



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

## PREP NEWSLETTER

### MARCH 27, 2025



### PREP SCHOOL HOURS/INFO



**FULL DAYS:**  
8:00AM-3:00PM  
**OFFICE:** 7:00AM - 4:00PM

**HALF DAYS:**  
8:00AM-1:00PM  
**OFFICE:** 7:00AM - 1:30PM

**GATE CLOSURE TIME:**  
**FULL DAYS:**  
1:00PM-2:30PM

**ERD:**  
11:00AM-12:15PM

*Prep Office Phone Number:*  
623-247-6095 Option 2

*Report an absence at [prep.attendance@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:prep.attendance@maryvaleprep.org)*

[www.maryvaleprep.org](http://www.maryvaleprep.org)





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADMASTER

Dear Maryvale Prep Families,

Thank you for joining us at the Spring Fiesta last week! We were thrilled to welcome 1,283 attendees (not including staff, volunteers, and their children), making it a truly special event.

As you reflect on the memories created at these gatherings each year, we encourage you to extend your gratitude to our PSO for their incredible efforts in making this event such a success. A special thank you to Tatiana Ruiz and Karen Samaniego, our PSO Presidents, for their dedication to bringing our community together, coordinating volunteers and vendors, and ensuring a joyful experience for all.



To continue hosting large school-wide events like this, we need additional support from our families. Many of our PSO leaders and regular volunteers are also school employees, balancing multiple responsibilities. To help them serve both our students and the school community effectively, we encourage more parents to get involved. The best way to offer your support is by reaching out to [PSOPresident@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:PSOPresident@maryvaleprep.org), where you'll receive access to the Band App to stay informed and sign up for volunteer opportunities. We are truly grateful for these moments of togetherness and the strong sense of community at Maryvale Prep.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to our school community!

Rachel Mercado

*-Rachel Mercado*

## REPORT CARD RELEASE



The Parent Portal has reopened as of **March 21st**, to view the **Quarter 3** Report Card. The overall grades for each class will be visible, as well as the category grades earned in Quarter 3. Please direct any questions about grades to the teacher of record.

A reminder that the Semester Grades are comprised of the Quarter 3 grade, the Quarter 4 grade, and the Final Exam Grade. **Final Exams are held May 21-23rd and are required.** Please ensure any summer travel plans **do not interfere with those dates.**

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

# KEY DATES

APRIL 1ST AND 2ND  
ASPIRE TESTING

APRIL 3RD, APRIL  
9TH, APRIL 16TH  
AASA TESTING

APRIL 12TH  
PROM

APRIL 16TH  
SENIOR PREVIEW  
NIGHT

APRIL 16TH  
9TH GRADE FIELD  
TRIP

APRIL 18TH AND 21ST  
NO SCHOOL

# UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Date	Field Trip	Grade
April 16	ASU Downtown	9th Grade

Please make your payment **two weeks** before the field trip on **Configio**.

Permissions slips will be available via Configio and are for all students.

**No student** will be allowed to attend the field trip **without a permission slip**.

# RE-ENROLL NOW FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Re- Enrollment is now open **March 3rd- April 4th, 2025**

**ALL** Maryvale Prep families are **required** 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, provide a new proof of address, and review academy policies in the family handbook.



## LUNCH MENUS

As of January 1st, 2024 all students receive free lunch. We will not be sending out NSLP forms to be filled out this year. If you have any questions please reach out to our front office.

**March Lunch Menu**



**March Breakfast Menu**



# STATE TESTING INFORMATION

Dear Maryvale Prep Families,

We're excited to inform you that state testing for our scholars is coming up! State testing is a valuable tool that helps us and the state understand your scholars' progress and make informed decisions to support their academic growth. It can also open doors for future opportunities and college admission.

Here are some essential details and tips to help your child prepare for the upcoming testing season:

## Test Preparation:

- Offer your support and encouragement to help alleviate any pre-test jitters.
- Encourage your scholar to review class notes and materials to reinforce their learning.
- Ensure they have a quiet and well-lit space for studying and homework.
- Be supportive and provide a positive environment for their preparation.

## Test-Day Essentials:


- Attend each test day – we are required to test at least 95% of our student body, and we want the results for all our students.
- On test days, please ensure that your scholar arrives at school at **7:45am**. Testing takes place first thing in the morning, and students must be in their testing rooms by **8:00 am**.
- Make sure they get a good night's sleep and have a nutritious breakfast.

DATE	GRADE	TEST
<b>Tuesday, April 1</b>	9th	ACT Aspire
<b>Wednesday, April 2</b>	9th	ACT Aspire
<b>Thursday, April 3</b>	7th & 8th	AASA (Writing)
<b>Wednesday, April 9th</b>	7th & 8th	AASA (Math & ELA)
<b>Wednesday, April 16th</b>	7th & 8th	AASA (Math & ELA)

## Stay Informed:

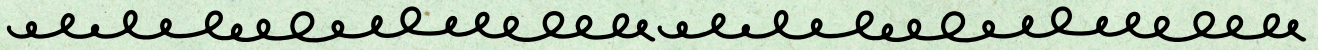
If you have any questions or need additional information regarding state testing, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [smiano@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:smiano@maryvaleprep.org).

We value the partnership between our school and parents in nurturing the academic growth of your scholar. State testing is an essential part of this process, and we are committed to providing a supportive and conducive environment for your scholar's success.





# SUMMER SCHOOL



We are thrilled to once again offer the Prep Summer School program at Maryvale Prep! This enriching program will focus on strengthening students' skills in reading and mathematics, providing a solid foundation for continued academic success.

### Key Details:

**Dates: Monday, June 2 – Thursday, June 26 (No school on Fridays and no school on Thursday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth)**

**Time: 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Breakfast available at 7:30 a.m.; lunch available until 12:00 p.m.)**

**Tuition: \$250, due at registration**

**Enrollment Opens: Monday, April 7**

While we will recommend students based on academic data and individual needs, all families are welcome to enroll. Please note that in previous years, we were fortunate to offer this program at no cost due to post-COVID grant funding, which is no longer available.

We look forward to another summer of learning and growth at Maryvale Prep!

## PSO EVENTS

FEATURING: DJ HERCULES

# NEON DANCE

**\$12**  
6-9 PM

**25**  
APR

**5th-8th**  
SPORTS  
FIELD

Purchase tickets on Configio. Prices increase at the door. \*Student ID required

\*\*Students must be picked up by 9:15pm or late charges will apply.\*\*



**PSO PRESENTS SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY!**  
**04/04/25**

**SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY**

\$ will be collected by your scholars teacher

**\$7**

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\***





# Prom Night

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO



MASQUERADE

*Prom*

APRIL 12 | 6:00-9:30 PM

ENCANTO PARK CLUBHOUSE

PURCHASE IN CONFIGIO MARCH 10 - 11/12TH GRADE ONLY

## 2024-2025 YEARBOOK

Celebrate the Full Circle of our first K-12 Class, along with all of the amazing things we will do this year!

Order your yearbook today on Configio!



FULL CIRCLE

**PREP YEARBOOK  
ARRIVES IN MAY,  
ORDER TODAY!**

GRADES 7-12  
REMEMBER THIS SPECIAL YEAR!  
LIMITED QUANTITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

**Discount available for  
multiple orders**

**PURCHASE**

Pre-order by March 1st - \$35  
Pre-order after March 1st - \$40



# NEW UNIFORM VENDOR

Custom Online Store Your Maryvale Prep online store is available at: [landsend.com/900205261](https://landsend.com/900205261).

## Award-Winning Service

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# COLLEGE COUNSELOR

College Credit Opportunities Maryvale Prep		GreatHearts CLASSICAL EDUCATION. REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS.
AP EXAM	CLEP EXAMS	DUAL ENROLLMENT
<b>12th GRADE</b> Calculus AB English Literature & Composition Physics II World History: Modern	<b>12th GRADE</b> Analyzing & Interpreting Literature / College Composition  Spanish Language / Spanish with Writing  French Language: Levels 1 & 2	<b>12th GRADE</b>  French IV Spanish IV Calculus I Humane Letters IV Studio Art IV American Rhetorical Tradition Logic & Computation Physics II
<b>11th GRADE</b> English Language & Composition Precalculus	<b>11th GRADE</b> Western Civics I Western Civics II Natural Sciences Precalculus	<b>11th GRADE</b>  French III Spanish III Precalculus Humane Letters III Physics I
<b>10th GRADE</b> Chemistry European History Micro Economics	<b>10th GRADE</b> American Government Chemistry College Algebra College Mathematics Micro Economics	
<b>9th GRADE</b> Biology US History	<b>9th GRADE</b> Biology History of United States I History of the United States II	<b>10th GRADE</b> Chemistry Economics Humane Letters II

GreatHeartsArizona.org/collegecredit

- 9th grade ACT- Aspire Test 4/1 & 4/2  
**STUDY HERE**



For additional information or any questions please reach out to our College Counselor:

**Georgy Ayala**  
[Gayala@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:Gayala@maryvaleprep.org)



# MARYVALE PREP ATHLETICS

MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## 2025-2026 SPORTS PHYSICALS

Complete your pre-participation sports physical early!

**APRIL 26, 2025 - 8AM TO 12 PM - SCHOOL GYM**  
Physicals will be \$10 a person and go straight to the athletics department. OrthoArizona will be on campus to complete the entire physical packet. Packets will be provided at check in. **PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT.**

Time slots must be selected for check in to ensure organization and avoid long lines. A Sign Up Genius link will be sent in team BAND app.

For questions, ask Ms. Amanda or Coach Galewski.

## REMINDER

- All student athletes (middle school sports 5th-8th) to High School Sports (9th-12th) who plan to participate in sports for the 2025-2026 season must have a new sports physical.
- A parent or guardian **MUST** be present during the physical until completed and signed if the athlete is under the age of 18.
- Please reserve a separate designated time slot for each student athlete (even if the appointment times are the same)

## SPORTS PHYSICAL DAY



- ✓ All MS & HS Athletes
- ✓ \$10 per Physical

Register on Signup Genius

Saturday, April 26  
8:00am-12:00pm  
Maryval Prep Gym







JOIN US FOR

**GREAT HEARTS DAY**



**Dbacks v. Braves**  
**Friday, April 25**  
**SCAN FOR TICKETS**

Join us for another Great Hearts Day at Chase Field, **Friday, April 25** as the D-backs take on the Braves! **Enjoy discounted tickets for Country Night which includes a free postgame fireworks show and a free postgame concert, plus the opportunity to win game day experiences and prizes exclusive to Great Hearts families and friends.** We hope to see you at the ballpark!

# PREP POLICIES

## FOOD DELIVERY POLICY

### Food Delivery Policy

Students are not permitted to order food to campus. If you (the parent/guardian) are ordering food for your child, please ensure it is sent to the Prep office and arrives at the appropriate lunch time:

Grade Level	Full Day	Early Release Day
7 <sup>th</sup>	12:20 – 12:40 p.m.	11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	11:10 – 11:30 a.m.	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 – 11:50 a.m.	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**Students will not be allowed to walk to the Archway office to pick up food deliveries and will not be allowed to eat their lunch outside of those times. As a reminder, school breakfast and lunch is provided every day free of charge. Students should take advantage of the breakfast and lunch options provided or be prepared in bringing their own food from home or from a store/restaurant prior to school hours.**

## ATHLETIC DEFICIENCY POLICY

### Athletics:

Athletics are an important part of the overall educational program at Maryvale Preparatory Academy. Participation in athletics is a privilege available to all eligible students.

Ineligibility is defined as having a grade below 60% (F) overall in one or more classes at the eligibility check.

Eligibility will be checked every week each quarter on the first day of the week, as well as from the quarterly report card (Q1, Q2, Q3).

Ineligibility will last for the week (or until the next grade check), regardless of grade changes mid-week.

Grade updates will be given weekly for all student-athletes and coaches to track their progress.

### After-School Homework Club:

Each week any student with an F in the homework category for any class will be placed in the Homework Club by the Dean of Academics. Homework Club is strongly recommended to help students increase their homework which in turn affects all other aspects of their academic life. Homework Club is offered on full-days 3:00-3:30pm.

## OFFICE HOURS/ TUTORING

Our morning Office Hours and Lyceum Tutoring programs offer students opportunities to receive additional support from their teachers to help them succeed in class. Students may work with their teachers during optional Morning Office Hours from 7:25 – 7:50, while teachers select and invite particular students to work in small groups during mandatory Lyceum Tutoring from 2:25 – 3:00 on full days. Teachers will communicate the days that they have Office Hours and Tutoring to their students. We encourage all of our students to take the initiative to drop in during Morning Office Hours and require them to attend Lyceum Tutoring so that they can be successful at Maryvale Prep!



## CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY

As stated in our Handbook, the use of cell/smart phones, and smart watches during the school day is prohibited. The reason for such a prohibition is to promote an uninterrupted academic environment. Maryvale Prep has a compelling interest in keeping students not just by physically present on campus, but mentally and emotionally present as well, and the ways in which we use of phones and social media encourage detachment from real persons and conversations are a commonplace.

- A student should keep a cell phone turned off (not merely silenced, but off) and
- cell phones must be stored in their locker during the school day. Cell phones may not
- be brought in pockets or purses into classrooms.
- Cell phone use is permitted on campus after school and only in the school office area or outside the building.
- If a student needs to phone a parent/guardian during the school day, the student must come to the school office to use one of the school phones. If parents/guardians need to get an emergency message to a student before the end of the school day, they should call the schools main telephone line and ask for a message to be delivered.
- Violation of the above restrictions will result in confiscation of the cell phone and disciplinary action. Cell phones will be turned in to the school office and released only to parents/guardians after confiscation.



## STUDENT PARKING

Any student driving and parking on campus must provide **License and proof of Insurance** NO EXCEPTIONS. Maryvale Prep offers our Prep Student Drivers the opportunity to purchase a year long reserved parking spot for the 23-24 School Year. For additional details, please visit **Configio** for all Prep Student Drivers.



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Students must be in full uniform every day, if shirts have not been purchased yet or online orders have not arrived, they can come in solid navy or solid green polos and khaki bottoms. All shoes must be solid black, brown, or white. All backpacks must be one color scheme/solid colors and no pop culture.

**Middle School (7th & 8th)**- navy or solid green polos and khaki bottoms or Maryvale Prep Skirt.

**High School**- white or light blue Oxford/ Polos ( Only Available at Anton) Khaki bottoms or Maryvale prep Skirt.

Please refer to the **handbook** for allowed uniform components and our **website** for authorized uniform vendors.

## DETENTION POLICY

Detentions are earned for many reasons, some examples are excessive tardies, chewing gum, phone use, etc. Detentions are served the same day, a detention is earned, from 3:05-3:35. Detention only occurs on a full day, so if a detention is issued on an early release day, then the student will serve it the next full day. If a student does not attend detention, then an additional detention is incurred for skipping detention. Athletes must serve a detention before attending practices or games.

## PREP GATE CLOSURE TIMES

East entrance gate will close from **1:00p.m.-2:30p.m. on full todays and from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** on Half days, Any parent wanting to pick up their students between these times will have to park in the north parking lot by entrance and walk through student entrance gate to get to prep office. You will not be able to pick up or drop off your prep student in Archway Office. We will not call students out of class until parent is present. **When picking up students please give yourself enough time for pickup, as students are sometimes transitioning classes and can take longer to arrive to office for pick up.**

# STUDENT WALKERS

## Our student walker dismissal area has moved.

Prep walkers will be dismissed at 1:00 pm on early release days and 3:00 pm on full days.

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.

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.

All 1st through 12th grade students not waiting for siblings as noted, must exit campus immediately.

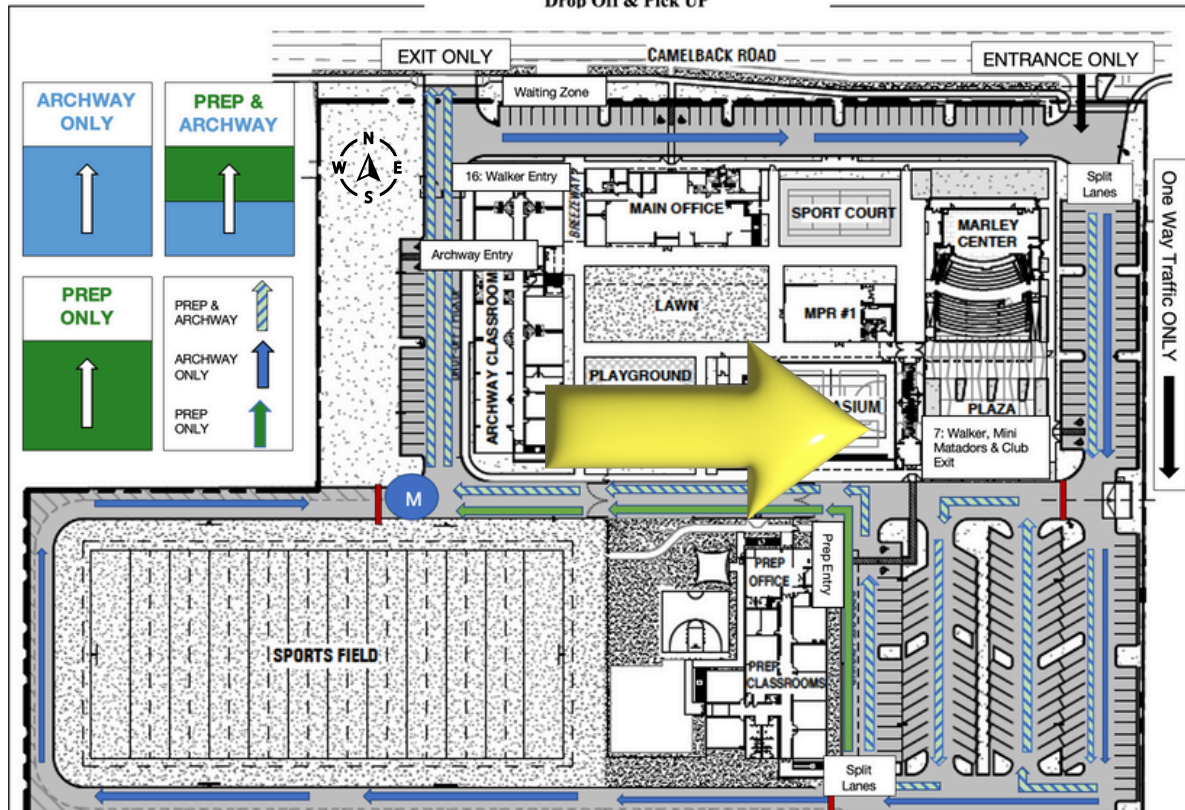
All students will walk along the sidewalk adjacent to the Marley Center and out Gate 4 and should meet their parents in the suggested area noted above. Please refrain from walking through Gate 4 onto campus or crowding up that area to ensure the flow of traffic continues and students do not get lost amongst waiting families. The only parents who should wait near Gate 4 in an ordered line fashion along the fence/wall are Kindergarten parents.

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.

For the first few days of school we will have more staff aiding the direction of this new release area and of students/families new to walking but soon thereafter, we will not continue this supervision and hand off.

Student walkers will be allowed to take their phones out to connect with parents/guardians once they have exited Gates 6 and 7.

## Maryvale prep Academy Carline Traffic Flow Drop Off & Pick UP



## CARLINE ETIQUETTE

Stay in your lane

DO NOT try to go around other vehicles

DO NOT speed

Watch your surroundings at all times

Always have your Placard ready to be scanned

**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**



# 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**. If you are in carline during the 7:57 a.m. cut off time, you will be asked to drop off student at the Front Office. Please avoid any consequences for multiple tardies by arriving on time. **3 tardies = 1 absence**

## PICK UP

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.

- Enter into the carline **until after 2:30pm on Full Days and after 12:15pm on Early Release Days**. This will allow our students & faculty to have a cleared parking lot in the event EMS needs access.
- Please keep the **East Entrance merge point cleared** at all times. Wait to enter until all traffic is cleared.
- **Archway & Prep:** follow blue/green signs and snake through faculty parking lot
- **Prep only:** follow blue/green signs, snake through faculty parking lot & merge out of lane by Prep building
- Maintain safe parking lot speed of 5 mph
- Merge point will utilize a zipper merge (1 car per lane)

## 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. **3 early pick ups = 1 absence**.

## LATE PICK UP

Any student who is picked up after 3:45 pm, 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 4:00 p.m. = \$5.00 per student
- 4:01 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. = \$5.00 per student + \$1.00 per student, per minute
- After 4:30 p.m. = same fee structure as above + Department of Child Safety phone call

## PLACARD FOR CAR-LINE 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.**

## 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](mailto:enrollment@maryvaleprep.org). The same applies if you want them removed.

*Students must leave campus immediately; the gate opens at 3:00pm and after 3:30pm there is no supervision. All students will be released from campus liability by 3:30pm and will be outside of perimeter gates. Please meet your student's at the gate on time. Students cannot stay and wait for athletes during practices and/or games.*

**For additional information on school policies, please review the Family Handbook on our website**

# CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus has 5 security gates. East Entrance gate includes a vehicular gate and a pedestrian gate. The plastic yellow chain by the south Prep corner has been replaced with a locking vehicular gate and the west side exit is now secured with a vehicular gate and a pedestrian gate.

**Students are allowed onto campus at 7am and all of these gates will be opened at this time.**

**Student walkers should adjust their time on campus to reflect the timing of the campus gate openings.**

## RED FIRE LANE

Please do not park in the red fire lane are next to the stop sign. Cars will be towed at your own expense.

## SCHOOL ZONE

We have school zone signs posted and are in the works for additional modifications from the City of Glendale to make school zone safety more prominent.