



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 14, 2024



KEY DATES:

NOVEMBER 14th
Athletic Banquet

NOVEMBER 22nd
Last day for
After School Clubs

NOVEMBER 27-29TH
No School:
Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 6TH
Coffee with the
Counselors

DECEMBER 18TH
3-5th Grade
Winter Concert

DECEMBER 18-19TH
Early Release Days

DECEMBER 23-JAN 6TH
Winter Break

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

We are moving quickly through the quarter and are proud of the student growth we are seeing. As we have shared, our thematic goal for the year is focused on reading. Many of our classrooms are engaged in reading competitions and we see a lot of excitement amongst our students. We want to keep encouraging you to push reading at home. At minimum, they should read 20 minutes per day at home.

Starting in kindergarten, when a child is either read to or reads just 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. By the time they reach 6th grade they will have 851 hours of reading accomplished.

Thank you for partnering with us and keeping your students invested!



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 ENROLLMENT IS HERE FOR NEW STUDENTS!

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS WILL START IN MARCH 2025



We are already in our open enrollment!

Share with any family and friends who are not currently enrolled and encourage them to apply to Maryvale Prep.

Early enrollment guarantees the best chance at a seat for the 2025-2026 school year. **Applications must be submitted no later than December 6th at midnight.**

See below as well for information about our upcoming info night on November 7th.

More details in the link:

https://enrollaz.greatheartsamerica.org/oe_k-12

DEFICIENCY NOTICES

We are at mid-quarter mark, across the next few weeks, expect to hear from teachers if your child is deficient in any grades (1's and 2's for K-2 and D's or F's for 3-6).

You may also refer to the Public Portal for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The last week of after school extracurricular clubs for this season is the **week of November 18th.**

We will commence the next round of clubs in January for Semester 2. Stay tuned for registration details and list of clubs for all Archway grades.

MINI MATADORS

Mini Matadors for Kinder - 4th Grade Winter Season began on Wednesday, November 6th and will accept registration at \$100 price until Tuesday, November 26th. Participants will learn the fundamentals of Basketball or Cheer.

Participants meet every Wednesday and are dismissed at the south parking lot at 1:45pm. Please arrive on time and make sure you bring your placard for pick up.

For more information and to register click [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.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays will be celebrated one time per month on the last Wednesday of the month for birthdays within that month. Due to Thanksgiving break, the **November birthday celebration will be on Wednesday, November 20th.**

All birthday treats and celebration dishes should be store bought and include a nutrition and ingredients label. All treats should be free of pop culture decor. Homemade treats are allowed only at events when a parent or guardian is present to give permission for students to consume them.

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.



THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

This week's featured reader is Mr. Castro!



Mr. Castro is a 5th grade TA and is always encouraging students to read. Here he is pictured with one of his favorite books, *The Iron Man*, by Ted Hughes. This is a modern fairy tale geared towards 4th-7th grades. Be sure to wave and smile at Mr. Castro when you see him directing traffic!



TAX CREDIT

Mark your calendars for **#GivingTuesday, December 3rd, 2024!**



This day of giving was created to focus on doing good for the community after Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, our intent is to fulfill our Community Investment goal and raise \$2,000. Please consider making a gift meaningful to your family to help us fund our classrooms. With the holidays right around the corner, we invite you to join in celebrating our academy through the following giving options.

Community Investment: These funds support faculty salaries, classroom expenses, and curriculum for your scholars. Parent partnership through Community Investment is how we are able offer a tuition-free, private school caliber education in a public-school setting. **[Click here to donate your Community Investment Today!](#)**

Tax Credit: At no cost to you, redirect your state taxes to Maryvale prep instead of the state government. You get this money back when you file your annual tax report. These funds support Maryvale's athletics, enrichment courses, field trips, and extra-curricular clubs. **[Click here to contribute your Tax Credit Today!](#)**

If you have any questions about philanthropic giving at Maryvale, please contact Tahlia Miller, Development Coordinator, at Tahlia.Miller@greathearts.org.

NEW UNIFORM VENDOR

One of our uniform providers, Dennis Uniforms, suddenly closed their business. Given the timing, this has presented considerable challenge both for our immediate uniform needs and our preparations for uniform ordering for next school year. In response, our Great Hearts leadership team has worked tirelessly to identify a uniform provider that is best equipped to provide our families with excellent service, high-quality products, and competitive pricing. After meeting with multiple vendors, Great Hearts has selected Lands' End to be the exclusive uniform provider for all of its Archway and Prep schools here in Arizona.

Over the next several weeks, we will be working with Lands' End as they prepare to serve all of our families. In the meantime, Anton Uniforms will continue to provide uniform items for the remainder of this school year so that our families do not have a gap in service. We are grateful to them for their support during this transition.

We will reach out again soon to share more about our partnership with Lands' End. We appreciate your patience as we work to make this transition as seamless as possible.

SPORTS

The Fall Sports Banquet is tonight at 5:30pm in the Marley Center. We will honor all 5th-12th grade Fall Athletes with an award ceremony in the Marley Center and dinner celebration in the MPR with a potluck style dinner.

Winter Sports registration is open on **Configio**. All Registrations with Tier/Discount with volunteer option has ended. All registrations must be paid in full.

On **Tuesday, November 19th**, we will have our Winter Sports Parent Meeting at 5:30pm in the Marley Center, all parents with athletes participating in Winter Sports should attend.

Additional information on sports can be found on our **[Winter Newsletter](#)** and **[website](#)**. Follow us on **[Instagram](#)**



OUTERWEAR

In order to maintain our consistent, scholarly uniform, the Maryvale Prep sweater will be the only outerwear piece that students will be permitted to wear throughout the school day.

Students may wear personal jackets to school (they must be free of writing and images, only one-color scheme, according to our Maryvale Prep guidelines outlined in the Family Handbook, see examples below) but they will be required to hang them up for the day upon arrival.

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](#)**

NOVEMBER MEAL MENUS

[BREAKFAST](#)

[LUNCH K](#)



[LUNCH 1-6](#)

TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

The **westbound lane on Camelback Road is scheduled to be limited with cones to one lane.**

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.



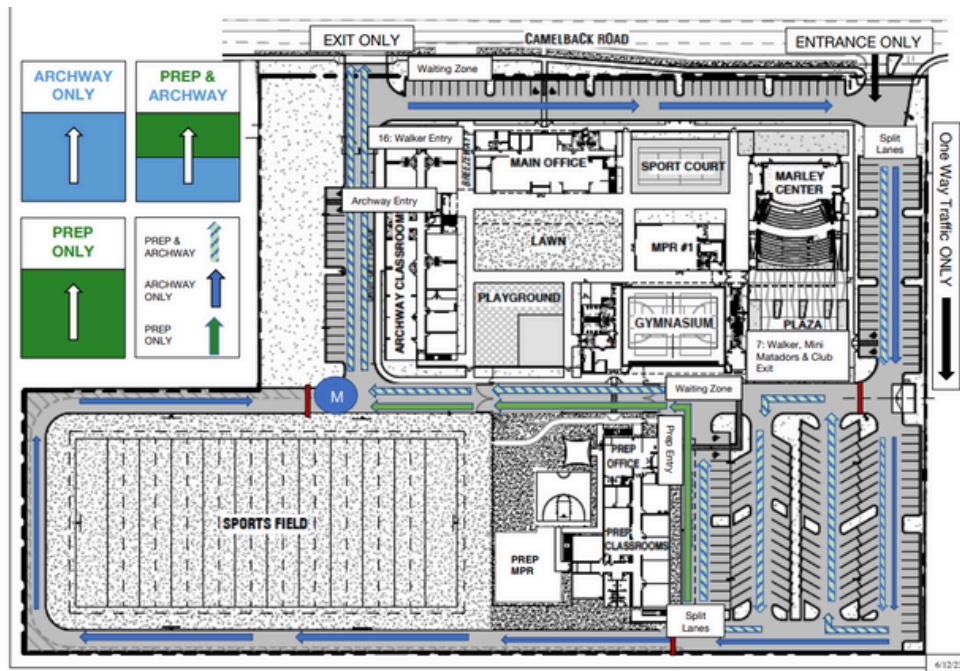
Also, we are working on having a flashing School Zone signage both eastbound and westbound on Camelback Road. **Please be mindful of the 30mph speed limit.**

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 AND FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES

Volunteers must have clearance before volunteering on campus or attending a field trip. 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.



KEEP YOUR COVERAGE!

If you have AHCCCS or KidsCare, make sure your mailing address and contact information are up to date so that important information gets to you. Need help? Call (855) 432-7587 to update your address.

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAYS:

Maryvale Clinic:
Every first Tuesday
of the month

Goodyear Clinic:
Every second Friday
of the month

Baseline Jesse
Owens Clinic:
Every third Friday
of the month

Gateway Clinic:
Every fourth Tuesday
of the month

Tempe Clinic:
Every third Thursday
of the month

DON'T HAVE INSURANCE OR NEED ADDITIONAL HELP?

We can help you apply for WIC, AHCCCS, KidsCare, SNAP and TANF benefits in person or over the phone!

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

COVID-19 vaccines are available to everyone 6 months and older!

To schedule your vaccine appointment,
Call us at (602) 243-7277

Need Help Getting to Your Appointment?

Call us 3 days before your scheduled appointment to request a free ride to our clinics!

Have your next appointment over the phone, video chat with your provider or visit any of our clinics across the valley!



Call us 24/7 at (602) 243-7277 or scan the QR code to schedule any type of appointment!

FREE Food Distribution

Maryvale Clinic 6601 W. Thomas Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85033	Goodyear Clinic 140 N. Litchfield Rd. Goodyear, AZ 85338	Tempe Clinic 1840 E. Broadway Rd. Tempe, AZ 85281	Baseline Clinic 303 E. Baseline Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85042	Gateway Clinic 3830 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85008
1st Tuesday of Every Month July 2 August 6 September 3 October 1 November TBD December 3	2nd Friday of Every Month July 12 August 9 September 13 October 11 November 8 December 13	3rd Thursday of Every Month July 18 August 15 September 19 October 17 November 21 December 19	3rd Friday of Every Month July 19 August 16 September 20 October 18 November 15 December 20	4th Tuesday of Every Month July 23 August 27 September 24 October 22 November 26

**9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or while supplies last
Please bring an ID or proof of address.**



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Call 24/7 (602) 243-7277 or schedule a no/low cost back-to-school or sports physical online at mountainparkhealth.org