



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 11th - 15th

Spring Break

March 20th

Full Day Wednesday

March 22nd

Early Release Day & Spring Fiesta

March 29th & April 1st

No School - Family Days



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...



Tuesday, March 5th is the last day to complete the family feedback survey. We have been tasked with getting at least a 60% response rate and are only at 10%. Please note that this feedback is extremely important and a low response rate does not reflect perhaps how the whole community feels. We value your time and thoughts and really hope you will take 5 minutes to complete this.

[Great Hearts 2024 Family Survey](#)

Additionally, re-enrollment begins Monday, March 4th. Not only do we want your feedback, we also want your children back with us next school year. We will be offering lots of prizes as incentives for families who complete re-enrollment by the deadline! Please see within the newsletter what some of these amazing prizes are!

Re-Enrollment

Thank you!



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.

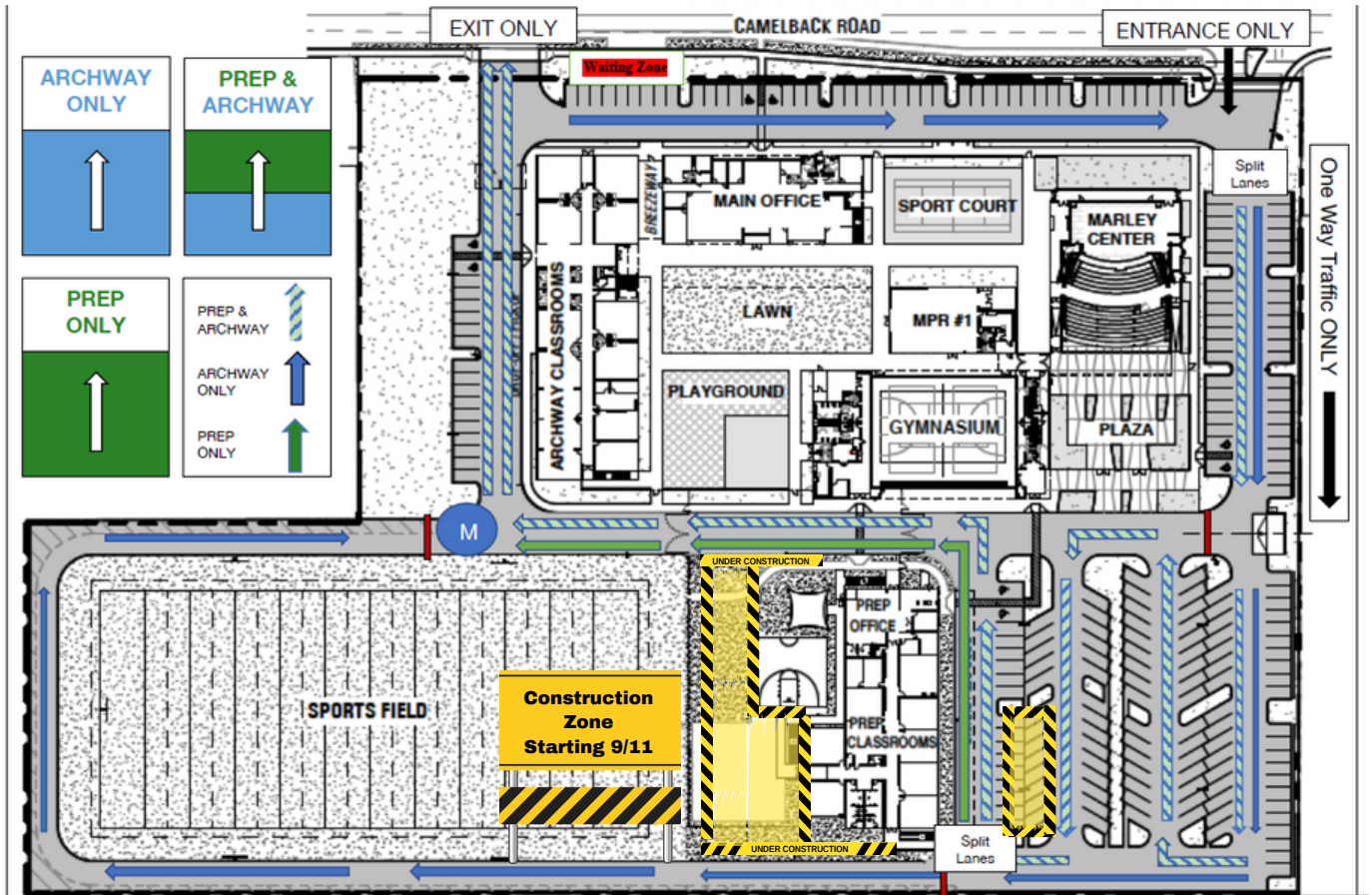


RED FIRE LANE

Do not park in the red fire lane 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

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:



Open until Tuesday, March 5th

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

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.

BOOK FAIR

Next week from **March 4th-8th** we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in our Archway Library. Classes will have time to visit throughout the week. However, we will also have parent hours if you would like to come on Monday, Tuesday and Friday of that week from 4-5pm.

STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Tomorrow Friday, March 1st is our paid Spirit Wear Day. 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 allowance is: Matador Spirit top/sweatshirt/hoodie, non-ripped or frayed jeans, any closed toe athletic shoes.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Tomorrow 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

SCHOLASTIC

It's **BOOK FAIR** time!

March 4, 2024 - March 8, 2024
Archway Library

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/maryvalepreparatoracademy>

COME TO THE FAIR CHOOSE BOOKS YOU LOVE

Dates / Times / Place

Check out with eWallet—the convenient, cash-free digital payment system. Every purchase at the Fair benefits our school! **Woo hoo!**

BOOK FAIR
eWallet

DOG MAN, CAT KID COMIC CLUB © Dav Pilkey.

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Spring Clubs have begun! They are **ongoing from now until April 26th**. Please note that there will not be club on any noted holidays on our school calendar. Please be prompt in picking your child up from their club at 4:30pm at the appropriate gate (either gate 1 or 2) as noted in an email from your child's club leader.

MINI MATADORS

Mini Matadors started their Spring Season this week! The **Season will run until April 24th**. Practices are from 12:45pm to 1:45pm on early release Wednesday's. Participants will be dismissed by the southwest doors of the GYM sharply at 1:45pm. Participants will be dismissed by the southwest doors of the GYM sharply at 1:45pm. Participants can bring a snack and it's recommended to bring a water bottle. For full details visit [Configio](#).

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. Families may not check in until 8:15 and will be guided to the lawn.

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 \$6 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

SPORTS



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

3RD GRADE PARENT REQUEST

Please see an email sent yesterday from Dr. Cruz and emails sent today along with packets in your child's homework folders for an important parent commitment partnership request and information about the next APTT. Your support at home will help our students master their first AASA test ever!

RE-ENROLLMENT

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

All Maryvale Prep families must complete 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.

To see the application in Spanish, have your browser switched to Spanish.

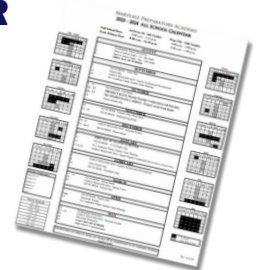
Each Friday in March, we will draw a name from families who re-enrolled that week for one of the following prizes:

- **\$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** is available on our website.

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



MARCH DATES TO NOTE

March 11th-15th: Spring Break

March 20th: Full Day Wednesday

March 22nd: Early Release Friday

March 29th & April 1st: No School-Family Days

MARCH 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.

PSO PRESENTS 1ST FRIDAY JEAN DAY!
03/01/24

\$7

\$ will be collected
by your scholars
teacher

For Archway
& Prep

No ripped
jeans



JEANS DAY

ALL FUNDS WILL BE FOR SPRING FIESTA!

Spirit Wear allowed



Spirit Wear Day
tomorrow with a \$1.00
donation to PSO

Donut Sale
tomorrow morning

DONUT
Sale

IN FRONT OF THE MPR -
ARCHWAY | PREP
COURTYARD

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

\$1 A DONUT

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024