



## PREP NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 17, 2025



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the midpoint of Quarter 4! This week, our students in grades 7–11 completed their final state assessments of the 2025–2026 school year—congratulations to them on a job well done!

Quarter 4 mid-quarter reports are available today to view on the Parent Portal. We encourage you to take a moment to review your child's progress and reach out to their teachers with any questions or concerns. Let's work together to finish the year strong!

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who took the time to complete our recent survey. Your feedback is invaluable to us. Below are a few highlights from your responses:

#### Glows:

**93%** of families reported being somewhat or extremely satisfied with access to information about their child's academic progress.

**92%** felt somewhat or extremely satisfied with their child(ren)'s academic growth.

**88%** rated the quality of teaching as good or excellent.

**85%** agreed or strongly agreed that the Headmaster is present and available to the community.



#### Grows:

**79%** were somewhat or very satisfied with how the school fosters virtuous habits in students.

**73%** were somewhat or very satisfied with how the school balances hard work with the joy of learning.

In response to your feedback, our leadership team—along with a committee of faculty and staff—will be reviewing the results closely in the coming weeks to determine meaningful next steps. We truly appreciate your input and your continued partnership in your child's education.

Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable four-day weekend!

*-Rachel Mercado*



# Important Dates

## HONORS CHOIR

Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> @7:00  
p.m.

## SPIRIT WEEK

April 28th-May 2nd

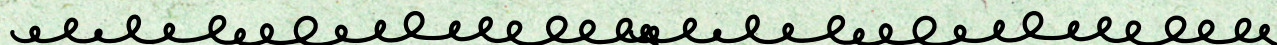
## SPRING SHOWCASE

Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>  
5:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

## FINAL EXAMS


May 21st - May 23rd  
Early Dismissal


# =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:** \$200, due at registration

 **Enrollment Opens:** Monday, April 7

***Prices have been reduced.***

***If you have signed up and paid the previous price, a refund has been sent out. Please allow 5-7 business days to reflect in your account.***

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!

<https://maryvaleprep.configio.com/pd/2291/summer-school-2025>

## 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.

**April Lunch Menu**



**April Breakfast Menu**



# SENIOR THESIS

Seniors are putting the finishing touches on their essays; they've been working hard for three quarters and the work is nearly done!

We'll be shifting our focuses from essay writing and editing to preparing for the Defense, or the presentation of all of their hard work. Defenses will begin next week, each full day after school. Families are welcome to attend, so ask your student when they are presenting!

We hope to see you attend! If you have questions, reach out to your student's HL teacher: Dr. Huemer [Mhuemer@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:Mhuemer@maryvaleprep.org) or Mrs. Gittins [Kgittins@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:Kgittins@maryvaleprep.org) and Ms. Vaughn [Mvaughn@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:Mvaughn@maryvaleprep.org).

Thank you for all of the support you've given and will give to help your senior finish the year strong!

## GRADUATION PHOTOS

*Dorian*

Congratulations Maryvale Preparatory Academy

# GRADUATES!

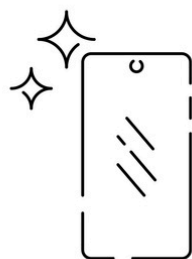
## Enroll to have commencement photos sent directly to your phone.

SCAN THE QR CODE



or text MARYVALE25  
to 735-343

ENTER YOUR MOBILE NUMBER



we will send you  
a secure PIN  
code!

COMPLETE ENROLLMENT

Submit a selfie  
of your graduate.  
Proofs will be sent  
when available.



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Families will be prompted to pre-register and include a photo of their student. Then, 4-5 days after picture day, those families that have pre-registered will receive a text letting them know that their graduate's photos are ready to view and order! This will allow for improved photo delivery time, quicker proofs and an easy ordering process.

## MID QUARTER REPORT

Mid-Quarter Reports have been emailed to families which will show the category totals and overall grades for each class as of that day. This is a snapshot of students' academic performance so far in Quarter 4, which ends in only 5 weeks! As always, the most current and up-to-date grades can be viewed on the Parent Portal. If you do not receive an email, please check the spam folder or email Ms. Vaughn directly at [mvaughn@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:mvaughn@maryvaleprep.org)

## NEW UNIFORM VENDOR

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

### Award-Winning Service

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.**

### Happy Returns

You can process your return in person-no box, bag or tape needed.  
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**LANDS' END**



***R&R Weekend***

***No School April 18 & April 21***

**HAVE A SAFE AND RESTFUL WEEKEND!**



# SPIRIT WEEK

## General Guidelines for All Days:

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**Students must be in Spirit Week attire or the school uniform each day.**

**Clothing needs to cover at least the same areas as the school polo or oxford (just above the elbow) and the shorts/skirts (just above the knee) and contain no rips or openings.**

**Clothing must be without logos, words, or pop culture references (except where noted).**

## Monday 4/28

### Gone Fishin'

Students are encouraged to dress as "fishermen," i.e. cargo pants, rubber boots, floppy hats, vests, checker/plaid print, etc.

## Tuesday: 4/29

### Zoom Day

Students are encouraged to follow the Zoom/Distance-learning theme by wearing a professional/fancy top with casual/pajama bottoms. PANTS ONLY, no shorts or leggings or non-uniform skirts. Consider wearing uniform top with appropriate pajama bottoms. Students may accessorize their "Zoom outfit" with headphones (disconnected) or other "Zoom" accessories.

## Wednesday: 4/30

### Athletic Wear

For our Festival of the Arts, students are required to wear athletic clothing, e.g. T-shirts, shorts or athletic pants, athletic shoes, etc. Students are encouraged to wear Spirit Wear T-shirts. If not wearing a Spirit Wear T-shirt, students are required to wear a plain T-shirt or athletic wear. NO excessively short shorts (more than three inches above the knee).

## Thursday: 5/01

### Throw Back Thursday

Students are encouraged to bring a photo of themselves aged Kinder-6th grade (Archway) and dress as/emulate the photograph including hairstyle.

## Friday: 5/02

### Jersey Spirit Wear Day

Students are encouraged to wear a pro team jersey OR MVP Spirit Wear.\* MVP athletes may wear their team jerseys. T-shirts are permitted, e.g. Cardinals shirt, Suns shirt, etc. T-shirts must be free of other logos, images, or words not pertaining to the team.

**\* PEP RALLY TODAY – SHOW YOUR MATADOR SPIRIT!**



# 2024-2025 YEARBOOK

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

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

Discount available for  
multiple orders

**PURCHASE**

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**

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

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

Re- Enrollment was **due 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.





**PSO PRESENTS**

**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.\*\***



**[Purchase here](#)**



# COLLEGE COUNSELOR



## This Week in College Counseling

- **We have expanded our Colleg Credit offerings for next year.**

Please reach out to Mrs. Ayala  
with any questions.

[GAyala@maryvaleprep.org](mailto:GAyala@maryvaleprep.org)

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)

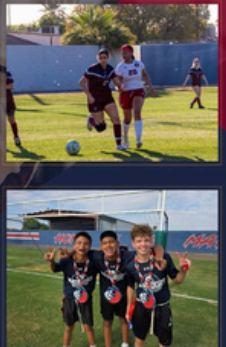
## SPORTS PHYSICAL DAY



- ✓ 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.

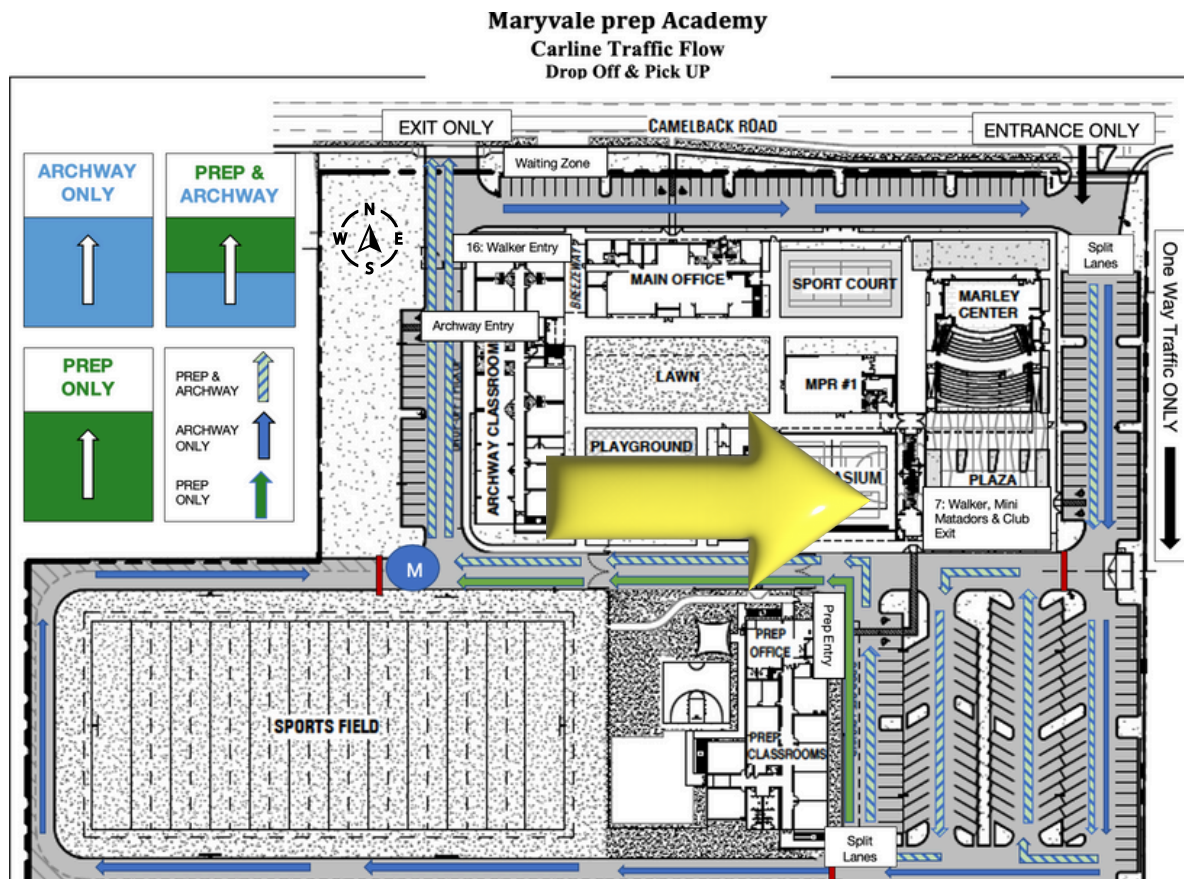
All 1st through 12th grade students not waiting for siblings as noted, must exit campus immediately.

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.



## 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.