



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 11, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 12th

Quarter 2/Semester 1 Grades available on PowerSchool Portal

January 12th

Coffee with the Counselor

January 15th

No School - Civil Rights Day

January 17th

APTT Meeting for K-3rd Grade Parents

January 17th & 24th

Parent/Teacher Conferences by Invitation ONLY

February 2nd

Early Release Friday
Great Hearts Faculty In-Service

February 8th

Class Picture Day



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope that your winter break and holidays were filled with an abundance of health, joy, and rest. Semester 2 is a time where we look to celebrate growth and reset and aim to exceed expectations in academics and in virtue. A few ways you can partner with us to support your students growth in these areas are:

- If you are a K-3 family, attend APPT on Wednesday, January 17 at their designated grade level time.*
- If you are invited to a mandatory conference for your child please ensure you sign up for a slot. An invitation signifies there are concerns that need to be addressed.*
- Review your child's grades with your child and discuss what you can do at home to help see improvement (e.g. ensuring homework is done each night, reviewing study guides with your child, reading more at home each day, etc.).*
- Knowing when your child has Galileo tests and ensuring they are rested and present. Have them practice test skills on Moby Max at home. This will help them in class but will also prepare them for these assessments.*
- Ensure your child is prepared for class with their materials and Classics to Keep book. We have had few students prepared with their Classics books.*
- Have conversations with your child about the ways they can display virtue at school. Check their phones and social media if they use them and have conversations about appropriate use. Many of the issues at school are coming from phone use outside of school.*
- Be proactive, reach out to your child's teachers often to check in, ask for resources, and be in the know.*

I also wanted to share with you another upcoming change. As our school continues to expand, the needs of our faculty and students do as well. To ensure that Headmasters are spending more time directly with teachers and students and less time on administrative tasks such as email and scheduling. Mrs. Ramirez will be transitioning to a new role to provide greater administrative support directly to myself and Headmaster Mercado and won't be placed as your main point of contact at the front desk. Ms. Carmona, who has been subbing while Mrs. Ramirez was on maternity leave has accepted our full time Office Assistant role and will be the person you will interface with most as you call and come to the office for business. Nearing the end of this month, Mrs. Ramirez, will have access to mine and Headmaster Mercado's email and will typically be the first to respond, thus delegating emails to the appropriate parties, at times responding on our behalf, and scheduling. Please note that this does mean that I will not be available to you at all. This will allow me to be more efficient and make the work more sustainable, allowing us to be more fully present on the most important work in front of us, our students and faculty. As we learn this new way, there will likely be some growing pains and changes and we ask for your feedback and flexibility.

Thank you for coming alongside us as always. We look forward to a strong semester!



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.

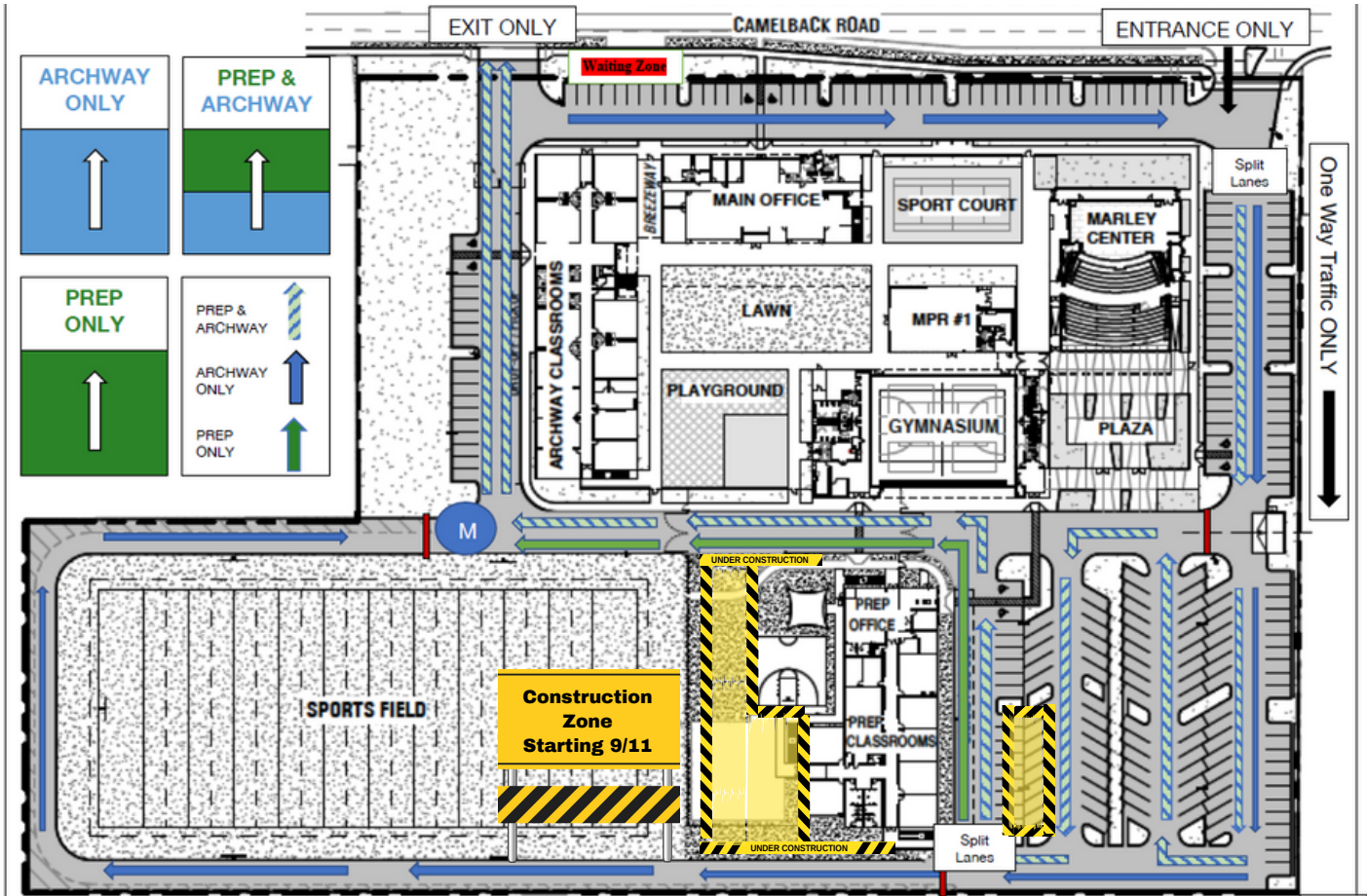


RED FIRE LANE

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are right on schedule for the Prep Building Expansion Project and your continued patience with delivery trucks, construction crews and carline detours is very much appreciated. This expansion will include a Prep Multipurpose Room (cafeteria), outdoor restrooms, classrooms, offices and interior faculty restrooms. Please continue to drive extra safe.

STUDENT GRADES

Grades will be released tomorrow, Friday, January 12th on the parent portal. Please review them and reach out to your child's teacher directly with any questions.

Mandatory conference invites were sent out yesterday, Wednesday, January 10th for any deficient students and/or students at risk of retention. If you were invited to a mandatory parent teacher conference please be sure to sign up for one as discussing your child's grades in person will ensure we are all on the same page about their progress and next steps. If you were not invited to a conference but wish to meet with your child's teacher, please email them to schedule a time. These conferences will take place on Wednesday, January 17th and Wednesday, January 24th.

POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC/PARENT PORTAL

Student evaluations/grades will be available on the PowerSchool Public Portal.

Parents if you have not created an account on this Portal, please check your email for a communication with step by step instructions on a one-time setup.

The Portal can be accessed at: <https://greateartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

Please note: This will be the only way to view your student's grades.

APTT MEETING 2 FOR K-3RD GRADE PARENTS

Save the date for our second APTT (Academic Parent-Teacher Teams) Meeting of this school year!



K-3 families are invited back into the classroom to continue forging strong connections as a community, see an update on data from the first meeting, learn about a new fundamental grade-level skill, and receive new resources to use at home to accelerate student growth. Reminder that families who attend all 3 meetings this year will be entered into a drawing for free Classic To Keep novels for the 24-25 school year!

Wednesday, January 17th

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

2nd -3rd- 4:15-5:15pm

More information will be sent soon by your child's teacher. Attendance is mandatory. Students may not attend but childcare will be available.

GALILEO BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

2nd through 6th grade will take their next round of ELA and Math Benchmark Assessments between **January 19 and 26th**. Please review your child's classroom newsletter for exact dates and times to ensure your children are present at school, well rested and not pulled out early for appointments. These tests are crucial to ensuring their academic progress.

STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

This quarter we will do student spirit wear days every 1st Friday of the month. Students across K-12 can pay \$1 starting **January 12th** to wear non-ripped jeans and Matadors spirit wear shirts and any tennis shoes (no Crocs or flip flops). The money will go to our PSO fund so that we can host our Annual Spring Fiesta.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR



Join other parents and Mrs. Limas-Herschell, our Archway Counselor, Tomorrow **Friday, January 12th, at 8 am in the MPR**, to talk about **Confidence and Self-Esteem**.

Topics will include setting a culture of confidence, helping children work through struggles, daily strategies for confidence building.

All Archway parents are invited

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](#)

Semester 2 Field Trips:

DATE	FIELD TRIP	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



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

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With Flu Season upon us, it is important that we work together to keep our scholars and staff healthy. You can help prevent the spread of colds and flu viruses by following a few simple steps:

- Cover noses and mouths with a tissue or the bend of your elbow when sneezing or coughing.
- Wash hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Remind students to avoid touching their face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- If your child has a fever, chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, keep them at home to prevent the spread of illness to others.
- Vitamin C is always touted to be a game changer for colds. Regular vitamin C is not easily absorbed in the body. Find a liposomal vitamin C which has been shown to increase absorption.
- Hydration is extremely important, when feeling sick, plain water doesn't truly hydrate unless it's a spring water with natural minerals. Add trace of mineral drops to water, drink teas, broths, coconut water and low sugar electrolyte powders.
- Your child should be fever free (temp. below 100 degrees without Tylenol or Motrin) for at least 24 hours before returning to campus.
- Students with vomiting need to stay home 24 hours after the last incidence of vomiting.

Also, please make sure your child is eating a healthy breakfast and packing a lunch if they don't eat the school lunch.

LOST AND FOUND

It is important to label your student's belongings with first and last name and their class section. Many sweaters and jackets get left behind during recess and physical education class. Faculty checks clothing for names to return to the student's classroom and any other clothing will be added to the lost and found cart. This cart is available for students throughout the day near the playground and will be moved to the front office for parents to have access after school.

Unclaimed bottle waters and lunch boxes get disposed at the end of each week in order to maintain cleanliness at our campus. Please label water bottles and lunch boxes with your child's name; the lost and found cart for these items is stationed near the MPR for easier access to students.

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.

Outerwear can be purchased at [Dennis Uniforms](#) and [Anton Uniforms](#)



JANUARY 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

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

PSO EVENTS

FOR ALL STUDENTS!!

PSO PRESENTS 1ST FRIDAY JEAN DAY!
1/12/24

JEANS DAY

\$ will be collected by your scholars teacher

For Archway & Prep

No ripped jeans

\$7

ALL FUNDS WILL BE FOR SPRING FIESTA!
Spirit Wear allowed



3RD-6TH GRADE STUDENTS

PSO PRESENTS
3RD - 6TH GRADE

NEON
Dance

MPR
JANUARY 19, 2024 | 6-8:00 PM
\$8 PER TICKET - MUST SHOW STUDENT ID'S

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ON CONFIGIO 1/10/24 - 1/18/24



KINDER-2ND GRADE STUDENTS

PSO PRESENTS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

♥ DANCE STARTS AT 6PM ♥

Special Person Dance

DRINKS - MUSIC - LOVE - DANCE

♥ \$10 per Ticket ♥


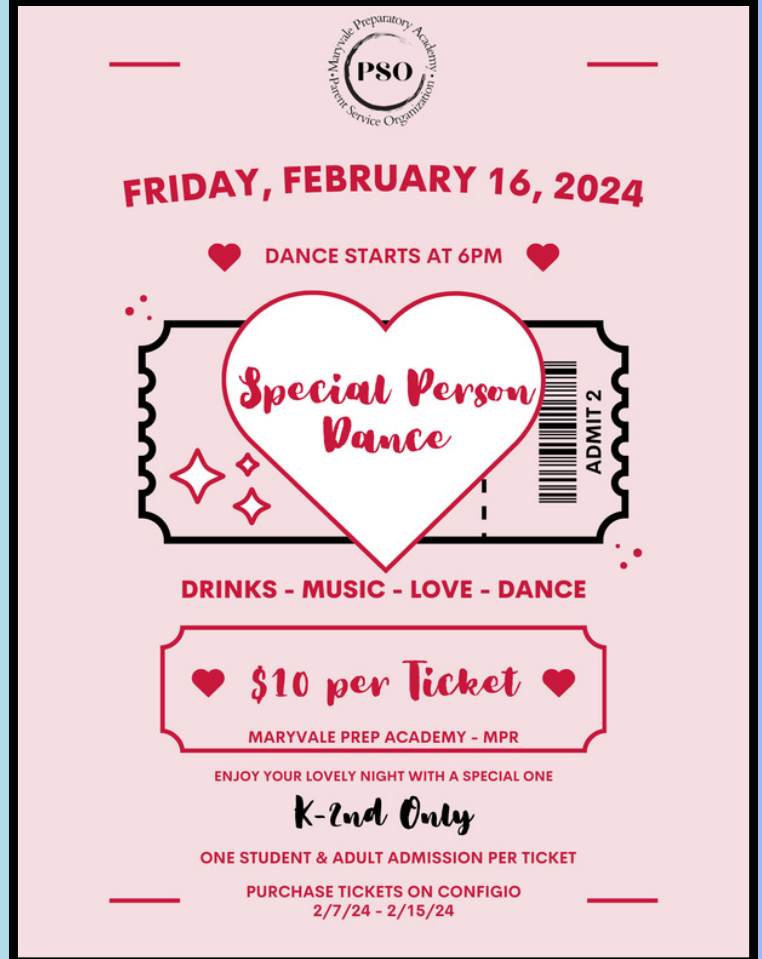
MARYVALE PREP ACADEMY - MPR

ENJOY YOUR LOVELY NIGHT WITH A SPECIAL ONE

K-2nd Only

ONE STUDENT & ADULT ADMISSION PER TICKET

PURCHASE TICKETS ON CONFIGIO
2/7/24 - 2/15/24



GREAT HEARTS HIRING EVENT

Feb. 3rd
**HIRING
EVENT!**

East Valley: Chandler Prep, 12:30-2:30pm

West Valley: Archway Trivium, 12:30-2:30pm

North Valley: North Phoenix Prep, 9:30-11:30am



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