



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 26th
Spring Clubs begin

February 28th
Literary Figures Day

March 1st
Coffee with the Counselor
&
Student Spirit Wear
(with a \$1.00 donation to PSO)

March 4th
Re-Enrollment begins for all
current families

March 11-15th
Spring Break

March 22nd
Spring Fiesta



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

I hope you all had a great week. As a Headmaster, this is the time of the year where I am heavily focused on finishing the year strong, ensuring that we are closing gaps for students and finishing out with a strong student culture. In addition to focusing on finishing strong, I also begin to prepare for the school year ahead and to do so requires input from all stakeholders. In years past, we have had very low participation rates on our [family survey](#) and in order to improve and take into account the things that you love that you want to see continue and/or the things you would like us to consider adjusting, we need to hear from you. I spend time reviewing this data with my boss and leadership teams so please consider spending a few minutes to complete this survey as soon as possible.

Thank you so much!



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.

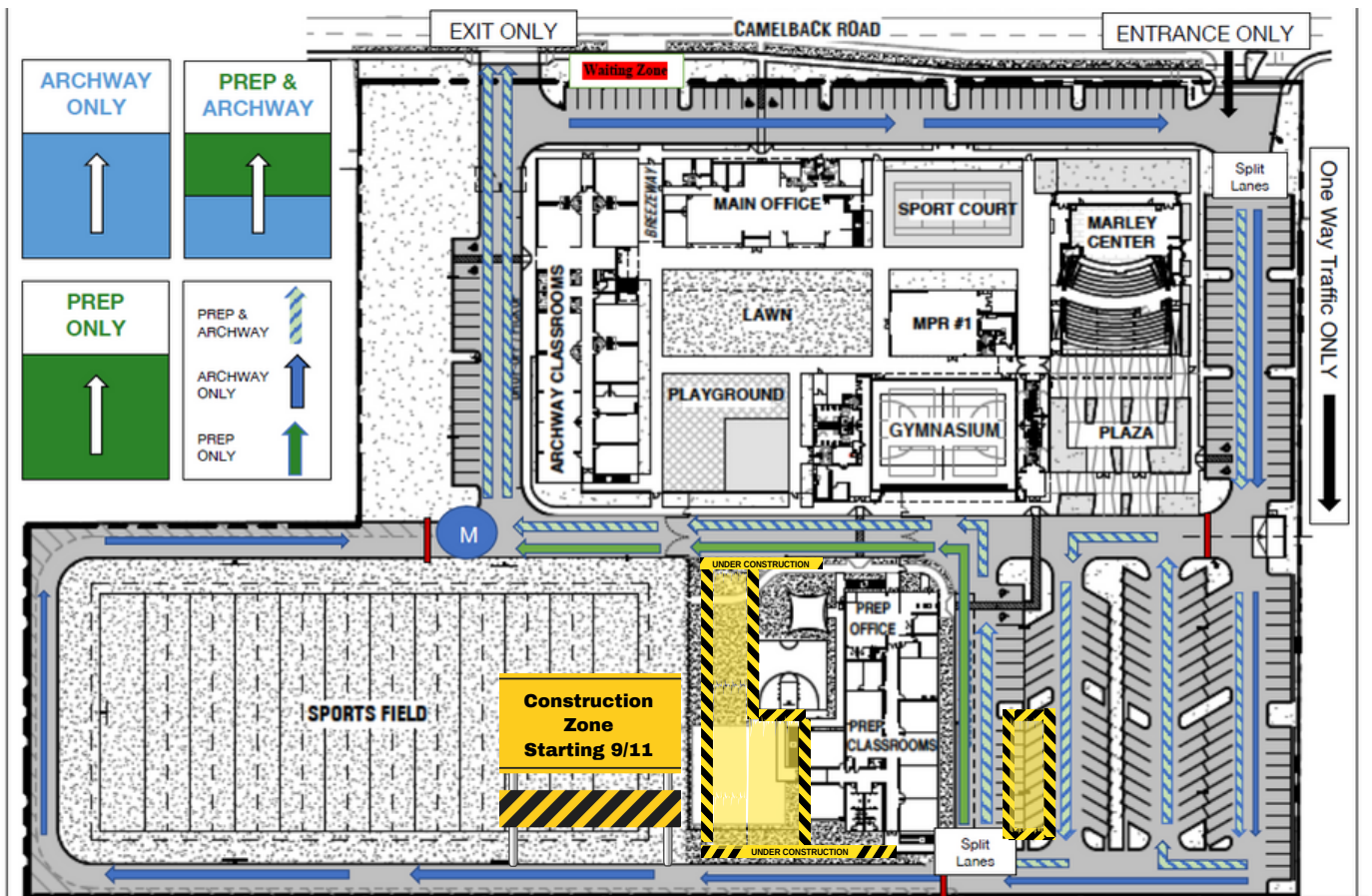


RED FIRE LANE

Do not park in the red fire lane are next to the stop sign. Cars will be towed at your own expense.

HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Do not park in a handicap parking space if you or your passenger do not hold a permit, many parents/visitors with a handicap permit are unable to park in their designated space as these spaces are being used as regular spaces. Parking in a handicap spot without a permit is illegal and can result in a fine and your car towed.



If you have ONLY Archway (K-6th Grade) Students, use ARCHWAY ONLY Lane

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 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.

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. Please refer to our family handbook listed in our website for additional information on our guidelines.

CARLINE ETIQUETTE

- 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

LOCKDOWN DRILL

Tomorrow, **Friday, February 23rd** we will have a lockdown drill. Due to the sensitivity of these drills, we always aim to inform parents so that you can partner alongside us in preparing your students ahead of time.

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](#)

All field trips have a small fee to help cover transportation and venue fees. Payment and electronic permission slip must be completed by parent/guardian in [Configio](#).

Field Trips Coming Up:

DATE	FIELD TRIP	GRADE
March 7th	Musical Instrument Museum	3rd Grade
March 8th	Pioneer Living History Museum	2nd Grade
April 5th	Tolmachoff Farm	Kindergarten

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

We will have our next season of clubs starting **February 26 and ending April 26**. Registration is open on Configio until tomorrow, February 23. If clubs do not fill up, please note that they may be cancelled. We will call you at the end of registration if this is the case for your child. Please see the list on [Configio](#) to sign up.

LITERARY FIGURES DAY

Mark your calendars for Literary Figures Day. This special day will be celebrated on **Wednesday, February 28th**. Students have the option to come to school dressed as their favorite classical literary character, scientist, or historical figure.

Costumes need not come directly from the grade level curriculum, though they must be classically aligned. Additionally, costumes should allow students to engage in regular school day activities such as recess, lunch, and P.E., and shouldn't impede their instruction. Violent images or weapons or drug/alcohol paraphernalia of any kind will not be permitted. Full face coverings/masks are also not allowed. Additionally, students may bring their favorite blanket and a book they love from home to sit on and read. It is sure to be a full, fun day celebrating the beautiful enjoyment reading brings!

Please return the costume slip your child brings home by February 16th.

STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Our next paid Spirit Wear Day is **Friday, March 1st**. 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.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Friday, March 1st
at 8:00am in the MPR



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

AS WE TALK ABOUT MINDFULNESS

Topics discussed will include:

- What mindfulness is
- Why mindfulness is important
- Mindfulness tips for kids
- Mindfulness tips for parents

Open to all Archway Parents

KINDER FIELD DAY

On **Wednesday, March 6th**, our kindergarten students will take part in Athletic Field Day. Students do not need to bring backpacks that day but should bring their own water bottle to carry with them throughout the day. They may wear their uniform or athletic clothing (e.g. team jerseys/shirts, athletic bottoms). No pop culture aside from team specific wear.

Parents and siblings are welcome to attend and observe anytime between 8:15 and 10:40 am. All families may not start checking in until 8:15 am and will be guided to the lawn.

PARENT SURVEY

Every year we ask parents for feedback on their academy and Great Hearts as a whole. We hope you will take the time to fill out this year's survey. It should only take a few minutes and we very much want to hear your perspective. You can access the survey by clicking [here](#) or via the QR Code below:



The survey will remain open until Tuesday, March 5th

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Due to the recent rain, cold winter months, illness, and other factors, the Health Office is completely out of extra clothes for our little ones. If you have any borrowed clothing from the school, we kindly ask that they be washed and returned. Additionally, if your little one is more prone to needing clothing changes, we encourage you to pack a full extra set in their backpacks to prevent a call home.

As we head into the final stretch of flu and cold season, please continue to wash your hands often, cover your mouths when sneezing or coughing and keep your students home if they have a fever or have thrown up in the last 24 hours.

PHONE CHECKS

We have had an uptick in inappropriate use of phones being reported. While we don't have a lot of say over what is allowed or what happens at home, especially over the phone, we will intervene when it begins to impact student focus and wellbeing at school. Many parents, mostly across 4th-6th grades have been reaching out with concerns, screenshots, and notes about specific situations. Moving forward, anything we receive, we will be communicating to parents and where needed, consequences will be issued at school. We highly encourage you to take a proactive approach and note the things your children are being exposed to via their phones. So many of the behaviors that are distracting from learning in 4th-6th grades are stemming from issues starting via text, social media and video game communication.

SPORTS

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

RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-Enrollment is from March 4th to April 5th

All Maryvale Prep families must process Re-Enrollment during this time for every student enrolled at Maryvale Prep.

During the mandatory process, you update contact information including emergency contacts, review the family handbook, McKinney Vento and more.

Families not returning for the 2024-25 school year, need to complete this to inform the intent of withdrawing at the end of the school year.

Each Friday in March, we will draw a name from families who re-enrolled that week for one of the following prizes:

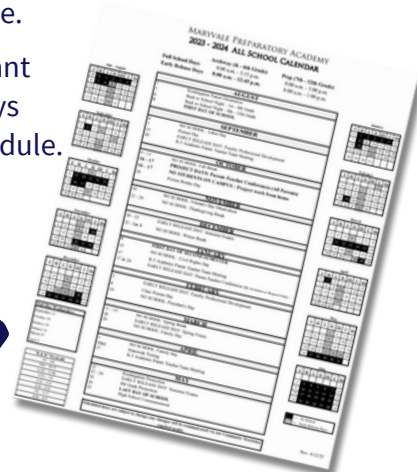
- \$100 Dennis Uniform Gift Card
- \$50 Barnes and Noble Gift Card
- 24-25 Free Sport or Mini Matador Pass
- Matadors Merch and more

SCHOOL CALENDAR

An updated [school calendar](#) for the 2023-24 school year is available on our website.

Please review for important dates and non-school days that may affect your schedule.

Review important dates for Spring:



FEBRUARY MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH K-1

LUNCH 2-6

Effective January 1st 2024, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) granted Maryvale Prep free meal benefits for all students regardless of their household income. This benefit was implemented on Monday, January 29th.

The benefit for this program was approved mid-year, therefore any outstanding balance on your SOS Meal Account until December 31st, 2023 will not be covered by the program, this balance must be paid by the parent/guardian of the student. Any meal charges after January 1st, 2024, will be credited to your SOS Meal Account and reimbursed to the parent/guardian in the form of a check. We will review each account to make the proper adjustments, we ask for your patience as the reimbursement will take time to process. All reimbursements will be completed by March 1, 2024.



Fundraiser for

Maryvale Prep Academy PSO

20% of event sales will be donated

Maryvale Prep PSO's goal is to fundraise for our school and give our community the chance to help.



When

Monday, February 26, 2024
Time: 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM

Where

Panda Express located at:
5229 W. Indian School Rd. Phoenix AZ
85031
(623) 873 - 7887

How to Order



Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 368875 in the fundraiser code box

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In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

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March 4, 2024 - March 8, 2024
Archway Library

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