



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2024

KEY DATES:

September 6th

Coffee with the Counselors

September 6th

\$1.00 Spirit Wear

September 11th

K-6 Family Partnership Night

September 14th

Great Hearts Day at Chase Field

September 18th

Full Day Wednesday

September 20th

Early Release Friday



A Message from Headmaster Cruz...

I hope you all enjoyed your first long weekend of the year!

We had such a good close out to August with good parent meetings and involvement. We had close to 20 parents across K-6 for the Headmaster Coffee and Chat and 10 parents for the 6th Grade Zoom Parent Meeting. While this is a great turn out and we engaged in great and meaningful conversation, we want to see even more of you come out for these events. These are great opportunities to ask questions, seek solutions alongside school personnel, and get involved.

Next Wednesday, we are looking to beat our attendance rate from last year at our Family Partnership Night. The K-6 class with the greatest attendance will earn an ice cream party. Your students are counting on you to be present and you will receive information and resources to help them at home. If you pick one thing to attend in September, please ensure it is this one!



SCHOOL HOURS

Regular Days:

8:00 AM - 3:15 PM

(campus opens at 7AM)

Early Release Days:

8:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Main Office Phone Number: (623) 247-6095

Attendance Line: (623) 247-6095 Option 0

(leave a detailed voicemail to report absences)

Attendance Email:

attendance@maryvaleprep.org

www.maryvaleprep.org

OFFICE HOURS

Regular School Days:

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Early Release Days:

7:00 AM - 1:30 PM



OPEN GRADE BOOKS FOR 3-6TH GRADE

Reminder 3-6th grade parents to check your child's grades on the portal and reach out to teachers if you have any questions. Checks should be happening every Monday. So far only about 25% of you have reviewed these grades.



DEFICIENCY NOTICES

Starting tomorrow, **Friday, September 6**, if your child falls in the deficient range, you will receive an email or phone call noting their deficiency. Please engage with your child's teachers and your child on ways to raise their grades if you receive one of these notices.

ACADEMIC MORNING CLUBS

Our Academic Morning Clubs will begin on **Monday, September 9**. These clubs are by invitation only as we review data and specific skills to invite those who are struggling the most. Club invitations will go out via paper in homework folders and via email by this Friday. Clubs start promptly at 7:15 am. If your child wants breakfast, they should arrive by 7 am to be able to head to club on time. It is highly encouraged your child attends if they are invited as rostering is very intentional and those who consistently attend clubs have shown to perform better in class and on benchmark assessments due to the extra targeted support.

ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONS

Academic interventions will begin on **Monday, September 9th**. If your child is well below grade level in reading, you will receive an individual letter by the end of the week noting they will have interventions. These take place during the school day when special area courses occur.

MOBY MAX

Starting on **Monday, September 9**, 3rd and 4th grade students not in an Academic Morning club will report to the library after breakfast to work on Math and ELA skills using our Moby Max intervention tool. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday- 3rd grade math

Tuesday- 4th grade math

Thursday- 3rd grade ELA

Friday- 4th grade ELA

This is another crucial opportunity for your child to receive extra support and it is highly encouraged. Your child also has their own login to Moby Max and practice at home is encouraged.

K-6 FAMILY PARTNERSHIP NIGHT

Save the date for our first Family Partnership Night of the year! We will be hosting two of these events (formerly known as APTT) this school year for all K-6 grade levels, with the purpose of forming strong connections as a community, reviewing critical student data, and sharing targeted resources for families to use at home to support their child's academic growth.

When: Wednesday, September 11th

Where: Your Child's Classroom

Time: K-2nd Grade: 2:30-3:30pm 3-6th Grade: 4:00-5:00pm

More information will be sent soon by our administrators and teachers. Attendance is mandatory (please limit to one parent/guardian per child as space is limited). Students may not attend but childcare will be available.

THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER



We continue to push independent reading at student's level. At our Family Partnership Night you will receive more information on how to support this at home. It is important that your child is reading at least 20 minutes per night for fun and that they are not reading books that are too easy or too hard. Please see this [quick resource guide](#) for how they can use the 5 finger rule to determine what level of book is just right for them.

This week's featured reader is our Reading Instructional Coach, Ms. Cronin. Reading is one of Ms. Cronin's favorite hobbies. One of her favorite children's books is One Morning in Maine. She loves this book because it is about a dad and a daughter and it reminds her of her childhood vacations and growing up in New England!

This is a great book for K-2 students!

CLASSICS TO KEEP

In observations, our leadership team has noted that a third to half of the class in various sections have not yet purchased and brought in their own copy of the current classic. Not having access to a book that they can annotate, especially in upper grades will impact their participation score as they cannot annotate a shared class copy and show their own work and understanding.

If purchasing a book is a financial hardship, we must hear directly from a parent.

COFFEE WITH THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Parents are invited to a Coffee with the Counselors hosted by our Archway & Prep School Counselors for an introduction to School Counseling. Join us tomorrow **Friday, September 6th at 8:00am** in the Archway MPR. Learn how our school counselors can help and support your students while at school. Parents need to check in the Archway or Prep Office.



In addition, our School Counselors will have available monthly video chats with helpful resources for parents and students. Click [here](#) to see the initial video from our School Counselors.

PSO PRESENTS SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY!

09/06/24

SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY

\$ will be collected by your scholars teacher

For Archway & Prep



No ripped jeans

No Crocs or opened-toed shoes

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

Spirit Wear sold by Coach G



FALL PICTURES

The last day to submit order forms is tomorrow, **Friday, September 6th**. Orders after tomorrow can only be made online at: <https://mydorian.com/prepayment/>

Student ID cards provided on picture day are not required to use during school. Students will need them to receive free or discounted entrance at home games and some PSO Events.

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

This week, letters were sent home in your scholars' folders regarding non-compliant immunizations. Highlighted vaccines need to be administered as soon as possible. If these vaccines were already administered, please provide documentation to the health office as soon as possible. If you do not wish for your scholar to be immunized, please complete and return an [exemption form](#).

DEVELOPMENT LIAISON

Our Development Liaison helps raise funds for our academy that makes our educational model possible. These are the two annual campaigns, Tax Credit and Community Investment, which help with the funding of classrooms and extra-curriculars! For more information on investing in our academy, please email Ms. Miller at tahlia.miller@greathearts.org.



SPORTS

Registration for Fall Sports is now open on [Configio](#). 5th and 6th Grade students can participate in Middle School Sports. All athletes must have a sports physical exam every school year, click [here](#) for the 24-25 physical form.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

GREAT HEARTS DAY AT CHASE FIELD

Join our Great Hearts families around the valley to watch the D-backs take on the Milwaukee Brewers at Chase Field.

Saturday, September 14th at 5:10pm

Enjoy exclusive discounted tickets for Great Hearts families, friends, educators and employees.

Once your tickets are purchased, you can also enter for a chance to win game day experiences and prizes.

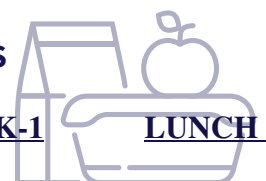
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SEPTEMBER MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH K-1

LUNCH 2-6



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.

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.

PLACARD FOR CARLINE 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.

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

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers must have clearance before assisting on campus. Clearance must be renewed annually, if you were cleared last school year, you must complete the clearance process again for this school year. The cost is \$6 and it only takes a few minutes.

[Click here to start the 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.

1. Walkers will be dismissed at 12:50 pm on early release days and at 3:20 pm on full days from Gates 6 and 7.
2. On full days, Prep students can wait for their Archway siblings until they are released at 3:20 pm and they can head out to Gate 4 to walk home or meet families together.
3. On Early Release Days, Archway students can wait for their Prep siblings until they are released at 1:00 pm and they can head out to Gate 4 to walk home or meet families together.
4. Students not waiting for siblings as noted, must exit campus immediately.
5. Kindergarten students without 1st through 12th grade siblings must be met by their parent/guardian or authorized pick up personnel right outside of Gate 4.

Students will walk along the sidewalk adjacent to the Marley Center and out Gate 4 to meet their parents. Please refrain from walking through Gate 4 onto campus or crowding up that area to ensure the flow of traffic continues and students do not get lost amongst waiting families.

Please note that signing your child up as a walker is a liability you are taking as they are not supervised or delivered directly to parents. We ask that as parents, you calculate the best option for your family as you consider safety and convenience. Student walkers will be allowed to take their phones out to connect with parents/guardians once they have exited Gates 6 and 7.

DISMISSAL

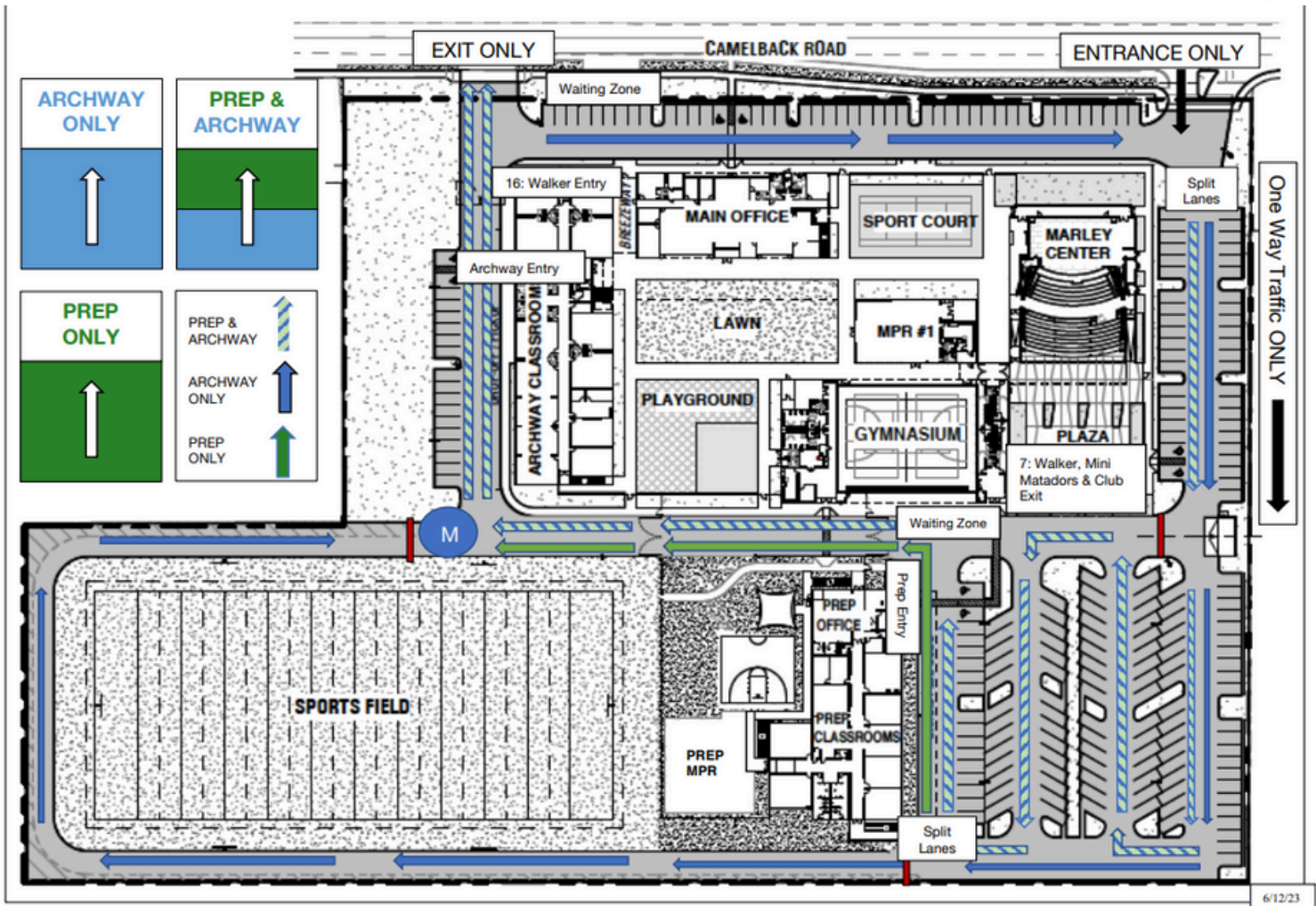
Due to our school day in sessions and safety precautions arrival for end of day pick up will not begin until 2:30 pm. If you arrive prior to that, please note that you will be asked to exit campus and return after 2:30 pm. Emergency and office business vehicles cannot get onto campus if the school is blocked with waiters.

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 PICKUP

- The earliest you can enter into carline is 2:30pm on Full Days and at 12:15pm on Early Release Days. This will allow our students & faculty to have a cleared parking lot in the event EMS needs access.
- Have your placard ready for scanning; 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.
- 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.
- Maintain safe parking lot speed of 5 mph.
- Merge point will utilize a zipper merge (1 car per lane).
- The use of cell phones while on carline has slowed us down, and its ultimately unsafe.
- DO NOT record or take pictures of students outside your family.



CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus is equipped with security gates that are armed and required to be closed at all times. These gates are for both vehicles and pedestrians. Access is limited to our Front Office only and we ask that all visits are conducted through these doors and at no times should pedestrian gates be used to exit campus. To ensure carline efficiency and safety, please plan to exit campus with Right Turns only. Camelback Road is very dangerous when making left turns.

Students are allowed onto campus at 7am and all of entrance gates will be opened at this time.

Student walkers should adjust their time on campus to reflect the timing of the campus gate openings.