



# MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY

### ARCHWAY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 24, 2025



#### KEY DATES:

**APRIL 25TH**  
NEON Dance for 5-8th Grade  
& Great Hearts at Chase Field

**MAY 1ST**  
MS and HS Spring Sports  
Picture Day

**MAY 7TH**  
Academic Olympics

**MAY 14TH**  
6th Grade Pathway  
to Prep Ceremony

**MAY 15TH**  
Spring Sports Banquet

**MAY 21-23RD**  
Early Release Days

**MAY 21ST**  
Kinder Promotion

**MAY 22ND**  
Virtue Assemblies  
1st-5th Grade

**MAY 23RD**  
Last day of School

#### ***A message from Headmaster Cruz...***

*I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. We have completed our AASA testing and are so proud of the efforts our 3rd-6th grade students poured in. We are looking forward to celebrating them tomorrow with our Slam Dunk Party! Thank you for encouraging them and having them present to take their tests! We will not receive results until this summer but will be mailing those out to you once we receive them. Again, we use this along with other data to inform the various ways we instruct and support them across the year.*

*It was wonderful seeing all of our K-2 families at our Spring Concert last night. Your scholars always amaze us with their beautiful voices and sweet charm.*

*As we close out the month and move into May, please take note of all of the important dates and logistics within this newsletter for upcoming events. It will be a busy month and we look forward to the many opportunities to connect and celebrate our strong finish!*



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## SLAM DUNK PARTY TOMORROW

In celebration of finishing our AASA Tests in 3rd-6th grades all K-6 students can wear a basketball jersey or basketball t-shirt with their uniform bottoms and any sneakers.

3rd-6th grade students will be celebrated with a special slam dunk party!



## POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

Teachers have begun sending deficiency notices via email or by way of a phone call to inform you if your child is receiving a deficient grade (1's and 2's for K-2 and Ds or Fs for 3-6).

Please also continue checking the parent portal for student grades every Monday for a more detailed picture of how your child is doing in class.

We will also begin using this data to make final retention decisions. If your child is being retained, you will be informed by the first week of May.

The portal to review progress can be accessed at:

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



## SPRING EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS

The extracurricular clubs end this week. Students return to normal dismissal time. Please plan accordingly for pick up purposes.

## SPRING SPORTS PICTURES

Spring Pictures for Middle School and High School Sports will be on **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** after school.

## SPRING SPORTS BANQUET CELEBRATION

The Sprint Sports Award Ceremony and Banquet Celebration is on **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Coaches will send additional information for this event.

## ATHENAEUM PICKUP REMINDER

As we enter the final months of the school year, there will be several exciting events taking place on campus, such as concerts, performances, and showcases. We want to ensure that all families are informed about an important safety protocol related to these events.

Athenaeum is a state-licensed program, and we are legally required to keep scholars signed into our care (sight and sound) unless a parent, guardian, or emergency contact sign them out in person. Even if an event is taking place on campus, we cannot release a scholar to attend on their own or with a faculty member unless they have been officially signed out from Athenaeum first.

If your child is participating in a school event during Athenaeum hours, please make sure to:

- Sign them out of Athenaeum before the event begins
- Let us know ahead of time if someone else will be picking them up

This policy is in place to ensure the safety and proper supervision of every child in our care. We appreciate your support and understanding in helping us uphold these standards.

## THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

When school is out for summer, the learning should not stop. Reading across the summer, as well as engaging in math is critical to continued success. Over the summer, students will lose approximately two months of reading skills. This is detrimental for students who are already reading below grade level. If you have not yet considered summer school, please do. While the cost may seem high given it was free, it amounts to less than \$20 and less than \$5 per hour. This is significantly less than childcare, summer camps, etc. and your child is led by a highly qualified teacher who knows exactly what skills they need to work on.







#### DANCE DRESS CODE:

- No tube tops
- No dresses, shorts or skirts shorter than fingertip length
- No gang affiliated clothing
- No backpacks

Neon or white clothes recommended

Behavioral expectations for the dance align with those outlined in the family handbook; failure to do so may result in disciplinary action from the school's administration.

Students must be picked up by 9:15pm, a late fee of \$10 will be applied if not picked up by 9:15pm. If not picked up by 9:30pm, police will be called.

#### COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

Join our School Counselors  
and other parents  
another informative Workshop on

#### ***Parenting Skills***

presented by Friendly House

**Friday, May 2nd**

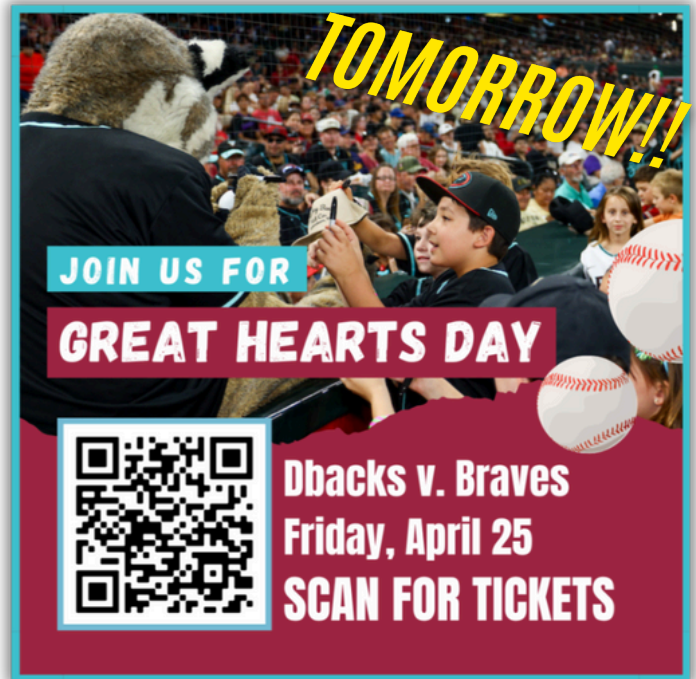
**at 8:00 AM**

**in the Prep MPR**

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



**Friendly House**  
LAUNCHING LIVES FURTHER.



#### ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

If your upcoming 5th and 6th graders want to play sports next year, please sign up!



#### APRIL MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST   LUNCH K   LUNCH 1-6

Online Menus



# PSO EVENTS



## Last one of the Year!

- No Ripped Jeans
- No crocs or open toed shoes
- No jean shorts, skirts or overalls

**May 2, 2025 | \$1.00**

Need merch? Contact Coach Galewski:  
RGalewski@MaryvalePrep.org



JEAN DAY


## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5TH-9TH

Join us with donations as we celebrate our Teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week with treats to enjoy during breaks.

Here's the treats we are serving them each day:

Sign up [here](#) for the treat you would like to donate and drop it off at the Front Office the day of.

May / 2025  
MONTH YEAR



## Teacher Appreciation Week

Monday 5/5	Tuesday 5/6	Wednesday 5/7
Yogurt Bar	Salad Bar	Food Truck
Thursday 5/8	Friday 5/9	Notes
Ice Cream Bar	Nacho Bar	Thank You for all you do! -PSO



## Join us for our "End of the Year Celebration"

Peter Piper Pizza  
51<sup>st</sup> Ave & Indian Schod  
May 14, 2025 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.



## End of the Year FUNDRAISER

Throughout the year, our PSO continuously planned fun events for students and their family. Profits from these events remain in the school 100% benefiting students and faculty.

These last fundraisers for the 24-25 school year, will support Teacher Appreciation Week.

We thank everyone who volunteered, donated, and participated to support in anyway.

We're already planning ahead for the 25-26 school year, and we hope you can join us!

Thank You





# IMPORTANT MAY CELEBRATIONS

## ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

On **Wednesday, May 7th**, we will have our annual Academic Olympics for K-6. At this event, our students compete in teams to share all of their knowledge across various games. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please reach out to [ssidoti@maryvaleprep.com](mailto:ssidoti@maryvaleprep.com) and note your name, your students name, and grade level/section no later than April 30th.

Due to class sizes and competition style games that take up more room, we will not be able to accept all volunteers or have spectators. Spots are limited and volunteers selected must be able to come without additional children/babies as the role is very involved and must be fingerprinted.

## 6TH GRADE PATHWAYS TO PREP CEREMONY

On **Wednesday, May 14th**, we will celebrate our 6th graders and the milestone of finishing up their Archway Experience as they head towards Prep next school year.

Parents are invited to attend and will hear from Prep leadership as they address students regarding the transition to prep. The 6th grade virtue assembly will also take place at this time.

Parent seating begins at 8:00 am and the event will end by 10:15 am. Please note that this event is for parents of 6th graders and 6th grade students only. Other school aged siblings will not be permitted to attend.

## KINDER PROMOTION

On **Wednesday, May 21st** we will celebrate our Kindergarten students as they wrap up their first year of this lifelong learning journey. We intentionally call and treat this as promotion ceremony rather than a graduation as we want to instill early on the importance of the long view towards and the importance of graduation and finishing their K-12 journey.

**KA and KB** sections will promote together with parent seating beginning at 8:00 am. **This ceremony will begin at 8:15 am and end at 9:15 am.**

**KC and KD** sections will promote together with parent seating beginning at 9:30 am. **This ceremony will begin at 9:45 am and end at 10:45 am.**

On Friday, May 16th, students will take home 6 guest tickets in homework folders. These cannot be given away or shared. Lap babies under 4 years do not need a ticket. Older Maryvale siblings may attend but must be signed out and do need a ticket.

Parking is limited and only available after 8 am. Carpool if able and plan ahead to park on side streets if needed.

Please do not bring food, drinks, or balloons into the Marley Center. This space needs to be maintained for all upcoming events to close out the year.

Students must wear uniforms only. Graduation regalia is not permitted for promotions.

## VIRTUE ASSEMBLIES

Virtue Assemblies for 1st through 5th grade will take place on **Thursday, May 22nd**. Kinder and 6th grade assemblies will take place separately. If you child is nominated for a virtue award you will receive a notification and invitation to attend the ceremonies which will take place between 8:15 and 11:00 am.



## SUMMER SCHOOL-SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to announce that we will be once again offering an outstanding Archway Summer School program for your children this summer at Maryvale Prep. The Archway program will focus on developing knowledge and skills in the core subjects of reading and mathematics.

**Enrollment will open on Configio for all families on Monday, April 7th** and the tuition for the Archway program has been reduced to \$200. Our classes will have a capacity of 20 students and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be recommending students based on data and student need but all are welcome to sign up.

Summer School will run from Monday, June 2nd – Thursday June 26th.

There is no school on Fridays during the summer school program, and no school on Thursday, June 19th, in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Classes will run from 8:00-11:30 am. Students can arrive at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and stay until 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Please note that for the last three years we were thankful to be able to operate at no cost due to grant funding. Unfortunately, that was post COVID funding that is no longer available.

***Some families have received an email from Mrs. Kennedy noting that their child was recommended by their teachers to attend. We highly encourage these families to enroll their students early to ensure a spot!"***



## Summer School

June 2nd to June 26th  
Monday-Thursday

8:00-11:30 am

Registration opens on Configio  
on Monday, April 7th.



## GreatHearts® | SummerCamp

CLASSICAL EDUCATION. REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS.™ GREAT CAMPS FOR GREAT HEARTS.

Discover our traditional camp  
experience with a classical twist!



**June 2<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Monday-Friday | 12:00 PM-6:00 PM

**\$100/week**

Includes a t-shirt.

For all students entering Grades K-5 in Fall '25,  
including those on a Great Hearts waitlist.

**Early Bird Special**

Save \$5 per week, per child before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Exciting Weekly Themes!

### 1 Exploration Station

Adventure awaits at Exploration Station! From the Arctic to rainforests and every habitat in between, discover how life thrives in diverse and extreme environments.

### 2 DIY Maker's Workshop

Spark your child's creativity with DIY Maker's Workshop! A week of fun crafting, making, and DIY projects awaits.

### 3 Time Trekkers

Travel through time with Time Trekkers! Explore Prehistoric times, the Middle Ages, the Roaring 20s, and even the future with engaging, hands-on activities!

### 4 Circus Spectacular

Step right up to Circus Spectacular! A week of fun awaits as campers explore the vibrant world of the circus.



**Register:** [MaryvalePrep.org/summer](https://maryvaleprep.org/summer)

**Contact us:** [Programs@GreatHearts.org](mailto:Programs@GreatHearts.org) | 602.396.7574



## BARÇA Academy

### BARÇA ACADEMY CAMPS ARE BACK IN PHOENIX!

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.es](mailto:soccer@katapult.es)



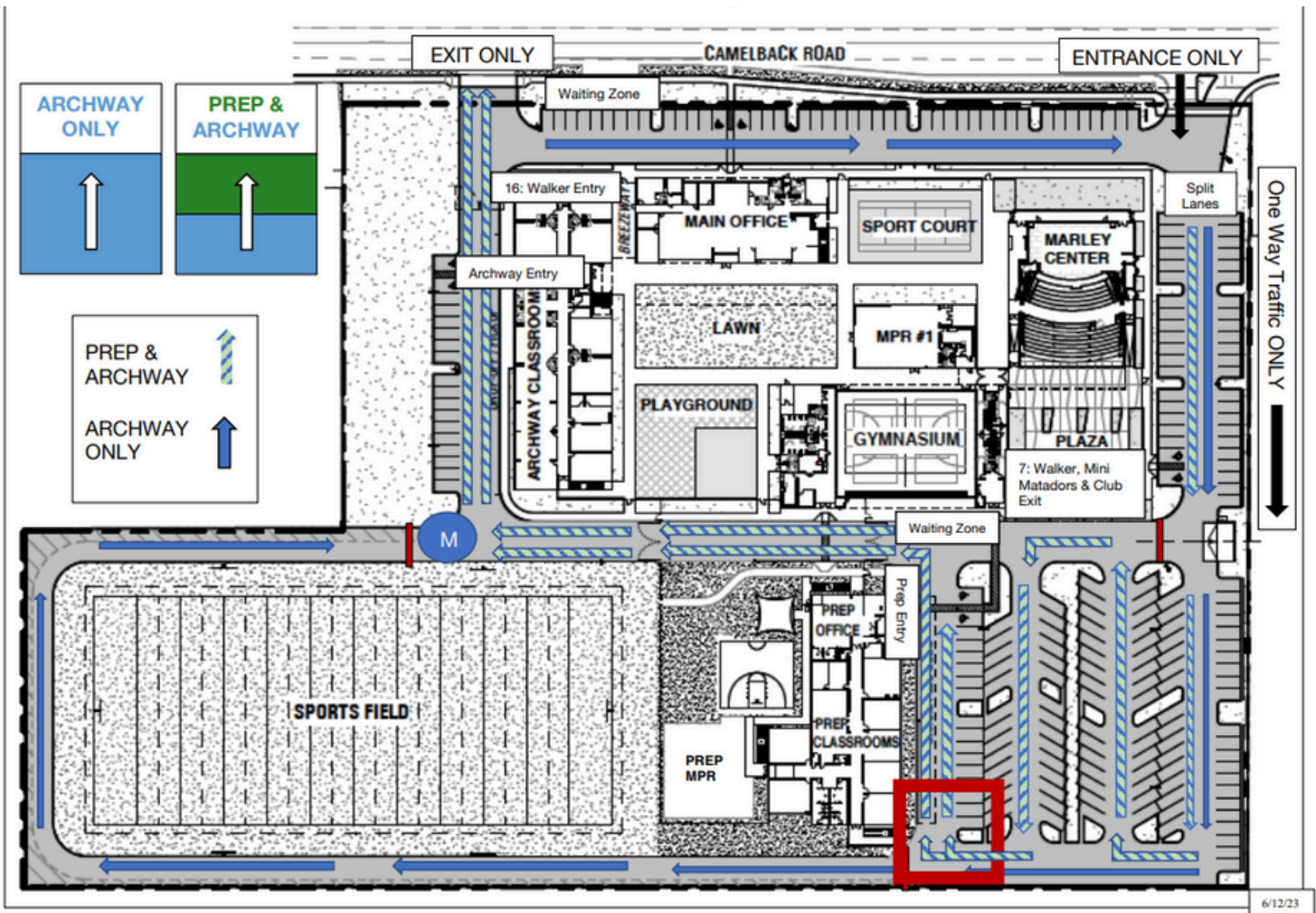


## STUDENT DROPOFF

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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@maryvaleprep.org)

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



## OFFICE HOURS

Regular School Days:  
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Early Release Days:  
7:00 AM - 1:30 PM