



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 25, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 30th
100th Day of School

January 31st
Full Day Wednesday

February 2nd
Coffee with the Counselor at 8am
Early Release Friday
Great Hearts Faculty In-Service
Athenaeum will be CLOSED

February 3rd
Great Hearts Hiring Event

February 8th
Class Picture Day

February 16th
Special Person Dance for K-2nd Grade

February 19th
No School - President's Day

A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

It was great to see so many of you at APTT meetings for Kinder-3rd grade, conferences and the neon dance. We hope to see those of you with outstanding invites for conferences this Wednesday.

Our attendance for APTT was 48%. Those who attend consistently are reporting observable growth and gains with their students on the skills covered and we can tell that it is helpful to hear and connect on strategies as well as with other parents. We hope to see a higher percentage and are welcome to feedback to improve and get more of you here. There is ton of planning and after hours work that goes into putting on these important events to promote academic growth for your child. We have met with many of you both for mandatory and requested conferences and appreciate the urgency you place around the growth of your children. We have 32 mandatory conferences yet to be scheduled. Please check your email for those invites and if invited please schedule an appointment. If you were invited your child is likely deficient in one or more subjects and possibly at risk of retention for next year, as such your partnership is crucial.

We had a great turn out for our 3rd-6th grade Neon Dance and look forward to the Special Persons Dance in a few weeks for K-2. A huge thanks to our PSO and those parents and teachers who stayed to help chaperone, sell, set up and clean up at the event. The more support we have in organizing these the better. We are finding that to put on these events we are having to rely on teacher support. We hope to see more parents join us in these efforts in order to keep sustaining this level and frequency of fun for our students and community. To find out how you can support please reach out to PSO@maryvaleprep.org.



Partnership is important to us and we hope to continue seeing growth in this area! Have a wonderful week!

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.

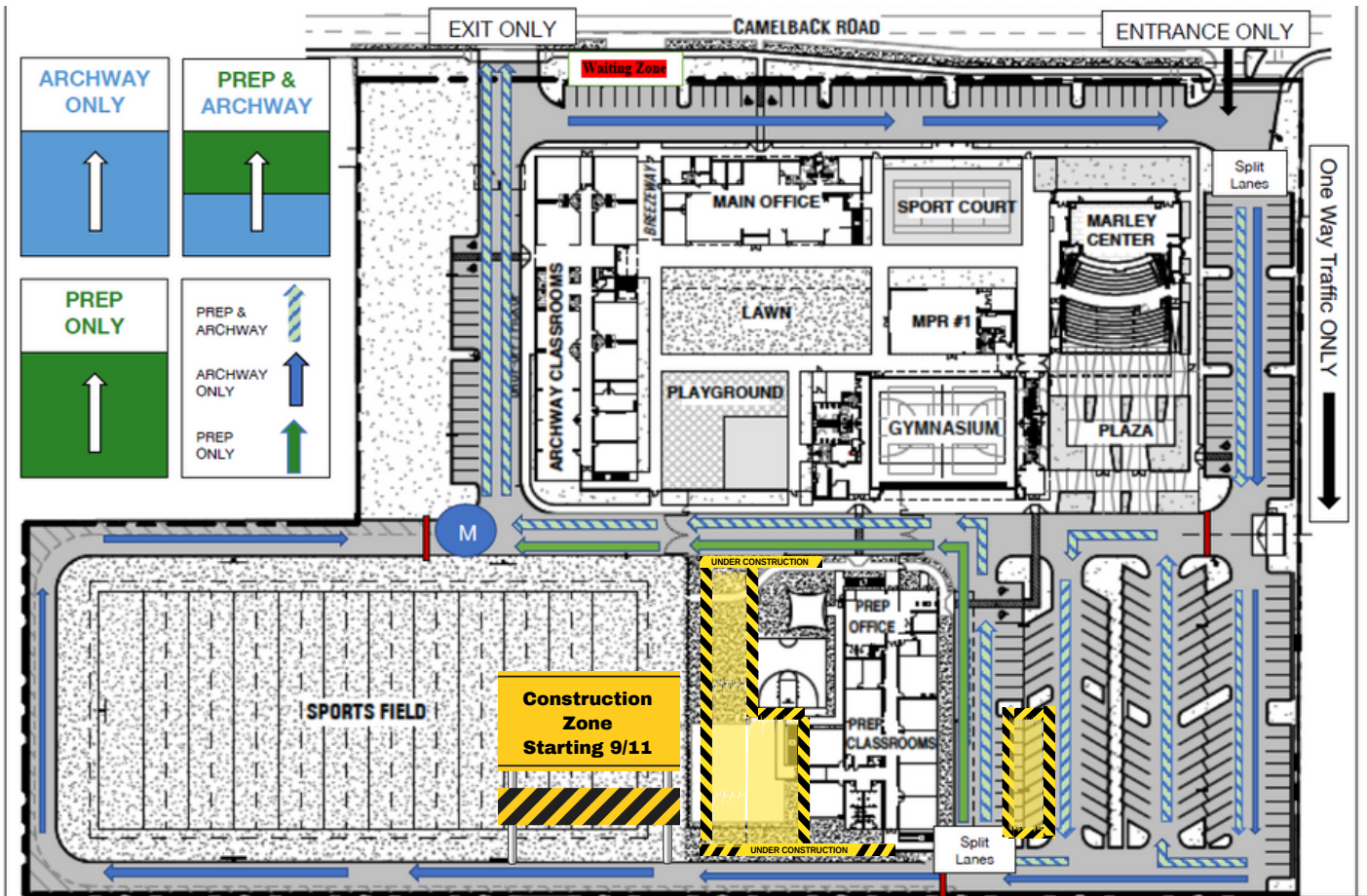


RED FIRE LANE

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

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.

TRUANCY LETTERS

We are sending letters and getting caught up with reports for students who have missed more than 10 days of their enrollment this school year. As noted in our CUTS section of this newsletter, attendance is crucial and we are using this program through the state to help curb unnecessary absences. We understand that some absences are out of your control due to illnesses and emergency situations and will always look at the full student attendance record for history of proper attendance reporting and doctor's notes prior to engaging a truancy officer. That said, be sure to email attendance/absence information to attendance@maryvaleprep.org or call our office to report absences and always send/bring doctor's notes when available. You may be asked to bring documentation as well if days are excessive. Telling your child's teacher will not ensure proper documentation. As always, please avoid absences that are within your control, especially if you have received one of these notices.

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](#)



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.



GALILEO BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

2nd through 6th grade will Galileo Benchmark testing will continue **through January 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. Please ask them about their goals and encourage them to try their best. Don't forget, they can log into their Moby Max accounts to practice and prepare for these exams as well as their upcoming statewide AASA exam. If you need their login, please reach out to your child's teacher.

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

We will celebrate our 100th day of School on **Tuesday, January 30th**. K-6 students are allowed to dress like old people to celebrate their wisdom. They must wear their uniforms but can add any accessories to make them look old (e.g. gray hair, glasses, suspenders, aprons, etc).

STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Our next paid Spirit Wear Day is **Friday, February 2nd**. To purchase Spirit Wear, follow our Maryvale Athletics Instagram to see when home athletic games are to purchase then and come out while you are here to support our Matadors!

Ripped jeans will not be allowed. For Archway the only allowance is: Matador Spirit top/sweatshirt/hoodie, non-ripped or frayed jeans, any closed toe athletic shoes.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Full Day Wednesday, January 31st

Early Release Day Friday, February 2nd

Athenaeum will be **CLOSED** on Friday, February 2nd

CLASS PICTURES

Class pictures will be on:
Thursday, February 8th

You can pre-order at

mylifetouch.com

Picture ID: **EVTPZ42XN**

Don't miss your chance to get this special keepsake for \$12

We need parent volunteers during picture day.

If you are available, please sign up by emailing Ms. Castro at lcastro@maryvaleprep.org or call the office.

(We can use your help for any length of time you're available)

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Please make note that this round of extracurricular clubs will end on **February 9th**. Please adjust accordingly. We will announce soon after the release date of the next club session.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Friday, February 2nd, at 8 am in the MPR,

Join our Counselor Mrs. Limas-Herschell and other parents to talk about ***Discipline Strategies***
Topics discussed will include ways to proactively encourage positive behavior, establishing consequences and addressing misbehavior in the moment.

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](#)

Field Trips Coming Up:

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

SPORTS



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

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

HIRING EVENT

Great Hearts is hosting a hiring event on
Saturday, February 3rd

Click here to register to any of our three locations:
<https://careers.greatheartsamerica.org>



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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