



KEY DATES:

MARCH 3-7TH
Scholastic Book Fair Week

MARCH 7TH
Coffee with the Counselors
\$1.00 Spirit Wear

MARCH 10-14TH
Spring Break

MARCH 19TH
Full Day Wednesday

MARCH 21ST
Early Release Friday &
Annual Spring Fiesta

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

It is hard to believe we are rounding out quarter three. We are proud of how far our students have come and look forward to next quarter.

As we move into AASA testing and other grade level assessments, we are still looking to close academic gaps. Continue to pour into resources at home, check grades, and communicate with teachers.

Thank you to all of you who completed the family survey. We had 67% completion and look forward to digging deeper into your feedback, especially as we begin planning for next school year. Congratulations to 5th grade who had the most responses at 100!

Additionally, re-enrollment began this week, please note that you must complete it if you are returning or if you plan to withdraw. If you are not sure at this moment, please complete as though you are returning and you can withdraw later when your decision is final. Your timely completion helps us budget and plan for open seats and staffing for next school year.

Have a wonderful Spring Break. We look forward to seeing you all back here on Monday, March 17th!



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POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

Student grades for Quarter 3 will be available after Spring Break on **Friday, March 21st**.

The PowerSchool Portal is currently closed as teachers are finalizing Quarter 3 grades.

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://greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.



APRIL STATE TESTING

State testing will soon begin!

Please ensure your children are consistently present at school for the testing season and avoid late arrivals and early pickups by planning around these dates. Also, ensure students are getting adequate sleep and nutrition to do their best.

More information, tips and dates are listed in this newsletter below.

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.

LOST AND FOUND

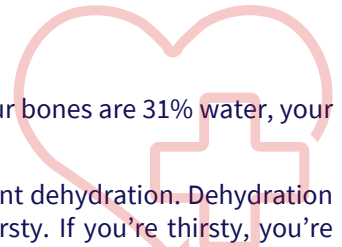
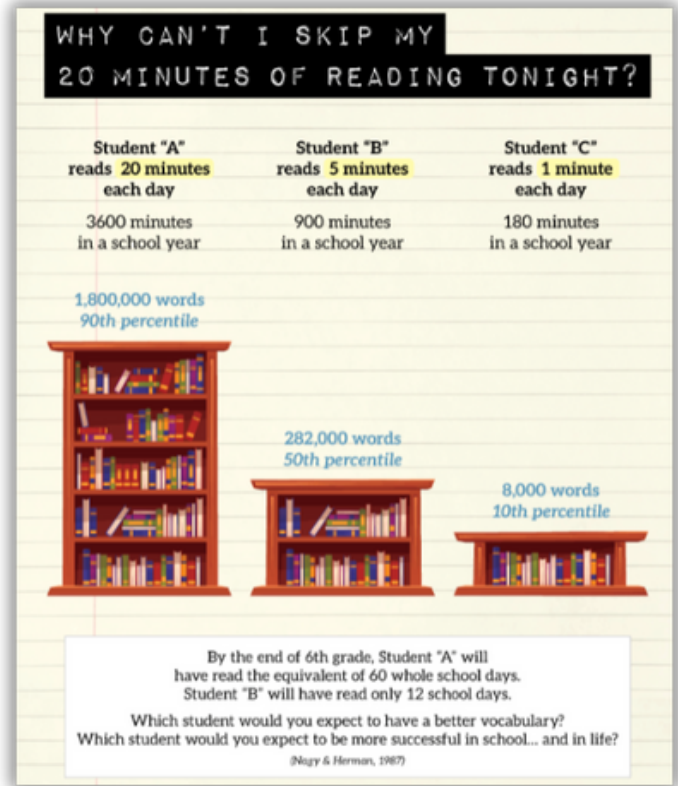
At the end of the quarter all Lost and Found clothes will be donated to the Health Office and PSO, please check the Lost and Found cart at the Front Office if your child is missing outerwear or uniform cardigans.

In addition, unclaimed bottle waters and lunch boxes get disposed at the end of each week in order to maintain cleanliness at our campus. Please label water bottles and lunch boxes with your child's name, the lost and found cart for these items, stationed near the MPR for easier access to students.

The office has a separate box for valuable lost items (prescribed glasses, electronics, jewelry) stop by to see if we have your child's missing item.

THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

Below is another great graphic that highlights the important of reading daily! Make sure to discuss this with your children and provide the time and space for them to read.



COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

Join our School Counselors
and other parents
another informative Workshop on
Parenting Skills

presented by Friendly House
Tomorrow Friday, March 7th
at 8:00 AM

in the Prep MPR

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



**LAST CHANCE
TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY!**

PSO SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

These are the time frames for families to
come together and enjoy the Book Fair.

Students will also attend during a scheduled class time

MARCH REGULAR DAY: 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM
03 - 07 ERD: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
2025 MARLEY CENTER PLAZA

DON'T MISS OUT!

**NEW
LOCATION &
NEW TIMES**

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/maryvalepreparatoryacademy>

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



STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR

Tomorrow Friday is our next Spirit Wear Day. Students and
faculty who would like to participate pay \$1.00 to PSO to raise
funds for school.

Students can wear Matador spirit top/sweatshirt/hoodie, non
ripped or frayed jeans, any closed toe athletic shoes.

PSO PRESENTS SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY!
3/07/25 **\$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

COMING-UP FIELD TRIPS

DATE GRADE DESTINATION

Mar 7th	3rd	Musical Instruments Museum
Mar 7th	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**

SPRING BREAK IS NEXT WEEK

March 10th to the 14th

We wish you a restful and exciting week!

School resumes on March 17th, the beginning of Quarter 4



Great Hearts Maryvale Preparatory 900205261 Lands' End School Uniform Program

Welcome to your Lands' End School Uniform Program! Lands' End combines trusted quality, exceptional comfort and timeless style. Learn why Lands' End is the right choice and how easy it is to order your Great Hearts Maryvale Preparatory school uniform.

Custom Online Store

Your Maryvale Prep online store is available at: landsend.com/900205261.

Award-Winning Service

Ranked #1 by Newsweek for Best Customer Service in Online Apparel, Lands' End offers personalized support. Chat online via your custom store or call 1-800-469-2222 for assistance. Our Wisconsin-based representatives are available 7 a.m.-9 p.m. CST, seven days a week.

Superior Quality

Uniforms designed for long-lasting with soft fabrics and durable construction.

Perfect Fit

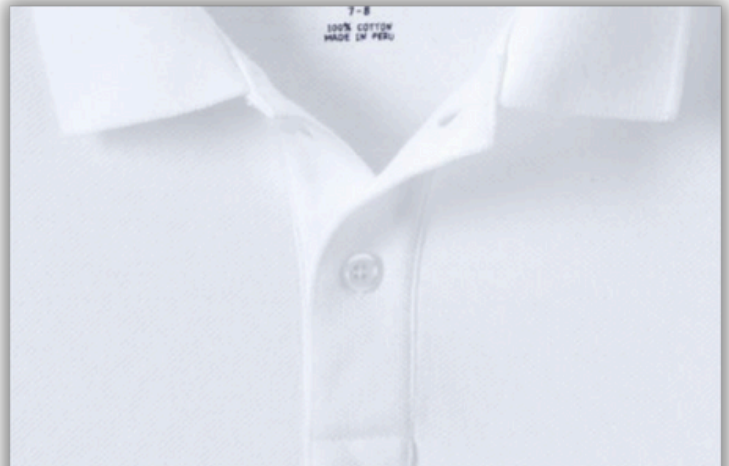
A broad range of sizes and the online TruFit tool, trusted by millions, ensures the perfect fit for every student.

Happy Returns

If something doesn't work out, we've got you covered. With over 9,000 Happy Returns locations nationwide, you can process your return in person-no box, bag or tape needed. Learn more at landsend.com/happy-returns.

Exclusive Promotional Offers

Sign up for emails to unlock year-round promotions and enjoy the trusted quality and value of Lands' End. Sign up [here](#).



ATTENTION PARENTS: Not sure what size uniform your student needs?

Sign up below
for a private Great Hearts School fit event.

March 8 - 10, 2025

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
The Marriott Hotel

1101 N. 44th St. Phoenix AZ 85008

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AACAB2BAAFB6-54904324-fitevent/>
A full-size run of products will be available for try-on • Staff will be available to assist with questions and sizing

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SCHOOL

800-469-2222 • landsend.com/school

ATTENTION PARENTS: Not sure what size uniform your student needs?

Sign up below
for a private Great Hearts School fit event.

March 12 - 14, 2025

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
The Windmill Suites

12545 W Bell Rd Surprise AZ 85378

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RE-ENROLLMENT IS OPEN UNTIL APRIL 4TH

ALL Maryvale Prep families **NEED** to complete the Annual Re-Enrollment for every student enrolled. 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.

**Re-Enrollment is
for ALL current
students**



GreatHearts® | Athenaeum

CLASSICAL EDUCATION, REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS.™ AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

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
B 5 days per week until 5:00 pm	\$150/month
C 3 days per week until 6:00 pm	\$125/month
Sibling Discount: 20% off each additional child registered.	

**More information available on the academy website:
Academy Life -> After-School Athenaeum**

Billing/Enrollment Questions	Wendy Hood	Programs@GreatHearts.org	602-396-7574
Program-Specific Questions	Anna Harden	Programs.Maryvale@GreatHearts.org	480-247-1532
Executive Director	Keri Campbell	Keri.Campbell@GreatHearts.org	623-606-1189

SPRING FIESTA

On **Friday, March 21st**, PSO will host our annual Spring Fiesta. Keep an eye out for ways that you can support this event or reach out to our PSO at ps0@maryvaleprep.org. We are looking for sponsors, vendors, and volunteers to make this event successful.

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, food trucks, and more



For sponsorship opportunities message us at
PSOPresident@maryvaleprep.org

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WITH US!**



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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)

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!

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
5	6:45pm	7:00pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	7:45pm	8:00pm	8:15pm
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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

*Plus a buffer for school 1 and 2 hours

Testing Dates:

March/April 2025
AASA:
AM: 8:15-10:15
PM: After Lunch

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!	

How will we motivate students at school?

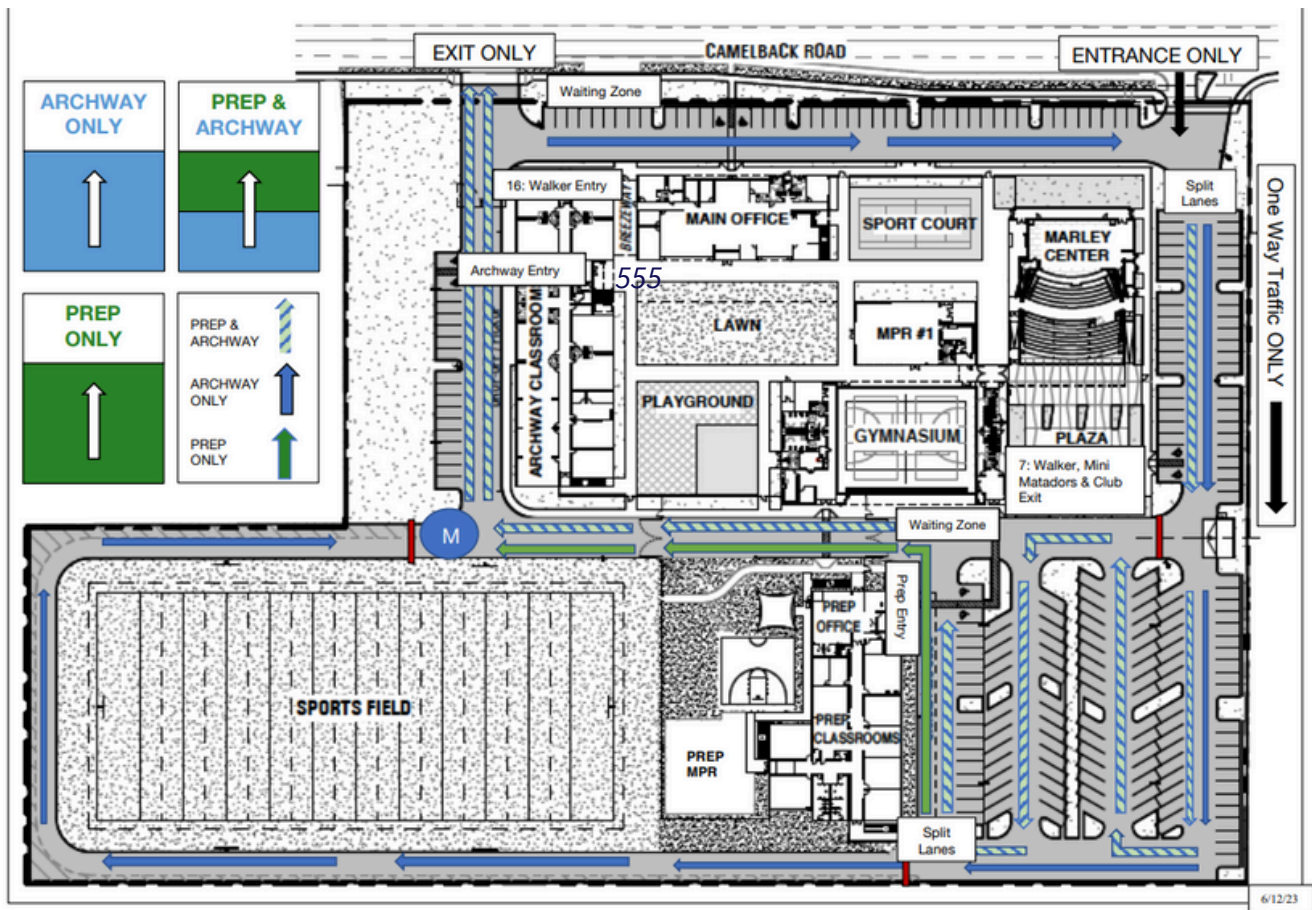
- We love a good theme and this year our theme is: This test will be a slam dunk!
 - We will be doing fun things ahead of the tests like pep rallies where we hope to bring the excitement, ensuring they feel confident and ready to persevere (like Michael Jordan)
 - We will be giving Mamba Mentality (Kobe 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.
 - We will end the testing window 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!

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