



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 21, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 22nd
Early Release Day,
Quarter 3 Grades available
& Spring Fiesta

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

April 5th
Coffee with the Counselor
& Student Spirit Wear

April 17th
APTT Meeting for
K-2nd Grade Parents



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

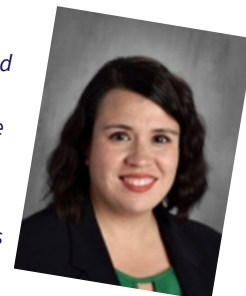
I hope you all had an amazing Spring Break and are ready to finish out the school year strong. Fourth quarter is one that definitely goes by quickly and is packed heavily with academic endeavors, celebrations, and culminating events.

This week, we get to kick off the quarter with our Spring Fiesta tomorrow Friday! We hope you all will be able to attend and if you are not already involved with our Parent Service Organization that this event will inspire you to join this amazing group of people that make our school better.

*Our testing season is soon underway as well. This week our 5th graders will take the AzSci state science benchmark test. Soon after we jump into our 3rd-6th grade AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment). These test dates will take place from **April 2nd-April 26th**. Please refer to your child's class newsletter for their specific test dates and times and ensure they are here on those days to test with their class as this is what sets them up for the greatest success. In addition to statewide benchmarks, we close out collecting reading data. From **April 29-May 17** we will do our Reading A TO Z testing and our DIBELS end of year benchmarks for all grades.*

*At the Spring Fiesta, we will have a table with letter templates for you to write. As a community, we want to build our students up and are asking all families to stop and write a letter encouraging students. We will have sample letters and the goal is to have at least one letter for each child on the start of their testing for them to read. Additionally, our theme around testing is Crush the Test and we will have a Crush Ice Cream Float party at the end of testing and are asking for donations of Crush soda cans (any flavor). You can drop these off at the office anytime between **now and April 26** or bring them with you to the fiesta.*

Thank you for partnering with us, celebrating with us, and encouraging your students. Please ensure their attendance this quarter is consistent so that they can finish strong!



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.

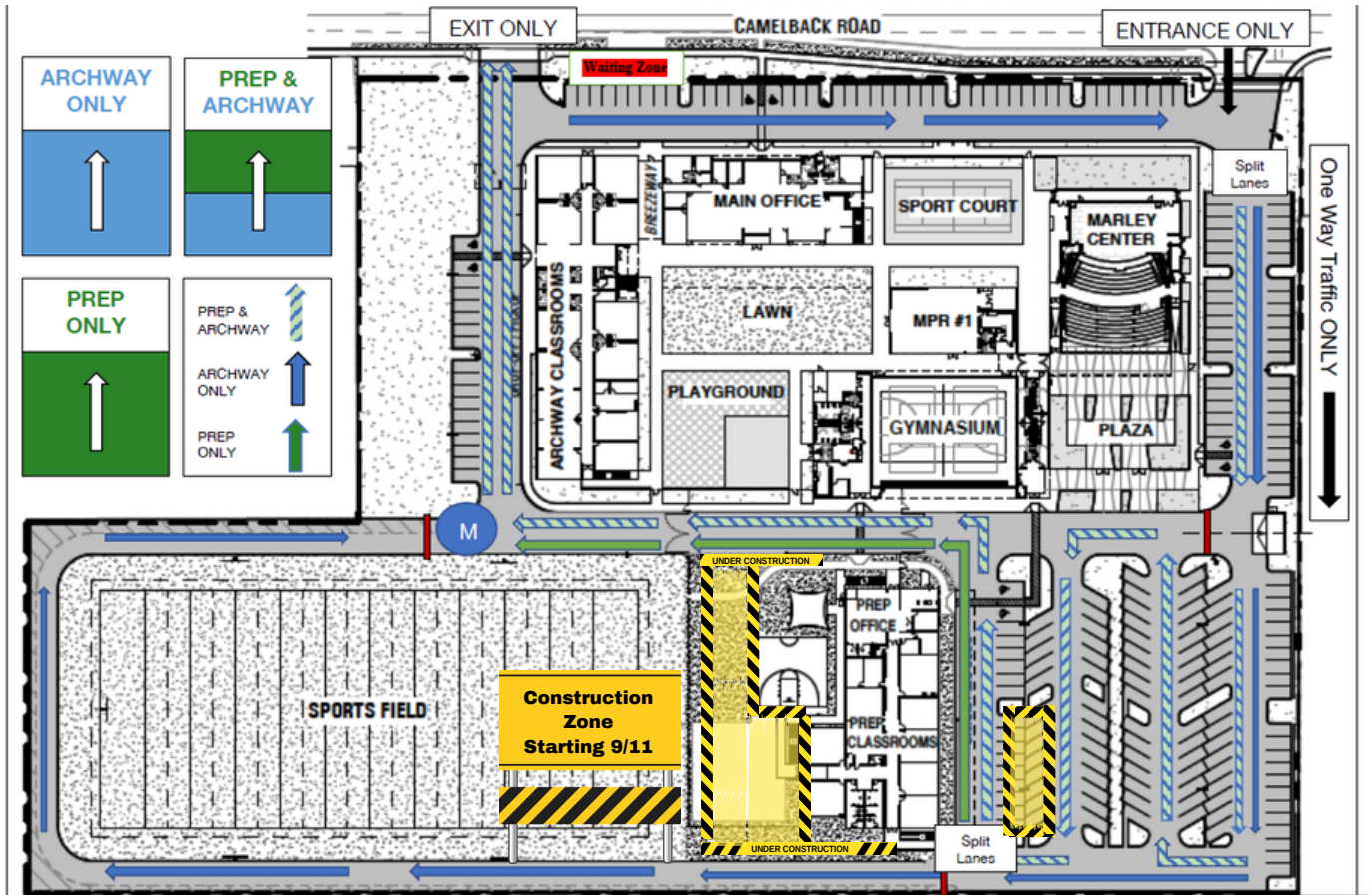


RED FIRE LANE

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

QUARTER 3 GRADES

Student Grades for Quarter 3 will be available **tomorrow, Friday, March 22nd** via the PowerSchool Portal.

Parents please log in on the PowerSchool Portal and for parents who have not created an account on this Portal, check your email for a communication with step by step instructions on a one-time set up with an access code for each student.

Each student has a unique access code to retrieve their grades. Please send an email to Mrs. Castro at lcastro@maryvaleprep.org if you did not received an email.

PowerSchool Public Portal:

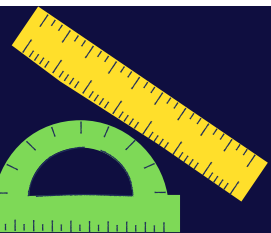
<https://greatheartfaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

STATE TESTING

State testing will soon begin!

Please ensure that your children are consistently present at school for this testing season and avoid late arrivals and early pickups by planning around these dates. Also ensure students are getting adequate sleep and nutrition to do their best.

AASA Testing Dates	
3rd Grade	<i>April 2nd, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and 22nd</i>
4th Grade	<i>April 5th, 9th, 15th, 19th, and 23th</i>
5th Grade	<i>April 6th, 11th, 16th, 19th, and 23rd</i>
6th Grade	<i>April 3rd, 10th, 12th, 17th, and 24th</i>



RE-ENROLLMENT

MARCH 4TH TO APRIL 5TH

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

This is the time to update contact information including, 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

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COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

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AS WE TALK ABOUT TIPS FOR HOMEWORK TIME



Topics discussed will include:

- Tips for setting the stage
- Strategies to use during homework time
- Ideas for after your child's homework is completed

Friday, April 5th at 8:00am in the MPR

STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Our next student and faculty Spirit Wear Day is **Friday, April 5th** with a \$1.00 donation to PSO. 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.

APTT MEETING 3



Please save the date for final APTT Meeting of the year! Please note that this final meeting is for K-2 families only, and all meetings will take place from 3:00-4:00pm. In this final meeting, you will receive an update on the skills from the first two meetings and gain additional resources to support your child's learning at home. Reminder that attendance at all three meetings for the year will enter you into a raffle to win Classics to Keep for next school year!

Date: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

Time: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Grades: Kinder-2nd

Where: Your child's classroom

More information will be sent soon by your child's teacher. Attendance is mandatory.

Students may not attend but childcare will be available.

SPORTS



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

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](#).

Coming Soon Field Trip:

DATE	FIELD TRIP	GRADE
April 5th	Tolmachoff Farm	Kindergarten

MINI MATADORS

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](#).

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Spring Clubs 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.

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Did you know that by the time you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated? As we approach our warmer summer months, we want to ensure that our students remain hydrated throughout the day. Dehydration can cause stomachaches, nausea, headaches, dizziness, difficulty focusing and if left untreated kidney damage and life-threatening illness such as heatstroke.

PLEASE encourage students to drink lots of water, wear cooler clothing, and send your students with a full bottle of fresh water every day to promote learning and prevent heat related illness.

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.



MARYVALE PREP PSO INVITES YOU TO OUR
**ANNUAL SPRING FIESTA
AT MARYVALE PREP**

COME JOIN US IN OUR COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH
GAMES, BOUNCE HOUSES, PRIZES, MUSIC AND FOOD
TRUCKS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024
5:00PM - 8:00PM

FREE ADMISSION

GAMES AND RIDES **WRIST BANDS**
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE VIA CONFIGIO AND
AT THE DOOR

LOCATED AT MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY
4825 W CAMELBACK ROAD, PHOENIX, AZ 85031

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FOOD VENDORS THAT WILL
DONATE A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR SALES BACK TO OUR SCHOOL



CONTACT THE PSO WITH ANY QUESTIONS
PSOPRESIDENT@MARYVALEPREP.ORG

