



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 24, 2024



KEY DATES:

OCTOBER 25TH
PSO's Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

OCTOBER 29TH
Evacuation Drill

OCT 25TH-NOV 1ST
Galileo Testing

OCTOBER 30TH
Athletic Field Day:
1st & 2nd Grade

NOVEMBER 7TH
Info Night for
Prospective Families

NOVEMBER 11TH
No School:
Veterans Day

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

It has been a great week here at Maryvale Prep and we are excited to close out the week with you tomorrow at our Fall Festival.

Quarter 2 is one that goes by fast, especially with the mix of holidays. Please continue to push and motivate your students regarding their key levers shared at parent-teacher conferences.

We started Galileo Testing this week and are hopeful to see much progress. We look forward to updating you on how your child did.

Have a wonderful weekend and as always, thank you for partnering with us!



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



1ST AND 2ND GRADE ATHLETIC FIELD DAY

OCTOBER 30TH

We are excited to host our Athletic Field Day for 1st and 2nd grades. Please save the date and feel free to come and watch your children engage in fun competition! Parents are allowed as spectators from 8:30 am to 10:40 pm. Check in at the front office no earlier than 8:15 am. Siblings in other grades may not be signed out to watch. Children should stay through the end of pick up. If you do choose to take them with you, please note they will miss a student's only awards assembly and must be signed out in the main office.

They can come in athletic clothes, including matador spirit wear, sports team shirts and tennis shoes. Team Colors are encouraged. Please ensure they bring a water bottle. Do not send them with backpacks on this day.

Section Team Colors/Virtues

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| 1A -Integrity (White) | 2A -Honesty (Green) |
| 1B -Humility (Yellow) | 2B -Wisdom (Blue) |
| 1C -Citizenship (Red) | 2C -Perseverance (Purple) |
| 1D -Responsibility (Orange) | 2D - Courage (Black) |

POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

Report cards with final Quarter 1 grades are now available in the PowerSchool Public Portal.

The portal will remain open and 3-6th Grade Teachers will continue to update progress grades for parents to view.



GALILEO TEST DATES

Our remaining Galileo Test dates are as follows. Please ensure your child is getting a good night's rest and encourage them to take their time and try their best!

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| 10/25 4th Math | 10/30 6th Galileo |
| 10/28 3rd ELA | 10/31 2nd ELA |
| 10/29 3rd Math | 11/1 2nd Math |

THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

This week's featured reader is Mrs. Blalock. She is one of our Speech and Language Assistants and works with many of our students. One of her favorite books is *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. It is a poetry collection by Shel Silverstein from 1974.



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.

Purchase outerwear at: [Anton Uniforms](#)



We have been notified that Dennis Uniforms has temporarily closed its store and will not process any online orders at this time. Until further notice, please place all uniform orders at Anton Uniforms.

PSO'S FAMILY EVENT TOMORROW FRIDAY

AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY FUN! TOMORROW FRIDAY



**\$10 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR FOR FESTIVAL,
AND \$5 FOR TRUNK OR TREAT
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL**

EVACUATION DRILL

We are a safety first campus and we are always thinking of ways to keep our scholars & faculty safe.

On **Thursday, October 29th**, our campus will be practicing the use of the North & East Parking Lots for Evacuation Drill purposes and all campus entrances will be blocked and vehicles will not be allowed to enter.

Please do not plan a campus visit or attempt to collect your students at this time (10:10am to 10:40am). This valuable drill is necessary in case the residential neighborhood to our south has an emergency and we must evacuate off campus and away from harm.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

We at Maryvale Prep think fondly of the holidays and the opportunities they provide for families and communities to celebrate with one another and partake in cherished traditions. At our academy, we have intentionally decided not to bring those celebrations into our classrooms and will soon share at length more of our reasoning for that which are in short, use of academic minutes and vastness and content of holidays. Please do not send Halloween treats to class as we will not be having any celebrations.

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

We previously sent home letters regarding missing immunizations. For those of you that brought in updated immunization records and exemption forms, thank you. All children must be vaccinated pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code, R9-6-702 in order to attend school, unless a parent or medical provider signs an exemption form for personal beliefs or medical reasons.

If your scholar is still missing immunizations, please submit updated records showing immunizations have been given or a signed exemption form prior to **Friday, November 1st**.

Scholars without up-to-date immunization records or exemption forms cannot return to school after November 1 until that information is submitted.

PSO PRESENTS SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY!
11/01/24

\$7

SPRIT 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

ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING

The annual Title I Parent Meeting will be held virtually



Thursday, Nov 7, 2024

Two sessions will be available:

Session 1 at 9:30 AM:

<https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/99754631785>

Session 2 at 1 PM:

<https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/92130844812>

These sessions will answer the questions:

What is Title I?

What is the Title I Grant Program?

What resources are available for students who qualify for this assistance?

K-6 INFO NIGHT FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

SPREAD THE WORD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

A Great Hearts education is meant to be shared. Invite your friends and family to attend prospective family K-6 Info Night and see why Great Hearts is Arizona's top-performing network of tuition-free classical academies.

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YOUR FRIENDS RSVP HERE

SCHOOL CALENDAR

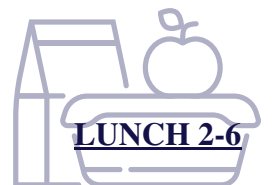
The school calendar was updated in September. The updated version can be found at MaryvalePrep.org. If you have a printed calendar, please ensure the bottom right-side reads **rev. 9/24**. You can request a printed copy of this calendar at the Front Office.

OCTOBER MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH K-1

LUNCH 2-6



TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

Beginning, **Monday October 28th**, the westbound lane of Camelback Road will be limited with cones to one lane. As a reminder, we ask all families to exit campus to the east (RIGHT TURNS ONLY) and this street project will make left turns even more dangerous and will slow your exit. Please exit going east towards 47th Avenue and use Indian School as an alternative.



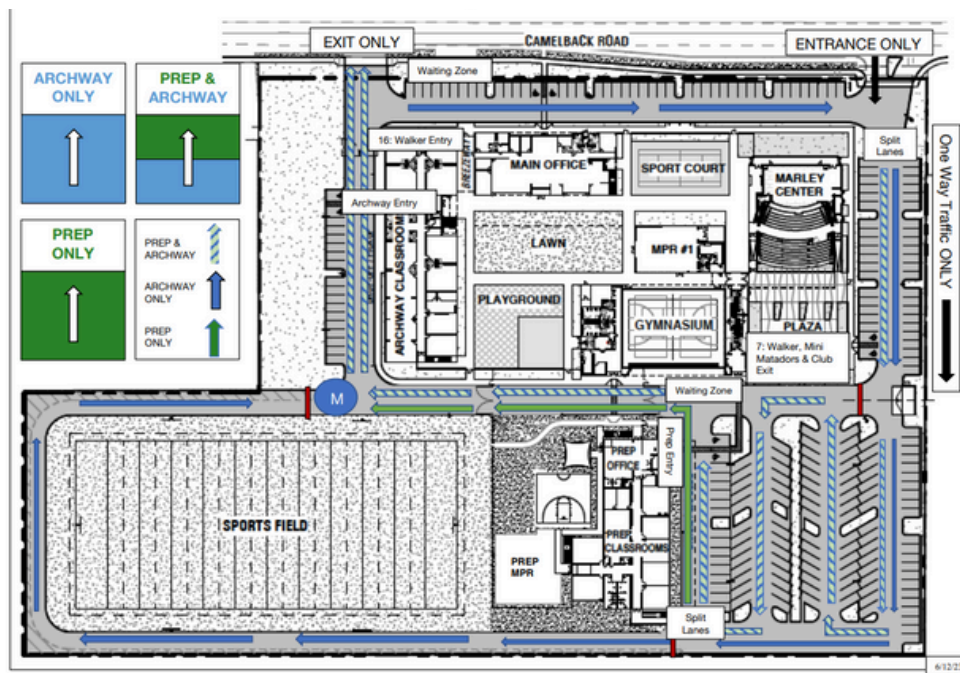
Also, we are getting closer to having flashing School Zone signage both eastbound and westbound on Camelback Road. One sign is already partially up. Please be mindful of the 30mph speed limit.

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.



HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Do not park in a handicap parking space if you or your passenger do not hold a permit. Parking in a handicap spot without the proper authorization is in violation of [ARS 28-884](#). Even if you are in a rush or your visit to the office will take a few minutes, these spots are reserved for our students, parents and visitors with a disability. Violations should be reported

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.

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.