



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 16, 2025



KEY DATES:

JANUARY 10TH - 24TH

Galileo Testing
3rd-6th Grade

JANUARY 20TH

No School
MLK Civil Rights Day

JANUARY 22ND

Parent/Teacher Conferences
by Invitation Only

JANUARY 27TH

Semester 2
After School Clubs begin

JANUARY 29TH

100th Day of School

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

I hope that you were able to review your child's grades at the end of last week and that together you celebrated successes and discussed any opportunities for growth. While each child is much more than a numerical or letter grade on a piece of paper, this is a very important piece of data that can help us propel forward. In some cases, the opportunities for growth come with more detail and greater support measures we can take. As such, in those cases, parents have been invited to conferences. Additionally, if your child is at risk of retention, we will give a heads up since now with a great focus to how we might prevent that from being the case as we close the school year. To those of you who already scheduled and attended, thank you. Many of you are slated to come next week. If you were invited and have not scheduled, please prioritize that.

We are well into Galileo Benchmark Assessments and want to reiterate their importance. This is yet another tool we use to gather valuable data about each student's strengths, areas for improvement and overall academic development in English Language Arts and mathematics. This data is used to determine which students receive interventions, attend morning academic clubs and for differentiated support opportunities in the classroom. Be sure to review your child's classroom newsletter to note their date and time block for testing and ensure they are well rested, well fed, present, and most of all encouraged!

As we take student progress seriously, student attendance is one of the greatest indicators of success for a child. As many of you may have noticed, we have been sending automated emails for any absences accrued at certain thresholds. While we understand that some absences are out of your control due to illnesses and emergencies, we want to ensure proper communication and consistency when it is within our control. Prior to initiated truancy conferences and a probation officer, we will always review the excused reports and any doctor's notes so please be sure you are communicating any of that information. Our attendance system logs absences twice per day (in the morning via teacher checks and in the afternoon as a result of early sign outs), as such, if a student leaves early, prior to the second attendance log, this will count as an absence. When able, it is always best to schedule appointments after school or on breaks, and at last resort as late in the day as possible. In addition to absences, we really need to ensure we are curbing tardies. In every grade level, our day starts with crucial Math instructions (and foundational Phonics instruction in Kindergarten). If a student misses the first few minutes, they are often missing the introduction of a new lesson. Please take time to reflect on your patterns and adjust where needed to ensure we have a strong finish to the semester and are using every angle possible to push towards academic gains. What we set up our children for now is what will establish proper patterns for when they are adults pursuing their own endeavors, dreams and occupations.

If you were not invited to a conference or ever have questions about your child's progress and how you can help at home, please reach out to your child's teacher. In addition, please review any opportunities we provide for parent meetings, classes, etc.

Thank you for partnering with us!



POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

Student evaluations/grades are now available on the PowerSchool Public Portal. Parents if you have not created an account on this portal, please check your email for a communication with step-by-step instructions on a one-time setup.



The portal can be accessed at: <https://greatheartnaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

Please note: This will be the only way to view your child's grades.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Just a reminder that next **Wednesday, January 22nd** after Early Release, teachers will be holding mandatory conferences for students who are at risk academically or who have had excessive absences. If you were invited and have not yet signed up, please be sure to do so.

GALILEO

Our 3rd -6th graders have started taking their Galileo Benchmark Assessments until **January 24th**.

Please refer to their individual newsletters for dates and times. Ensure they are present and well rested for these tests.

EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

Semester 2 clubs will begin on **January 27th**. Sign ups are first come-first served and the expectation is that your child attend the club fully on days they are present. Please be sure to read the fine print when signing up regarding late pick ups. Sign-ups are now open on [Configio](#).

100th DAY OF SCHOOL



We will celebrate our 100th day of school on Wednesday, **January 29th**. K-6 students are allowed to dress like old people to celebrate their wisdom.

They must wear their uniforms but can add any accessories to make them look old (e.g. *gray hair, glasses, suspenders, aprons, etc.*).

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP NIGHT

Please save the date for our second and final Family Partnership Night of the 2024-2025 school year! During this meeting, we will continue to forge strong connections as a school community while providing you with updated student data, resources, and information that are critical to supporting your child's academic growth at home.

When: Wednesday, February 12th

Where: Your Child's Classroom

NEW Times:

Kinder-2nd grade: 2:00-2:45pm

3rd-4th grade: 3:00-3:45pm

5th-6th grade: 4:00-4:45pm



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.

EARLY KINDER TESTING

As we approach enrollment for next school year, we have begun early Kinder Testing for entrance. We have very limited spots and will only release a few at a time and up to a small number. We are **ONLY** testing siblings of current students who will turn 5 in September.

Students testing early must be potty trained, able to separate from parents easily and have basic number sense and alphabet concepts amongst several other indicators that will be tested. Please reach out to ccruz@maryvaleprep.org to schedule your test and note your availability along with child's name, name of current Maryvale sibling(s) and date of birth for the child being assessed.

THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

This week's featured reader is Ms. Cumberworth.



Ms. Cumberworth has been teaching here for 11 years and is currently a 4th grade lead teacher. Reading is one of her favorite hobbies and if you have ever had a child in her class or been in her class you know she encourages reading and builds great joy in it for her students. Our faculty recently had a semester long reading competition and Ms. Cumberworth won, reading a whopping 16, 188 pages first semester!

FIELD TRIPS

All field trips have a small fee to help cover transportation and venue fees. Payment and electronic permission slip must be completed by parent/guardian in **Configio**. Payment can be processed two weeks ahead, the notify me feature can send you a reminder.

If selected as a field trip chaperone, you need to have clearance through Raptor before the field trip or to volunteer on campus. Raptor clearance must be renewed annually, if you were cleared last year, you must complete the clearance process again for the 2024-25 school year. The cost is \$6 and it only takes a few minutes. [Click here to start the process](#)

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

HEALTH OFFICE-STUDENT INJURIES/MEDICAL NEEDS & CONCERNS

If your child has had a recent injury or hospitalization that may require any accommodations or restrictions or even just a watchful eye, please send any documentation to our health office team for review and proper communication and care.

FLU SEASON

With the flu season upon us, it is important that we work together to keep our scholars and staff healthy. You can help prevent the spread of colds and flu viruses by following a few simple steps:

- Cover noses and mouths with a tissue or the bend of your elbow when sneezing or coughing.
- Wash hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Remind students to avoid touching their face, mouth, nose and eyes.
- If your child has a fever, chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, keep them at home to prevent the spread of illness to others.
- Vitamin C is always touted to be a game changer for colds. Regular vitamin C is not easily absorbed in the body. Find a liposomal vitamin C which has been shown to increase absorption.
- Hydration is extremely important, when feeling sick, plain water doesn't truly hydrate unless it's a spring water with natural minerals. Add trace of mineral drops to water, drink teas, broths, coconut water and low sugar electrolyte powders.

Also, please make sure your child is eating a healthy breakfast and packing a lunch if they don't eat the school lunch.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found carts are available during school time for students by the recess areas. At the end of the day, the cart will be available inside or outside the Front Office for parents. Please label all student belongings with full name and section.

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](#)

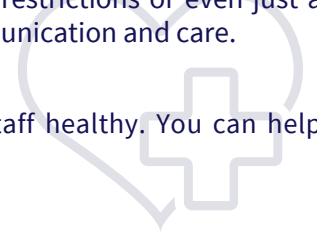
NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY

No school on **Monday, January 20th** in observance of MLK Civil Rights Day.



DATE GRADE DESTINATION

Feb 10th	6th	Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Feb 14th	4th	AZ Museum of Natural History
Feb 14th	5th	Mesa Arts Center
Feb 28th	1st	Arizona Science Center
Mar 7th	3rd	Musical Instruments Museum
Mar 7th	2nd	Pioneer Living History Museum
Apr 4th	Kinder	Tolmachoff Farms



HIRING EVENT

GreatHearts is hosting a hiring event on Saturday, February 1st

Click here to register to any of our three locations:

<https://careers.greatheartamerica.org>

A poster for GreatHearts Hiring Events 2025. The top left features the GreatHearts logo with the tagline 'CLASSICAL EDUCATION. REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS.' The main title is 'HIRING EVENTS 2025' with the values 'TRUTH | GOODNESS | BEAUTY' below it. The poster lists job categories: TEACHERS | TEACHING ASSISTANTS | SPECIAL EDUCATION | ADMINISTRATION | SUPPORT STAFF | COACHES | NURSES. It also lists benefits: COMPETITIVE PAY | GREAT BENEFITS | ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Three event locations are listed: NORTH PHOENIX (14100 N 32ND ST, 9AM - 11AM), EAST VALLEY (1951 N. ALMA SCHOOL RD, 12:30PM - 2:30PM), and WEST VALLEY (2001 N BULLARD AVE, 12:30PM - 2:30PM). A QR code is in the bottom left, and the date '1 FEB' is in large orange letters in the bottom right. The website GREATHEARTSCAREERS.ORG is at the bottom.

JANUARY MEAL MENUS

[BREAKFAST](#)

[LUNCH K](#)

[LUNCH 1-6](#)

[Online Menus](#)



TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

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

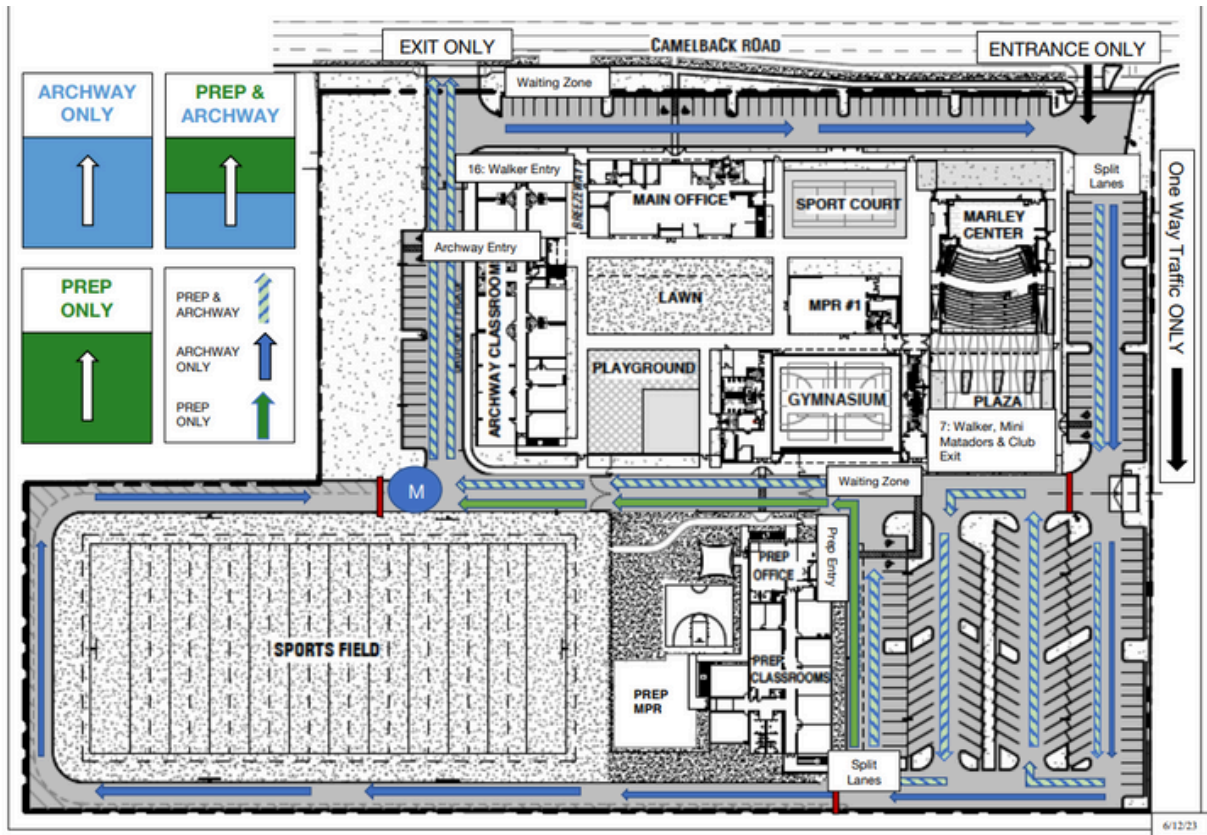


STUDENT DROPOFF

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

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.

SCHOOL HOURS

Regular Days:
8:00 AM - 3:15 PM
(campus opens at 7AM)

Early Release Days:
8:00 AM - 12:45 PM
(campus opens at 7AM)

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