Night for Prospective Families is **November 14th.**

Tell interested families and friends! New applications can be submitted at: [Great Hearts Academies - Parent Portal \(schoolaxis.com\)](https://www.schoolaxis.com)



K-6 INFO NIGHT

New prospective families are invited to tour our campus, ask questions and hear from our headmasters, teachers and coaches about Maryvale Prep's Curriculum, Clubs and Athletics Programs

November 14th at 5:30pm

RVSP at:
[GreatHeartsAz](https://www.GreatHeartsAz.com)
or scan QR Code



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!](#)

Holiday Appreciation is one way to show gratitude to our faculty and administration for their passionate and joyful service. 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!](#)

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 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.

[Donate Now](#)

MINI MATADORS



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

The participation fee will provide a uniform shirt to keep
More details and to sign up visit Configo:

[Basketball](#)

[Cheer](#)



PSO EVENTS

HAPPENING TOMORROW

Maryvale Prep PSO Brings



Pastry Sale

Friday, November 3rd, 2023
In front of the MPR - Archway
Prep Courtyard
7:00am - - 7:45am
\$1 per package



THIS SATURDAY

NEED AN EVENING WITHOUT THE KIDS
MARYVLE PREP PSO AND MVP CHEER SQUAD IS HOSTING

PARENTS NIGHT OUT



GO OUT KNOWING YOUR LITTLES ARE SAFE AND TAKE A WELL DESERVED BREAK!

\$20 PER CHILD*

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4TH
6PM - 9PM*

*LATE PICK UP - \$5.00 PER STUDENT • \$100 PER STUDENT, PER MINUTE

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW CLICK ON THE LINK

CONCESSIONS WILL BE OPEN

*THIS EVENT IS FOR SCHOLARS ONLY (KINDER - 6TH GRADE)



HOSTED AT MARYVALE PREP GYM
4825 W CAMELBACK RD

