



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 4, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 5th

Coffee with the Counselor

Student Spirit Wear

Re-Enrollment Deadline

April 8th

The Great North American Solar Eclipse

April 17th

APTT Meeting for K-2nd Grade Parents

PSO's Canes Fundraiser

May 3rd

Great Hearts at Chase Field



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

Thank you to all of you who have engaged in conversation around testing and overall, for encouraging your students and making sure they are here. It was so special to see our students read their letters you wrote them before the start of testing. If you have not done so yet, please do that ASAP. We did have staff write extra letters so that every child had one regardless but there is something special about starting the day with a note from a loved one.

*Our **re-enrollment period comes to a close this Friday, April 5th** and we have yet to hear from 129 families. This process is important as it helps us budget and plan for the year ahead. With you letting us know of your intent to return, we are able to plan for your child specifically as we work on rosters, determine hiring needs, and as we consider marketing in order to fill potential empty seats. We need a response from every person. If you note that you are returning this does not bind you to that decision and that is what you should choose if you are undecided. If you already know you won't be back, the process is faster and we need to know if you are withdrawing. Please ensure you complete this process no later than the end of day tomorrow!*

The weeks ahead continue to be full of testing, continued learning, and lots of celebrations and assemblies. Please be sure to read this newsletter and your child's class newsletters in full and save the dates/times of upcoming events that pertain to you!

Thank you for your investment and partnership!



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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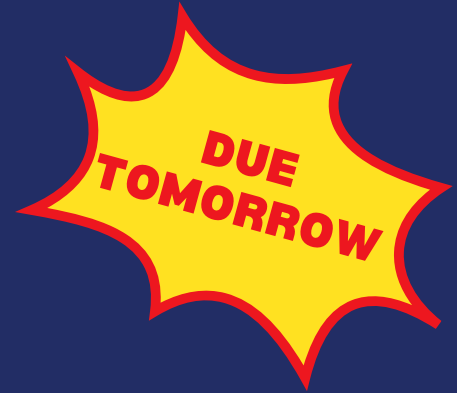
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Half Days: Wed

7:00 AM - 1:30 PM

RE-ENROLLMENT IS DUE NOW

DEADLINE IS TOMORROW FRIDAY



Must be processed for ALL Students

Families not returning need to complete to inform the intent of withdrawing
To see the application in Spanish, have your browser switched to Spanish.

Contact the Front Office with any questions

E: enrollment@maryvaleprep.org

P: 623-247-6095

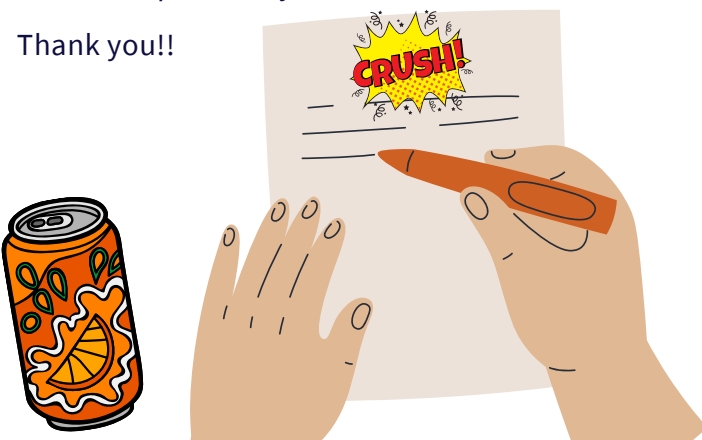
CRUSH THE TEST NOTE

Keep encouraging your child to crush their test. If you have not written them a letter you can still do so.

Additionally, we are collecting donations of canned crush soda for our end of testing party on 4/26.

Please drop these by the main office!

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>



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.

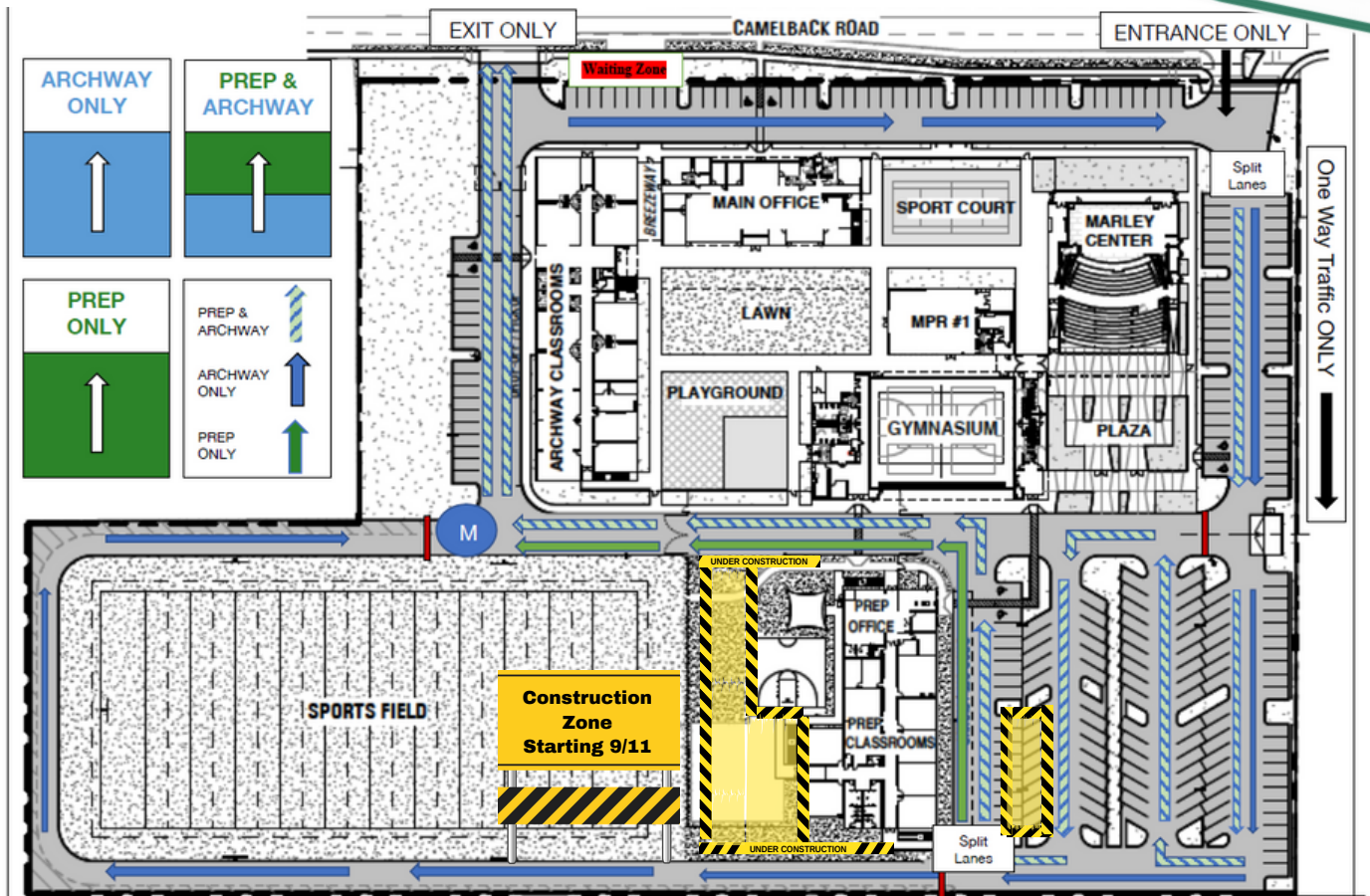
CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus has 5 security gates. East Entrance gate includes a vehicular gate and a pedestrian gate and the West Entrance is now secure. **The safest route to enter our campus at the East entrance is to travel from the West to the East. Making a left turn in front of the school, into the declaration lane is dangerous. Please be mindful of a safe arrival for your students.**

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.



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.

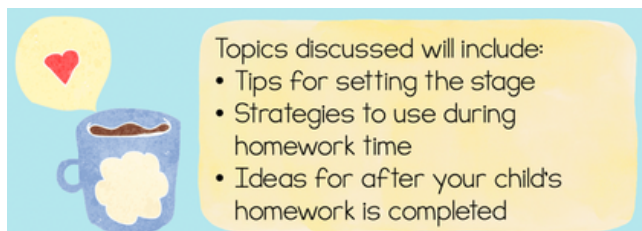
CARLINE ETIQUETTE

- 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

APRIL HAPPENINGS!

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR

Join us Tomorrow, Friday, April 5th at 8:00am in the MPR to meet with our school counselor and other parents to talk about tips for homework time.



STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Tomorrow, Friday, April 5th is Spirit Day for faculty and students 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 (not 3rd)

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL

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.

SPORTS



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

THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN SOLAR ECLIPSE

On **Monday, April 8, 2024**, from 10:08 am to 12:35 pm, we will be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse in Phoenix. The event is being called "The Great North American Solar Eclipse," because it is the only solar eclipse in the 21st century where totality will be visible in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. It will also be the last total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous United States until 2044. While we were able to get special permission and glasses for 5th and 6th grade students to view the eclipse safely, all other grade levels will not be able to partake. We will have to transition 2nd-6th graders to lunch during these times. As such, please talk to your child about the importance of not looking directly at the sun during this time as it can cause permanent eye damage. For more information on viewing the eclipse safely to prevent eye damage, please visit the NASA website <https://go.nasa.gov/3vor4BQ>. Aside from walking to lunch, all grade levels will have indoor recess during these times. 5th and 6th grade families will receive permission slips by tomorrow for their viewing opportunity.

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Ms. Wilson, our RN, will be leaving us on April 12th to pursue another career opportunity closer to home. We are looking for an RN to close out the school year and remain on for next year. This is a great opportunity for anyone in the field looking to be on their child's schedule! Please send any candidates our way. They can email their resume to ccruz@maryvaleprep.org & rmercado@maryvaleprep.org.

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.

IMPORTANT MAY EVENTS

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.

Guests are asked to arrive no more than 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled time and plan to leave shortly after the ceremony to make room for the next group coming in.

Each student will receive 6 guest tickets

- These will be sent home in homework folders on Friday, May 17
- Each guest must present their ticket at the door for entry.
- No additional guests will be permitted.
- Tickets cannot be given away or shared.
- *If a child doesn't have 6 guests, their extra tickets should be discarded in order to maintain adequate room for all guests and for equity amongst all families. Lap babies under 2 years of age do not need a ticket.*
- Older MVA siblings are permitted to attend but must be signed out from the main office and back in as though they were leaving for an appointment.

Kinder Parents: We would like to have approx. 4-6 Class of 2036 Photo Frames created for families to take photos and are in need of parent volunteers to create these. Email PSO@Maryvaleprep.org if you would like to help.

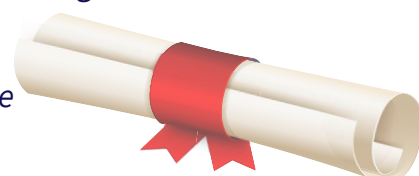


SECTION	TIME
KA/KB	8:15-8:45am - Formal Ceremony 8:45-9:25am - Refreshments and Photos 9:25am - Departure
KC/KD	9:45 - 10:15am - Formal Ceremony 10:15 - 10:55am - Refreshments and Photos 10:55am - Departure

6TH GRADE PROMOTION

6th Grade Promotion will take place on **Friday, May 24th** during the school day. Parent attendance is optional but encouraged. We will begin our time with a 6th Grade parent address from the Archway and Prep Headmasters at 8:15 am. Parents are then invited to stay and form a surprise tunnel for our 6th grade students who will walk in procession from the Archway side to the Prep side to enjoy their first breakfast in the Prep Courtyard. Light refreshments will be provided for 6th grade parents who wish to stay and mingle during the student breakfast. The full event will end by 9:30 am and students will resume classes.

**Guests are asked to arrive no earlier than 8 am. Parents can enter at the end of carline and loop back around to park.*



PSO FUNDRAISERS

PSO PRESENTS 1ST FRIDAY JEAN DAY!
04/05/24

JEANS DAY

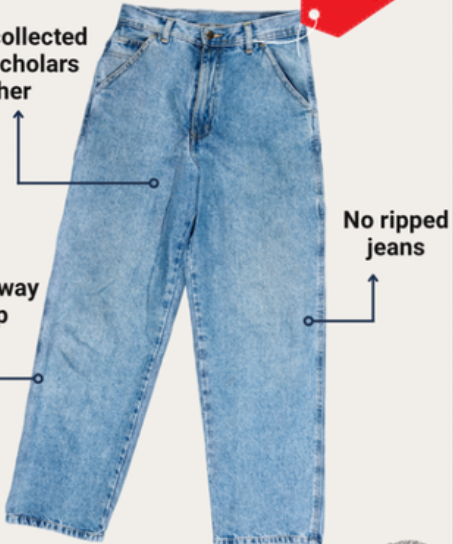
\$ will be collected by your scholars teacher

For Archway & Prep

No ripped jeans

\$7

ALL FUNDS WILL BE FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR!
Spirit Wear allowed



DONUT
Sale

IN FRONT OF THE MPR -
ARCHWAY | PREP
COURTYARD

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

\$1 A DONUT

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

Maryvale Prep Academy PSO

DATE & TIME:

April 17, 2024 from 04:00 PM - 09:00 PM

LOCATION:

5301 W Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85031
+1 623-282-3767



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GREAT HEARTS EVENTS



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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BARCELONA FC CAMP

We are thrilled to announce the return of Barça Soccer Camps this Summer at Scottsdale Prep, running from May 28th to June 1st, for boys and girls aged 6-14!

As a gesture of appreciation, Great Heart students are being granted an exclusive invitation with a 10% discount! Secure your spot today! Discount Code: GH24BA

[Barca Academy Phoenix Soccer Camp \(barcaresidencyacademyusa.com\)](http://barcaresidencyacademyusa.com)



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