



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 28, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

April 5th
Coffee with the
Counselor
& Student Spirit Wear
&
Re-Enrollment Deadline

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



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

We had a blast seeing you at the Spring Fiesta! It is always such a delight to see our community together having fun and celebrating all that we have accomplished this year. We could not host this event without the leadership of our PSO team and all of you who volunteered in a variety of ways and are so thankful!

With the fiesta behind us, we now will buckle down and finish out with benchmark assessments to see how far our students have come and help us set course and vision for the upcoming school year ahead. While we have poured in quite a bit leading to this point, we now ask you to partner up alongside us to encourage your children. Below are some tips to motivate and prepare our as we move into the month of April:

- *Motivate and affirm your students. If you have not already, please write a **Crush the Test note** (coming in homework folders this week so that we can give a letter to every 3rd-6th grade student to open before they take their first test). Please write your child's name on the envelope and seal it in place back in their folder so that it is a surprise!*
- *Lots of teachers are incentivizing **Moby Max**. This week, I had my own third grade student pop onto the TEST PREP AND REVIEW Section and recommend your students spend time on Math Test Prep and Review, Reading Skills Literature Test Prep and Reading Skills Informational Test Prep.*
- *Much of the tests will require typing familiarity and practice. Have your child practice these [free lessons](#).*
- *We will be working on the AASA Sample Tests in class, however, having your child practice at home will help them as well! Click on this [page](#) and choose the grade level your child is in.*

While K-2 students do not yet take the AASA, it is never too soon to have them on Moby Max and typing practice. They will close out with reading fluency and comprehension checks. That said, the more they read at home, the better they will perform. Ensure that is happening!

Thanks for all you do to partner with us! We are excited for a strong finish and all of the growth and progress to be made.



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.

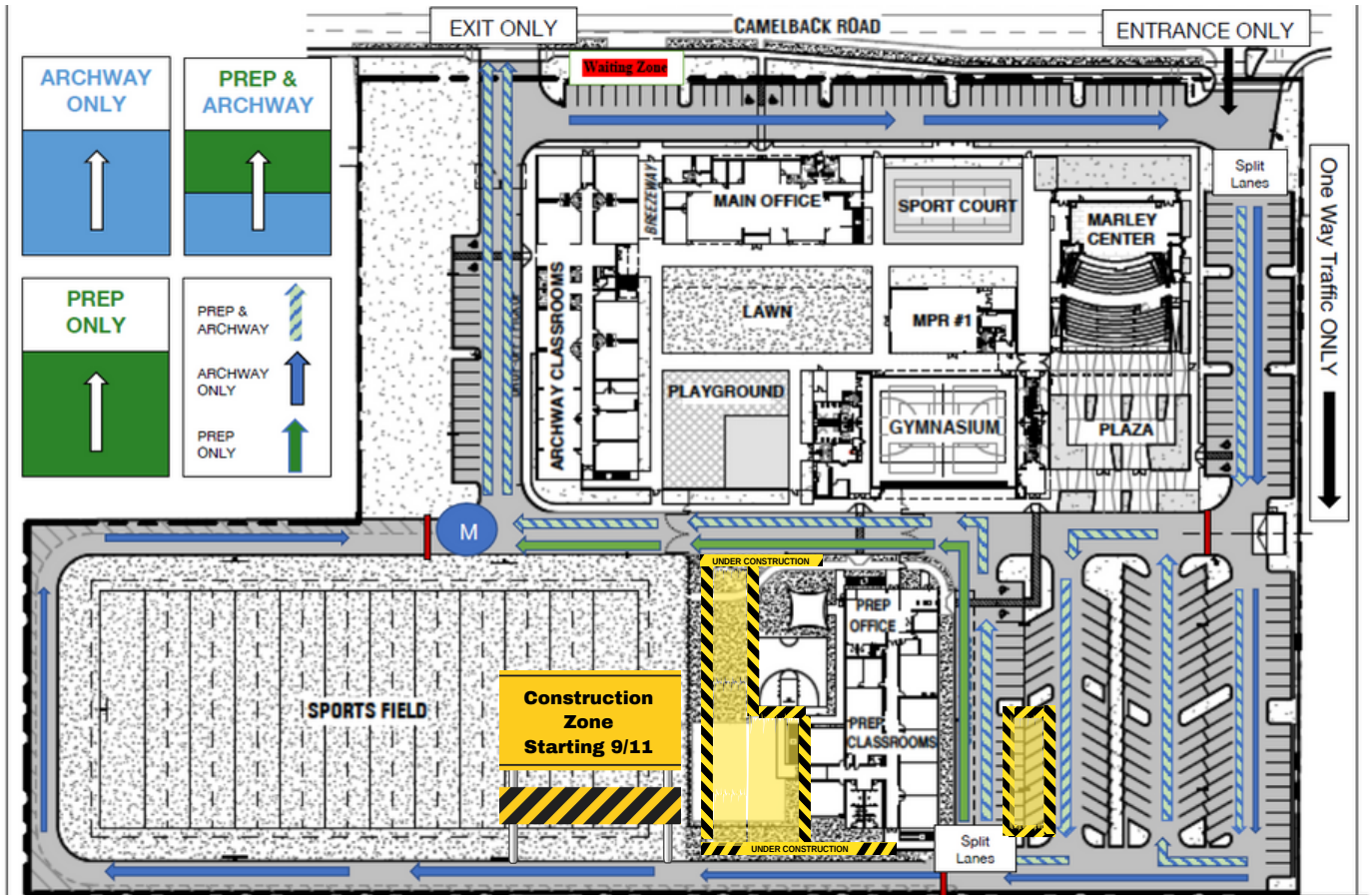


RED FIRE LANE

Do not park in the red fire lane 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.

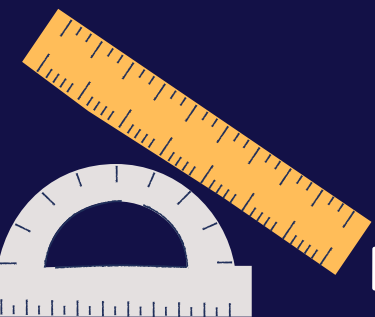
STUDENT DROPOFF

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



RE-ENROLLMENT IS DUE NOW DEADLINE IS APRIL 5TH



All Maryvale Prep families must complete Re-Enrollment

Must submit Proof of Residency

Families not returning need to complete to inform the intent of withdrawing

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

Prizes for Re-Enrolling!

\$100 Dennis Uniform Gift Card

\$50 Barnes and Noble Gift Card

24-25 Free Sport or Mini Matador Pass

Matadors Merch and more

Contact the Front Office with any questions

E: enrollment@maryvaleprep.org

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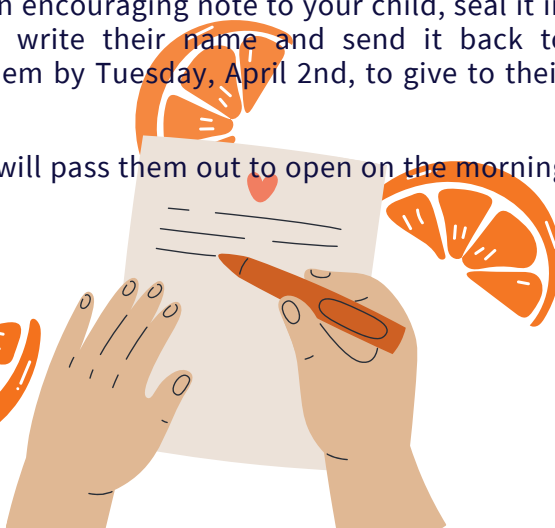
CRUSH THE TEST NOTE

State testing is coming up next week!

We want our students to know that they have people cheering them on not just at school but at home too! Please write an encouraging note to your child, seal it in the envelope, write their name and send it back to school with them by Tuesday, April 2nd, to give to their teacher.

Their teacher will pass them out to open on the morning of the test.

Thank you!!



STATE TESTING

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>

SAVE THE DATE!

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.

KINDER - 2ND SPRING CONCERT

Our K-2 Spring Concert will be held on **Wednesday, May 15th**. Moving forward, the K-2 concert will take place earlier in the day to accommodate all of the end of year events and campus evening needs.

Parents will enter through Gates 6 and 7, drop their students off in the Marley Center Plaza at the times noted below. Exit will take place promptly after the concert ends via Gate 15 to allow time for the next grade level to park and enter campus. Students must wear their regular school uniform for the concert.

Please note that Kinder students will not be dismissed via carline, and we do ask that parents wait until pick up ends to make way onto campus and park.

1st and 2nd Grade Students will need to be picked up and then brought back to campus at campus entry time. Please note if you are leaving your child in Athenaeum, you must sign them out and bring them to the Marley Center Plaza at Campus Entry time.

Grade Level	Campus Entry Time	Concert Time
Kinder	1:30 pm	1:45-2:05 pm
1st Grade	2:00 pm	2:35-2:55 pm
2nd Grade	3:00 pm	3:15-3:35 pm

VIRTUE ASSEMBLY

Each year grade level teachers choose one student who has embodied one of the 9 core virtues throughout the year. We will honor these students in our Virtue Assemblies on **Thursday, May 23rd**. If your child is selected, you will receive a special invitation to surprise them with your attendance from Ms. Grado the week of May 6th.

KINDER PROMOTION

Kinder Promotion will take place on **Wednesday, May 22nd**, during the school day. Times will be released soon. Please save the date and be on the lookout for parent volunteer opportunities.

6TH GRADE PROMOTION

6th Grade Promotion will take place on **Friday, May 24th** during the school day. Parent attendance is optional but encouraged. Formal programming details are forthcoming. Please save the date for now.

SUMMER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Summer School will be held Tuesdays through Fridays, from June 4-28th 7:50 am to 11:30 am.

Phase 1 priority invitations for students who teachers have recommended for Summer School will go out the week of April 8th and will come from Mrs. Kennedy. This email will include the registration information and sign-up link.

If Summer School is a mandatory condition for promotion to the next grade level, we will let you know and will hold a spot for you. Phase 2 sign ups will open to all students on April 29th.

QUARTER 3 GRADES

Student Grades for Quarter 3 are now available 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>.

HAPPENINGS NEXT WEEK!

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

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

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.

KINDER FIELD TRIP

The kindergarten field trip to Tolmachoff Farm is scheduled on **Friday, April 5th**. Parents, if you are chosen as a chaperon, please have the Raptor clearance ready. 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](#).

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Allergy season is among us. While we enjoy the beautiful Arizona weather, the spring flowers and longer days, keep in mind that allergy symptoms begin to rise this time of year.

The Health Office does not have allergy (or cold) medications. If you know your child suffers from seasonal allergies (as many of us do), please talk to your providers about ways to minimize these symptoms while at school. Remember, Students must be HEALTHY to be educated and EDUCATED to be healthy.

SPORTS



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

APRIL 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.

NO SCHOOL REMINDER

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, FRIDAY AND MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

WE WISH OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES A RESTFUL AND RELAXING WEEKEND,
LET'S RETURN STRONG TO START STATE TESTING

GREAT HEARTS EVENT

Great Hearts Day at Chase Field

Friday,
May 3rd

Let's kick off Teacher Appreciation Week with America's pastime!

Join us for another Great Hearts Day at Chase Field, Friday, May 3rd
as the Dbacks take on the San Diego Padres!

Enjoy a discounted ticket package that includes a co-branded Great Hearts x Dbacks hat (limited quantity), plus the opportunity to win game day experiences and prizes exclusive to Great Hearts families and friends. We hope to see you at the ballpark!

[Learn More and Purchase Tickets](#)



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