



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 8th
Class Picture Day

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

February 19th
No School - President's Day

February 26th
Spring Clubs Begin

February 28th
Literary Figures Day



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

*We hope this finds you doing well. We have some exciting news and hope it will afford your families and our teachers some good family time amidst what will be a very busy testing season for our students. Great Hearts has approved to put the two days previously removed due to conferences back on the calendar as no school days, thus **March 29th and April 1st will be no school days.** Please note the update and plan ahead on your calendars.*

In a few weeks, Great Hearts will send out the family satisfaction survey. We value your feedback greatly and hope that you will submit any positive or constructive feedback. Please begin taking note over the coming weeks what you may wish to share and commit to doing so once that comes out. We usually have a low response rate and we are really pushing to hear from more of you!

Thank you for all you do to be with us! Have a great weekend!



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



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.

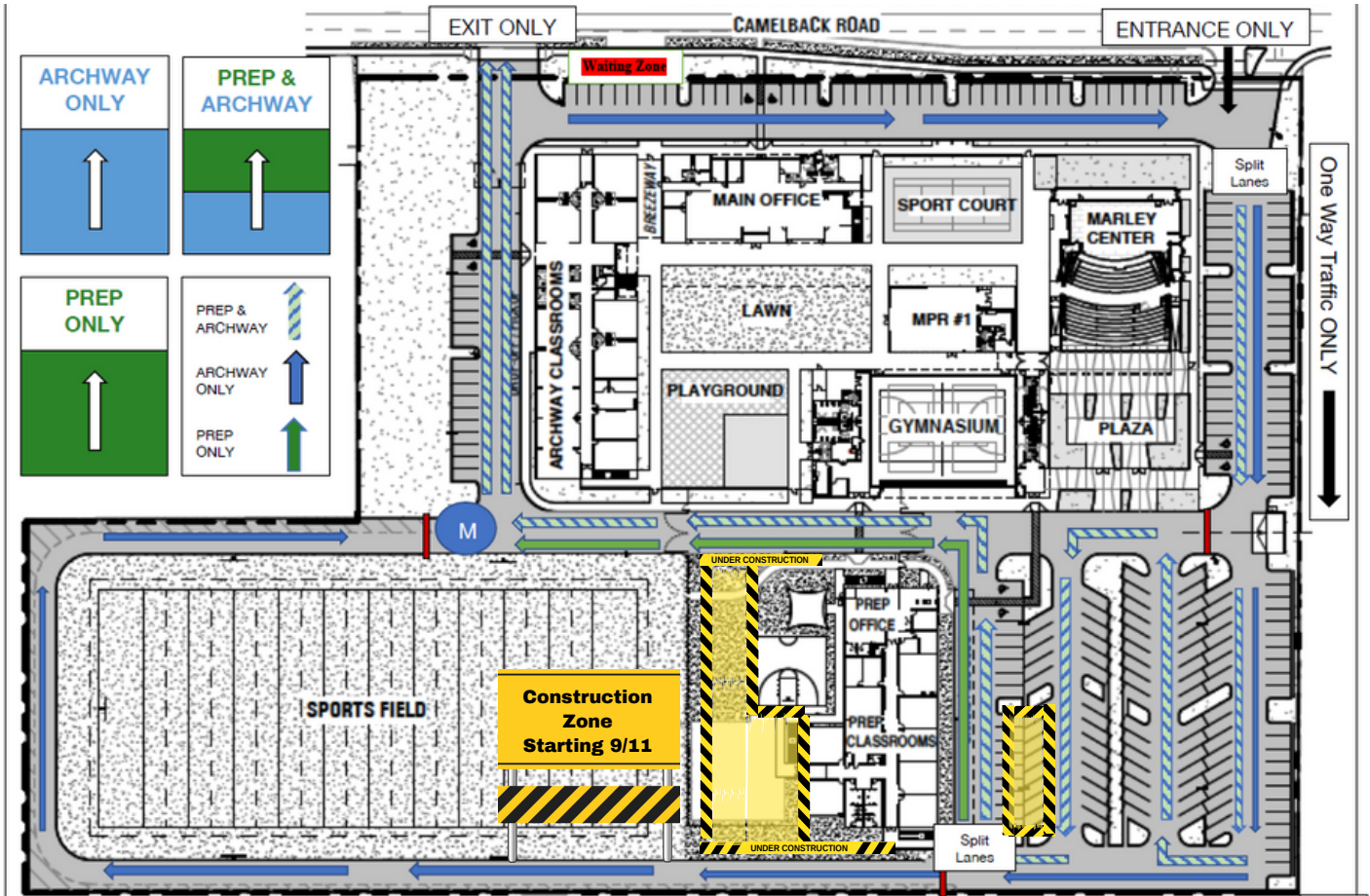


RED FIRE LANE

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.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

We believe that every minute of learning matters, and given the magnitude of our mission, we must be very strategic about how we use each of those minutes. We believe that the minutes around holidays should continue to be devoted to the pursuit of learning in mathematics, language arts, and all of our liberal arts subjects, rather than given to other activities such as classroom parties or holiday arts and crafts. Although holidays are rooted in much that is good (and many of them are studied in various parts of our curriculum), some of them unfortunately have become associated with certain elements that are not edifying to our school culture or student body, such as Valentine's Day with its traditional celebrations that can inappropriately encourage children to have a "sweetheart" at such a young age. That being said, we will not be having classroom parties around the holidays. We will work hard to carefully explain this approach to the students, as to keep their excitement and positivity towards the holidays greatly alive.

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](#)



LOST AND FOUND

Many sweaters and jackets get left behind during recess and physical education class. The Lost and Found 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. We also have other lost valuable belongings, prescribed glasses, electronics and other belongings that have not been claimed by a student or a parent/guardian. Please check with the Front Office if any of these items your child is missing may be here.

Unclaimed bottle waters and lunch boxes get disposed at the end of each week in order to maintain cleanliness at our campus. This cart for these items is stationed near the MPR for easier access to students.



ATHENAEUM PICK UP

Effective **February 5th**, pick up location for the After School Athenaeum was moved to the front office. Parents can pick up students from Athenaeum starting at 3:30pm

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With Flu Season, 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:

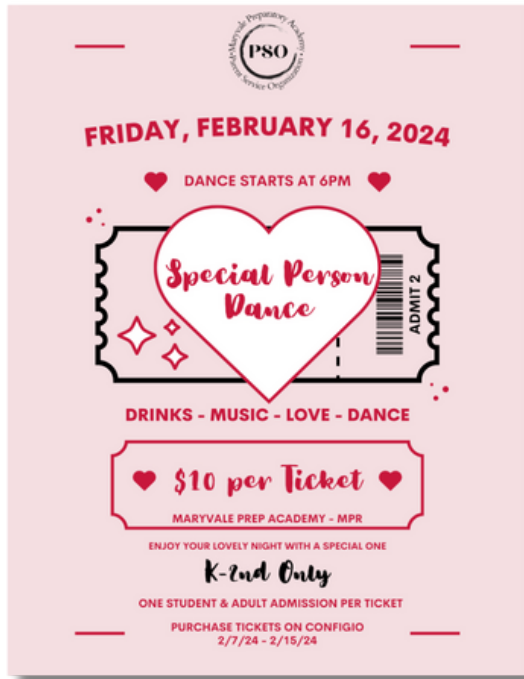
- Cover noses and mouths with a tissue or the bend of your elbow when sneezing or coughing.
- Wash hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Remind students to avoid touching their face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- If your child has a fever, chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, 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.

DEFICIENCY NOTICES

It is already mid quarter! If your child is deficient, you should expect an email or phone call from your child's teacher(s) by this **Friday, February 9th**. Thereafter you will receive notification if they become deficient as we inch closer to the close of this grading period.

PSO EVENTS



SPRING CLUBS

Winter After School Clubs end this week, please adjust student pick up accordingly.

The **Spring Season** will start **February 26th** and runs through May 3. Registration opens on February 14th in Configio.

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.

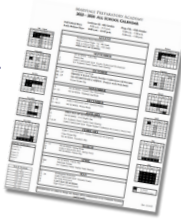
STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 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.



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
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

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.

SPORTS



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