



KEY DATES:

MARCH 21ST

Early Release Day &
Spring Flesta

APRIL 4TH

Last Day of
Re-Enrollment

APRIL 1ST-22ND

Statewide Testing

APRIL 4TH

Coffee with the Counselors
Jean Day with \$1.00

APRIL 18TH-21ST

NO SCHOOL - Family Days

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

Happy 4th Quarter! I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break. It is hard to believe we are in the final stretch of the year. As I shared with faculty and staff, the fourth quarter can be seen much like a game of football where going into the last quarter of the game you will often see players holding up four fingers. This represents the belief and serves as a reminder that the most important part of the game is the final period. In that final period, they remind one another that they are a team and must finish strong to see the win. This fourth quarter is a time for focus and determination. It is a time for us, students, parents, and faculty to go all in and put our full hearts and minds into it.

We are moving into fourth quarter with lots of data on how far students have come and what they need to grow in and hope that we have equipped you with the same. As you review report cards, which will be coming out on Friday, please reach out to teachers to continue partnering in ways to help your child. Additionally, please make note of our AASA test schedules.

Thank you again for submitting your family survey feedback. We are combing through the data and look forward to identifying areas for improvement. Many of you continue to mention carline as something needing improvement. We hope that the small change made this week helped as it was born from your feedback in the survey.

Hope to see you all tomorrow at Spring Fiesta!



Don't miss our Annual Spring Fiesta tomorrow **Friday**, hosted by PSO.

Annual Spring Fiesta at Maryvale Prep

Celebrate the Maryvale Prep Community at our
Annual Spring Fiesta!

Friday March 21st, 2025
5:00pm-8:00pm

Location at **Maryvale Preparatory Academy**
4825 W Camelback Rd Phoenix, AZ 85031

Enjoy games, bounce houses, petting zoo,
prizes, raffles, food trucks, and more



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RE-ENROLLMENT

Required for ALL students currently enrolled

ALL Maryvale Prep families **NEED** to complete the Annual Re-Enrollment for every student. If your child is not returning next school year, please complete to inform us of the intent of withdrawing at the end of the school year.

This is the time to review and update parents/guardian contact information and provide a new proof of address, review academy policies in the family handbook.

**Returning...
Update important
Information**

**Not Returning...
Let us know here**



**OPEN
UNTIL
APRIL 4TH**

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Athenaeum After-School Program is focused on the liberal arts and promotes learning by providing students a diverse array of culturally enriching, academically oriented activities beyond the classroom.

Athenaeum Pricing 2025-26	
Athenaeum is available for grades K-5	
Option	Price Per Child
A 5 days per week until 6:00 pm	\$175/month
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C 3 days per week until 6:00 pm	\$125/month
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scholars up to 14
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Academy Life -> After-School Athenaeum**

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Program-Specific Questions	Anna Harden	Programs.Maryvale@GreatHearts.org	480-247-1532
Executive Director	Keri Campbell	Keri.Campbell@GreatHearts.org	623-606-1189

POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

Quarter 3 Grades will be available tomorrow **Friday, March 21st** in the PowerSchool Portal.

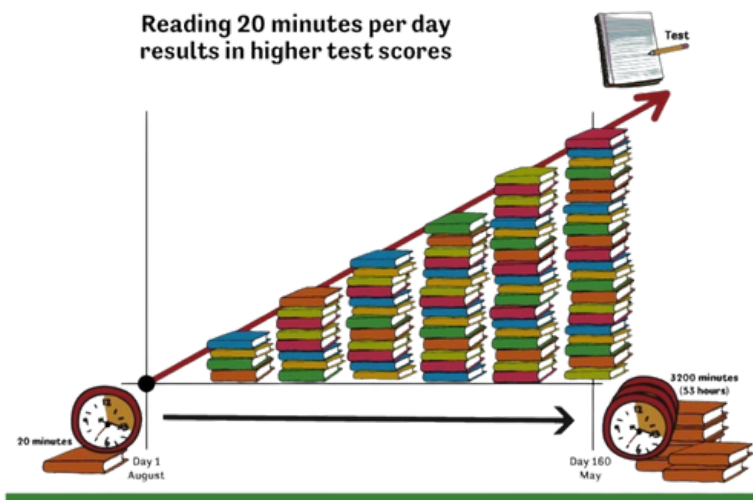
Parents, please check your email for a communication with step by step instructions on a one time set up with an access code for each student. Each student has a unique access code to retrieve their grades. Email Mrs. Castro at lcastro@maryvaleprep.org if you did not received an email.

The portal to review progress can be accessed at: <https://greatheartfaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.



THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

As we gear up for testing and are doing lots of test prep it is important to remember that reading daily for 20 minutes all school year is test prep (and so much more)! With a commitment to prioritize daily, independent reading, students will surely see growth in end of year assessments. If you have not ensure this is happening at home already, it is not to late to create a routine around it.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Did you know???

Up to 78% of your body is made of water. Your [brain](#) is made up of 73% water, and so is your [heart](#). Your bones are 31% water, your muscles and kidneys are 79%, and your skin is 64%. A whopping 83% of water makes up your [lungs](#).

As we head into the warmer months, please be sure to send your scholars with a water bottle to prevent dehydration. Dehydration is the absence of enough water in your body. The best way to beat it is to drink before you get thirsty. If you're thirsty, you're already mildly dehydrated, and that can cause signs of dehydration like headache, fatigue, dizziness and more. Dehydration can contribute to life-threatening illnesses like heatstroke. Dehydration can occur very quickly; however, a mildly dehydrated person can take several hours to rehydrate.

In general, children and teens need about 6 cups (48 oz) to 8 cups (64 oz) of water a day. During play or [exercise](#), a good goal is to drink a half cup (4 oz) to 2 cups (16 oz) of water every 15 to 20 minutes. Scholars cannot get this much water drinking from the fountain.



LANGUAGE AND ETIQUETTE

Unfortunately we are seeing an uptick in foul language and racial slurs being used and this week specifically it was found written on computers. We are able to track when students say these things to one another and are able to guide, but it is harder to point to who is doing this when we find it written in bathrooms, on walls, and on school property. While it is likely a few students doing this, it impacts the whole campus and is far out of line with our desire to push towards virtue.



Please talk to your children about the importance of respectful language and care for school property. Note as well that all consequences for this type of infraction are serious.

DONATIONS FOR STUDENTS

We are taking any donations that would motivate our students and celebrate them. If you would like to donate things such as basketballs, cool sneakers, basketball jerseys, Gatorades, basketball draw string bags, etc. please drop them by the Archway Office.

Thank you to those of you who wrote letters to your child at Family Partnership Night to encourage them. If you need a template to do so, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Upon testing completion, we will finish with an on theme party complete with Dunkin' Donuts and lots of fun and a day to wear their favorite basketball jersey's or team shirts and sneakers!

SPORTS

For all Athletics News and Events, check out the Athletics [Spring Newsletter](#) and [website](#).



MARCH MEAL MENUS

[BREAKFAST](#)

[LUNCH K](#)

[LUNCH 1-6](#)

[Online Menus](#)



BARD COMPETITION

Maryvale Prep congratulates Dariana Lopez Arredondo (4B) as the winner of our 3rd Annual Bard Competition! Dariana will recite her winning poem, Nobility by Alice Cary, in the Great Hearts Final Round which takes place on **Friday, April 11th at 6:30** in the Marley Center. We are so proud of Dariana and her hard work and can't wait to cheer her on in the Final Round!



BARÇA ACADEMY CAMPS ARE BACK IN PHOENIX!

After an amazing Winter Camp, we're excited to announce our Summer Camp!

When: June 9-13, 8 AM to 2 PM.

Where: Scottsdale Sports Complex, Phoenix.

Led by top Barça coaches, this is a unique chance to learn the FC Barcelona methodology. Plus, players could be selected for an unforgettable trip to Barcelona! We also have a special offer only for you:

- Great Hearts Students: Use code GH25SOCCER for \$50 off.
- Register before March 31st to get an extra \$50 off with our Final Early Bird price.

Sign up here:

<https://barcaresidencyacademyusa.com/summer-camp-phoenix/>

Have questions? Reach out on Instagram or Facebook @barcaacademyphx or email us at soccer@katapult.edu



COMING-UP FIELD TRIPS

DATE	GRADE	DESTINATION
Apr 4th	2nd	Pioneer Living History Museum
Apr 4th	Kinder	Tolmachoff Farms

Field trips have a 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. Please make sure you select the correct participant for the field trip and their grade.

If selected as a field trip chaperone, you need to have clearance through Raptor before the field trip. 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](#)**



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TEST PREP SCHEDULE AND RESOURCES FOR 3-6 FAMILIES

What will be expected of my student during testing?

- Your student will take a series of tests during the end of March into the month of April. This will include:
 - Writing Test
 - ELA Test (2 parts)
 - Math Test (2 parts)
 - Science Test (5th grade only)
 - Reading Fluency Test (3rd grade only)

GreatHearts® How much sleep does your child need?							
Wake-Up Time:							
Age	6:00am	6:15am	6:30am	6:45am	7:00am	7:15am	7:30am
Bedtime:							
3*	6:30pm	6:45pm	7:00pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	7:45pm	8:00pm
4*	7:00pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	7:45pm	8:00pm	8:15pm	8:30pm
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10	8:00pm	8:15pm	8:30pm	8:45pm	9:00pm	9:15pm	9:30pm
11	8:15pm	8:30pm	8:45pm	9:00pm	9:15pm	9:30pm	9:45pm
12	8:30pm	8:45pm	9:00pm	9:15pm	9:30pm	9:45pm	10:00pm

How can I help my student prepare for these tests?

- Students can prepare at home using test prep features on MobyMax or IXL.
 - MobyMax (3rd-4th): Log in and click on the icon that says “Test Prep and Review.”
 - IXL (5th-6th): Log in and click Learning, then click Skill Plans. Choose skills for your grade level under the Arizona Assessments icon.
- Students can walk through sample tests and practice test features using the Student Readiness Tool by clicking on the “Mic Check and Sample Tests” link at az.testnav.com.
 - Here is a direct [link](#) to the student readiness video walkthrough.
- Save the dates for when your student will be testing and make sure they get a good night’s sleep (start getting used to the recommended bedtimes below early on), get a good breakfast and maintain proper nutrition (see this [link](#) for best brain foods), and are on time and ready to go (review some of these [fun things](#) you can incorporate at home or on the way to school before and after tests to ease anxiety and have them ready!)
- Have conversations about the importance of doing your best!

March/April 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 23	24	25	26	March 27	March 28	29
				5 th Grade AzSci AM: Part 1 PM: Part 2	5 th Grade AzSci AM: Part 3	
March 30	March 31	April 1	2	3	4	5
	AM: 3 rd Grade Writing PM: AzSci Make-Ups	AM: 4 th Grade Writing PM: 3A ORF	AM: 5 th Grade Writing	AM: 6 th Grade Writing PM: 3B ORF	AM: 3 rd ELA Pt 1 PM: 3C ORF	
April 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	AM: 4 th ELA Pt 1 PM: 3D ORF	AM: 5 th ELA Pt 1 PM: Writing Make-Ups ORF Make-Ups	AM: 6 th ELA Pt 1	AM: 3 rd ELA Pt 2 PM: 5 th ELA Pt 2	AM: 4 th ELA Pt 2 PM: 6 th ELA Pt 2	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	AM: 5 th Math Pt. 1 PM: ELA Make-Ups	AM: 4 th Math Pt 1 PM: 3 rd Math Pt 1	AM: 6 th Math Pt 1	AM: 3 rd Math Pt 2 PM: 4 th Math Pt 2	No School	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School	AM: 5 th Math Pt 2 PM: 6 th Math Pt 2	AM: AASA Make-Ups	AM: AASA Make-Ups	Slam Dunk Celebration!	

Testing Dates.

How will we motivate students at school?

- We love a good theme and this year our theme is: This test will be a slam dunk!
 - We will be doing fun things ahead of the tests like pep rallies where we hope to bring the excitement, ensuring they feel confident and ready to persevere (like Michael Jordan)
 - We will be giving Mamba Mentality (Kobe Bryant reference) raffle tickets during testing as we see students taking it seriously, showing their work, focusing and not distracting others, taking their time, etc. Students can turn their earned tickets in at the end of testing to win cool raffle prizes (on theme of course).
- We are taking any donations that would motivate our students and celebrate them. If you would like to donate things such as basketballs, cool sneakers, basketball jerseys, Gatorades, basketball draw string bags, etc. please drop them by the Archway Office.**
 - Thank you to those of you who wrote letters to your child at Family Partnership Night to encourage them. If you need a template to do so, please reach out to your child’s teacher.
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STUDENT DROPOFF

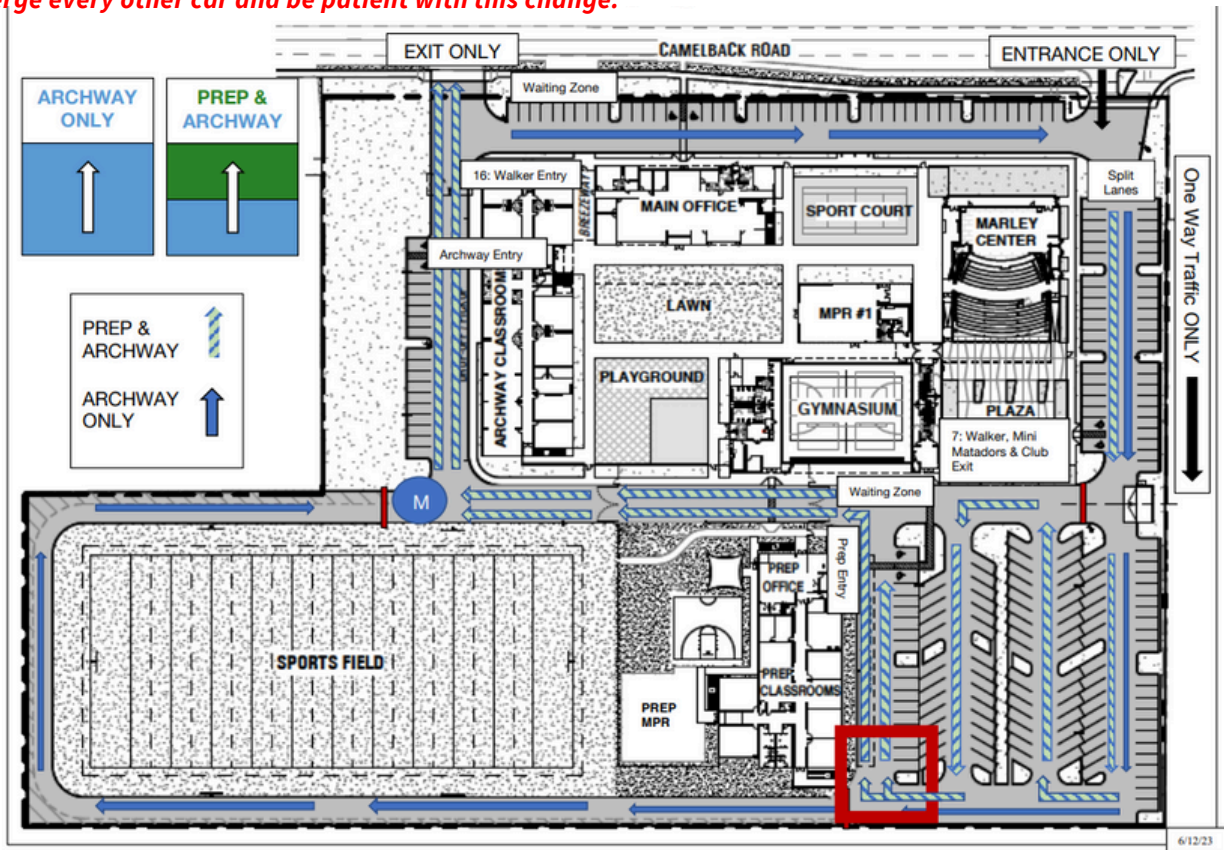
Students should not be dropped off on the side of Camelback Road near or by the campus. This is extremely unsafe and does not follow our student drop off guidelines. The drop-off guideline is to use carline to safely drop off students or park near the school property and walk to school using the sidewalk. 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.
- 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.



The PREP ONLY lane (adjacent to the Prep Building) is now open to both Archway & Prep vehicles. This will help cars move quicker since many of our Prep students are walkers or athletes. A faculty member will be outside of Gate 10 directing vehicles into both lanes. Vehicles will be checked into the A/B or right side lane and Archway students will be stationed on the sidewalk on the Archway west side. Archway vehicles need to stay right to collect their student(s) from the correct side. STAY RIGHT if Archway, merge every other car and be patient with this change.



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