



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 5, 2024



KEY DATES:

DECEMBER 6TH
Coffee with the Counselors
Spirit Wear with \$1.00

DECEMBER 12TH
Bard Competition

DECEMBER 18TH
3-5th Grade
Winter Concert

DECEMBER 18-19TH
Early Release Days

DECEMBER 23-JAN 6TH
Winter Break

JANUARY 7TH
Start of Semester 2
Students return to school

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

I hope all of you are well. I hope your Thanksgiving was great and full of joy. We are glad to welcome December and all that it brings as we close out our first semester and prepare for the next. December only gives us fifteen school days of which to pour in. Across these three weeks we will celebrate the successes and identify any remaining academic gaps. Our teachers will close out the semester grades for you to review upon return from break. For grades K-2, please be in communication with teachers about supports you can offer at home and your child's progress. For grades 3-6, be sure to review the grade portal and note any missing work and opportunities for growth and reach out to your child's teachers as needed.

As we approach the busy season, we often see an increase in behaviors and emotions for a multitude of reasons. Please connect with your child about how they are feeling and help us motivate them through the rest of this home stretch. Model grace and compassion and extend it to those around you, including other parents, teachers, and the community. The greatest teaching starts at home and we are thankful that you have chosen us to come along side you and partner in so many ways.

Have a wonderful weekend!



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



LOOKING FOR READING GROUP/RECESS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking to partner with parents to increase reading support in K-3 and also to help with additional supervision support at recess. The ask is that you commit to volunteering on a consistent basis with opportunities on full and early release days. Times are from 9:00-12:15pm on Full Days and 9:00-10:35am on Early release days (with recess support optional from 10:35-12:40 pm on ERD). We will prioritize applicants who can commit to the full-time blocks first. You can choose one or several days, but we ask that you are consistent with those days. You will be able to park in the front when you come to volunteer.

Our next orientation is: **Monday, December 9th @ 8:45 am-12:15 pm**

Read through the attached guidelines and application.

Complete by hand and drop off at the main office or scan and send to jdevries@maryvaleprep.org and cronin@maryvaleprep.org. We will review your application and let you know of your orientation and start date. Please note your availability for orientation and consistent volunteering days/times on your application. You may also pick up copies in the main office if you wish.

Click [here](#) to access the Guidelines and Application.

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.

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 Mrs. Hunt!



Mrs. Hunt, a 3rd grade teacher, is an avid reader and one of her favorite books is *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. Mrs. Hunt is a lifelong learner, always pushing to explore the world around her more through books and extended studies. Our students are lucky to see her as a role model and we hope they will embody the same hunger for learning!

BARD COMPETITION

Our 3rd-5th grade Bard competitors are working hard on memorizing their poems and would love to see you there to support them! Please join us in the Marley Center on **Thursday, December 12th at 4 pm**.

3-5TH GRADE WINTER CONCERT

On **Wednesday, December 18th** we are excited to present our 3rd through 5th grade music classes in concert in our Marley Center. Please be sure to prepare ahead by ensuring your child has the proper concert attire which is black dress bottoms, a white top, and black shoes. (No vests or anything other than white for the top).

Concert arrival and start times are as follows:

- **3rd Grade: 5:15 (arrive at 5:00pm)**
- **4th Grade: 6:15 (arrive no earlier and by 6:00pm)**
- **5th Grade: 7:15 (arrive no earlier and by 7:00pm)**

When arriving please enter through Gate 4 and drop your student off at the East Marley Center entrance to line up with their grade level and then parents may enter through the West doors of the Marley Center for seating.

At the end of the concert, remain seated until all students are outside and lined up. Once released by administrators head to the lawn for pick up and exit campus promptly via Gate 14 in order to free up parking for the next concert arrival.

Please ensure proper concert etiquette. While this [video clip](#) is for a bit more formal concert, this etiquette is similar to what we teach our students as they watch their peers and go on field trips. We ask you all to model the same.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

Join our School Counselors and other parents at another informative workshop on
Parenting Skills
presented by Friendly House



Tomorrow Friday, December 6th at 8:00 AM in the Prep MPR

(Please park by the Prep Building and check in at the Prep Office)

PSO PRESENTS SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY!
12/06/24

\$7

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

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Students who are feeling sick will not be able to perform well in school or after-school activities and are likely to spread the illness to other students and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be without a comforting place for your child to stay if they are ill.

FEVER

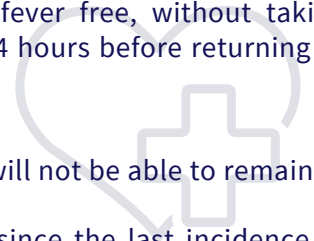
Stay home: Temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

To return to school: Must be fever free, without taking fever reducing medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

VOMITING

Stay Home: Students vomiting will not be able to remain at school.

To return to School: 24 hours since the last incidence of vomiting.



LOCKDOWN DRILL

On **Friday, December 13th** at 2:20pm, we will have a lockdown drill. As these are sensitive topics, please discuss with your children at home to prepare them for any uneasiness and concern. We will do the same here at school.

OUTERWEAR

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.

Purchase outerwear at: **Anton Uniforms**

SPORTS

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

Additional information on sports can be found on our **Winter Newsletter** and **website**. Follow us on **Instagram**



OPEN ENROLLMENT IS HERE FOR NEW STUDENTS!

RE-ENROLLMENT FOR CURRENT STUDENTS WILL START IN MARCH 2025

We are already in our open enrollment! Please 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. Please submit your applications, the **deadline has been extended to Friday, December 13th at midnight.**

More details in the link:

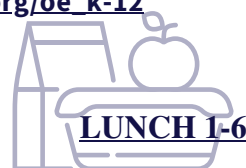
https://enrollaz.greatheartsamerica.org/oe_k-12

DECEMBER MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH K

LUNCH 1-6



You're Invited To
Parents
Night Out
Bingo Edition

13th December 2024
6:00pm-9:00pm
Maryvale Preparatory
Academy



Parents will play when the kids are away!

Leave your child in the gym while you play, Cheer has volunteered to entertain your little ones for the night.

Don't want to play?

You may drop off your child and go on that well-deserved date night or do some last-minute Christmas shopping.

Your child will be entertained with a movie, fun activities, food, and special guest! 🎅

Please RSVP a spot today, space is limited!

\$12/Student

RSVP

PSOpresident@maryvaleprep.org

*Winner will take 50% of bingo card sold.

TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

Please be mindful of the 30mph speed limit signage on both eastbound and westbound on Camelback Road.

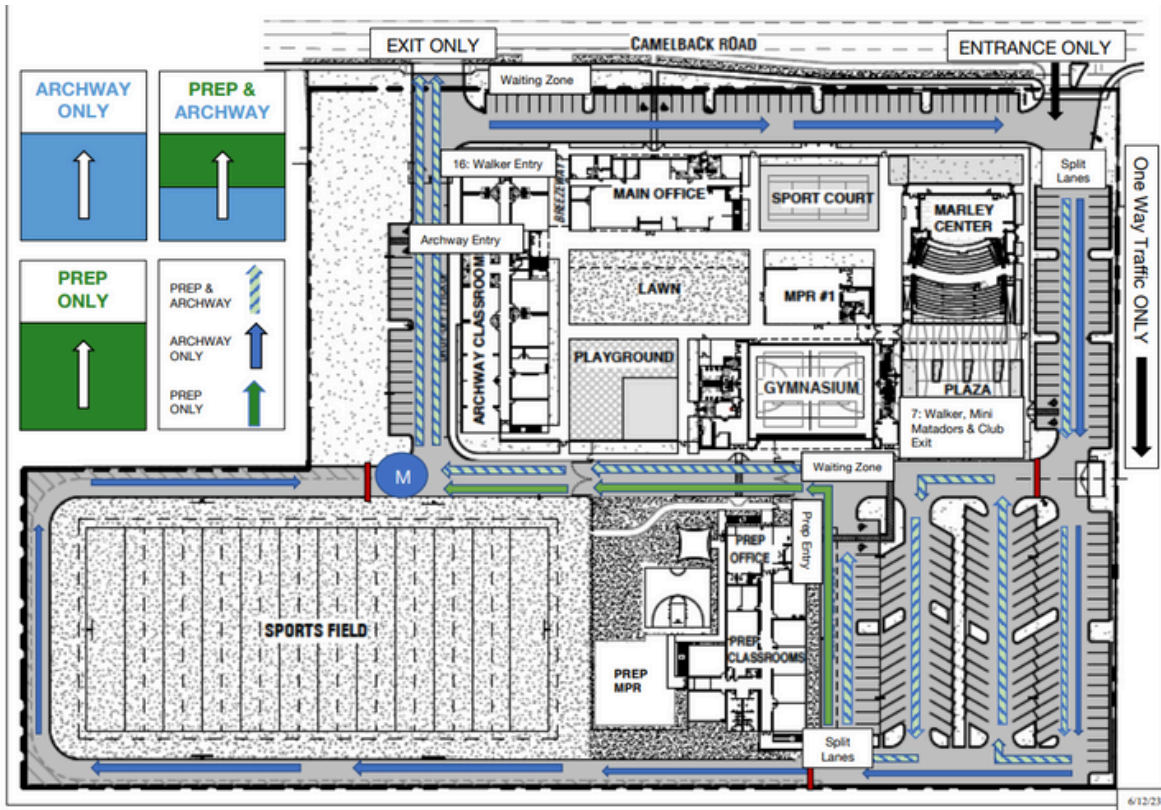


STUDENT DROPOFF

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.



**Healthcare for your whole family,
all in one place.**

- Pediatrics
- Women's Health
- Internal/Family Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Dental Services
- WIC-Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program
- And more!

**Call 24/7 (602) 243-7277
Or Schedule Online!**



(602) 243-7277



Early Childhood Development & Autism Program

Our Early Childhood Development and Autism Program can help with information and resources for children who are "At Risk" or have been diagnosed with a developmental delay including Autism. If your child is not meeting developmental milestones or if you have concerns about your child's development, act early and schedule an appointment with your child's doctor. Your child's doctor can discuss and review developmental screenings that can help determine appropriate referrals for a specialist and if needed, connect you with our Autism Program Manager and or our Early Childhood Development Coordinator.

Melissa Hernández – Autism Program Manager - East Valley locations

Courtney Evans –Early Childhood Development Coordinator - West Valley locations



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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	2nd Friday of Every Month	3rd Thursday of Every Month	3rd Friday of Every Month	4th Tuesday of Every Month
July 2	July 12	July 18	July 19	July 23
August 6	August 9	August 15	August 16	August 27
September 3	September 13	September 19	September 20	September 24
October 1	October 11	October 17	October 18	October 22
November TBD	November 8	November 21	November 15	November 26
December 3	December 13	December 19	December 20	

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